



REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 26, 2003
North Berkeley Senior Center
7:00 PM

1901 Hearst Avenue

AGENDA

1. *Roll Call*
2. *Order of Agenda*
3. *Public Comment Period:* Speakers are customarily allotted up to three minutes each. Speakers are encouraged to submit more extensive comments in writing. To ensure adequate time for action items on the Agenda, the Planning Commission may limit the number of public speakers during the public comment period.
4. *Chairperson's Report:* Report by Commission Chair.
5. *Committee Reports:* Reports by Commission committees or liaisons.
6. *Planning Director's Report:* Report on upcoming planning issues and recent Council actions.
7. *Approval of Minutes:* Final minutes of January 8, 2003; draft minutes of January 22, 2003 (copy attached for Commissioners only).
8. *Future Planning Commission Agenda Items and Other Planning-Related Events* (copy attached).

Action Items: Matters for discussion and possible action.

9. Election of Officers for 2003: the Commission will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for the year 2003.
10. Workshop Session with the University of California to discuss the Southside Plan. (No actions may be taken during a workshop session)
 - a) Letter from the University of California to the Planning Department on Next Steps in the Southside Area Plan Process, dated March 7, 2000. (copy attached)
 - b) Letter from the University of California to the Planning Commission concerning the Southside Plan, dated October 22, 2001. (copy attached)
 - c) Letter to the Planning Commission from Commission Wrenn concerning a response to the October 22, 2001 letter from the University, dated February 21, 2002. (copy attached)

d) Sections of the 2002 General Plan (Land Use, Housing, and Transportation Elements) related to the University of California. (copy attached)

11. **Public Hearing:** The Commission will hold a public hearing on a Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Title 23 of the Berkeley Municipal Code, to add Municipal Animal Shelter to the list of definitions and to add it to the list of permitted uses in the Manufacturing, Mixed Use-Manufacturing, and Mixed Use-Light Industrial Districts, with a Use Permit and Public Hearing required. (copy attached).

12. Planning Department budget and priorities for the upcoming two year cycle:

a) Request from the City Manager for the Planning Commission to assess the programs within its purview and to identify three priority program areas where funding should be preserved, and three areas where programmatic budget reductions would cause the least impact on services to the community. (Memorandum from Weldon Rucker, dated February 6, 2003, attached).

b) Planning and Development Department Organization chart, and table of proposed General Fund reductions as of 1/28/03. (copy attached).

c) Material presented to the City Council at the City Council Study Session on the FY 2004 and FY 2005 Biennial Budget, on January 28, 2003. (copy attached).

d) Material from the City Council Study Session on Issues Related to Community Development—Planning and Development Department, dated February 18, 2003. (copy attached)

e) Key Goals and Objectives for FY 04 and FY 05, Planning and Development Department Proposed Work Program, dated January 24, 2003. (copy attached)

Information Items: Action may be taken on any information report at this meeting if any Commissioner requests its placement on the agenda as an action item.

13. Vista College Parking Mitigation; Impacts on Downtown Parking:

a) Memorandum to the Mayor and City Council from the City Manager, dated January 22, 2003

b) E-mail from Rob Wrenn, Planning Commissioner, dated January 29, 2003

c) E-mail from Wendy Alfsen (ClevelandLaw@aol.com), dated January 29, 2003

14. **Communications:** In compliance with Brown Act regulations, no action may be taken on these items. However, discussion may occur at this meeting upon a Commissioner request.

Public Notice from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District concerning Bay Area Air Quality Plan Revisions, dated January 23, 2003

Letter to the Mayor and Council from the University of California, Office of Capital Projects transmitting an Encroachment Permit Application for the Foothill Pedestrian Bridge, dated February 12, 2003.

Letter to Cathy Creswell, Deputy Director, California Department of Housing and Community Development, from the City Manager on Clarifications of Berkeley's Land Inventory as Contained in the City of Berkeley Housing Element, adopted December 18, 2001, dated January 31, 2003.

Letter to ABAG concerning the ABAG Draft Projections 2003 (Smart Growth Policy-Based Projections), from the Planning Director, dated February 6, 2003.

Letter from Charles Shank, Director, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, to Sherry Kelly, concerning the mitigated negative declaration for the proposed Molecular Foundry.

Letter to Berkeley Public Officials from Labor Organizations requesting a housing study, dated January 3, 2001, to support preferential housing for public employees.

Report to the City Manager from the Housing Department on Housing Alternatives for the Ashby BART (West) Financial Feasibility Study, dated January 14, 2002

Second Unit Ordinance Changes to Comply with AB1866: Information provided by Bingham McCutchen outlining the requirements, submitted by the Planning Director.

San Francisco Chronicle article regarding Changes to Proposition 13 dated January 31, 2003, submitted by Secretary Grimes.

E-mail letter from Norman La Force regarding Planning Issues Related to the Marina Plan, dated February 3, 2003.

Memorandum from Sherry Kelly, City Clerk, regarding the 2002 Statement of Economic Interests, Form 700, dated January 22, 2003.

League of California Cities, Brochure and Application for the 2003 Planners Institute, March 20-22, 2003 in San Diego.

Letter from Ruth Rosen and Wendel Brunner in opposition to a proposed addition to 1650 La Vereda Road, dated February 16, 2003.

Press Release for the General Plan, dated February 7, 2003, and letter from the City Manager transmitting the Plan to the Mayor and Council.

Information from EBMUD on the Claremont Corridor Seismic Improvement Corridor

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Note: If you object to a project or to any City action or procedure relating to the project application, any lawsuit which you may later file may be limited to those issues raised by you or someone else in the public hearing on the project, or in written communication delivered at or prior to the public hearing. The time limit within which to commence any lawsuit or legal challenge related to these applications is governed by Section 1094.6 of the Code of Civil Procedure, unless a shorter limitations period is specified by any other provision. Under Section 1094.6, any lawsuit or legal challenge to any quasi-adjudicative decision made by the City must be filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which such decision becomes final. Any lawsuit or legal challenge, which is not filed within that 90-day period, will be barred.