

**APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2003**

ROLL CALL

Time: The meeting was called to order at 7:00.

Location: North Berkeley Senior Center.

Commissioners Present: Bronstein, Curl, Pollack, Poschman, Stoloff, Tabb, Wengraf, Wiggins (7:10), Wrenn.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: Barrett, Grimes, Homrighausen.

ORDER OF AGENDA

No changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No report.

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Planning Director Barrett reported on the following items:

The Council adopted a resolution on the Housing Element.

The encroachment permit submitted by the University of California for the Foothill Pedestrian Bridge.

Albany is looking at approving a Target store at the Eastshore Freeway next to the transfer station that will impact Gilman.

The Mayor has established a Task Force to advise him on improving the development review process. Commissioner Wrenn is one appointee to the Task Force.

FUTURE AGENDAS

Commissioner Stoloff asked that the agenda item on the Study on the Ashby BART Station be on the March 12th Agenda as the Housing Department staff are available at that time.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/C to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2003 meeting (Poschman/Curl). Ayes: Bronstein, Curl, Pollack, Poschman, Stoloff, Tabb, Wengraf, Wiggins, Wrenn. Noes: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Wiggins.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

M/S/Failed to approve a five minute recess (Stoloff/Tabb) Ayes: Pollack, Stoloff, Tabb, Wengraf Noes: Bronstein, Curl, Poschman, Wrenn. Abstentions: Wiggins.

M/S/C to Table the elections to the meeting of March 12, 2003 (Stoloff/Wengraf). Ayes: Pollack, Stoloff, Tabb, Wengraf, Wiggins Noes: Bronstein, Curl, Poschman, Wrenn. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

WORKSHOP SESSION WITH UC BERKELEY ON THE SOUTHSIDE PLAN

The Commission held a workshop session to discuss the Southside Plan.

PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING MUNICIPAL ANIMAL SHELTERS

M/S/C to open the public hearing (Poschman/Wiggins). Ayes: Bronstein, Curl, Pollack, Poschman, Stoloff, Tabb, Wengraf, Wiggins, Wrenn. Noes: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the proposed amendment, 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.

There was one speaker. Jill Posener was appreciative that the staff anticipated the need for this so that once space is located, the Animal Shelter project can move forward.

M/S/C to close the public hearing (Poschman/Wiggins). Ayes: Bronstein, Curl, Pollack, Poschman, Stoloff, Tabb, Wengraf, Wiggins, Wrenn. Noes: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

M/S/C to approve Staff recommendation with the phrase “public education” removed from the list of activities permitted (Poschman/Pollack). Ayes: Bronstein, Curl, Pollack, Poschman, Stoloff, Tabb, Wengraf, Wiggins, Wrenn. Noes: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

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93 **PLANNING DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

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95 This item was held over to the meeting of March 12, 2003.

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97 **ADJOURNMENT**

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99 Meeting was adjourned at 10:00.