



REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 12, 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. *Future Planning Commission Agenda Items and Other Planning-Related Events* (copy attached).

Action Items: Matters for discussion and possible action.

8. Election of Officers for 2003: the Commission will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for the year 2003.
9. 2nd Units- establish conditions to encourage development in compliance with AB 1866 (memo attached).
10. Planning Department budget and priorities for the upcoming two year cycle.

Materials distributed in the packet for the Feb. 26 meeting:

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).

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

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.

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

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

Additional material distributed in the packet for the March 12 meeting:

f) Worksheet – Planning Department Work Program – Planning Commission Ranking (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.

11. Ashby BART Station Housing Feasibility

Materials distributed in the packet for the Feb. 26 meeting as communications:

a) Housing Alternatives for the Ashby BART (West) Financial Feasibility Study (copy transmitted as a communication, February 26, 2003).

b) Letter to Berkeley public officials from Labor Organizations requesting a housing study, dated January 3, 2001, to support preferential housing for public employees (copy transmitted as a communication, February 26, 2003).

12. Transportation Nexus Study – follow-up of Council referral CF 171 (copy attached).

13. **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.

Memo from Sherry M. Kelly, City Clerk, re. Commissioner Workshop April 29, 2003

Berkeley Cultural Needs Assessment and Findings with Recommendations for the Berkeley Cultural Plan – “Introduction” and “Setting the Stage” (The full report may be viewed at the City’s web site, at: www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/oed/civarts/cltpln/culturalplandoc.htm.)

Notice from Mayor’s Office regarding Mayor’s Advisory Task Force on Permitting and Development

e-mail from Paul Kamen re. Marina Plan, dated February 24, 2003

e-mail from Paul Kamen re. Marina Plan, dated February 25, 2003

e-mail from Norman La Force re. Marina Plan, dated March 3, 2003

e-mail from Paul Kamen re. Marina Plan, dated March 3, 2003

e-mail from Norman La Force re. Marina Plan, dated March 4, 2003

Notice of “Planning for Second Units Forum”, received Feb. 27, 2003

Memo from Weldon Rucker, City Manager, re. Segway Demonstration, dated March 3, 2003

Letter from UC Berkeley Department of Capital Projects (follow-up from Feb. 26, 2003 workshop, for discussion at regular Planning Commission meeting March 26, 2003)

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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.