

**APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 25, 2003**

1 **ROLL CALL**

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3 Time: The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

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5 Location: North Berkeley Senior Center.

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

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10 Commissioners Absent: None.

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12 Staff Present: Kamlarz, Grimes, Sanders, Manuela Albuquerque, Laura McKinney.

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14 **ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

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16 Item 11, Draft Revisions to the Commissioners' Manual, was moved to action.

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18 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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20 There were 21 speakers. Catherine Mahoney spoke in opposition to the MULI
21 subcommittee recommendations, Cynthia Sharen from Caldwell Roland Roofing spoke in
22 opposition, Mike Drew spoke in opposition to the regulations, Mike Brodsky spoke
23 urging support for artists rather than regulation, Peter Wahrhaftig spoke about unintended
24 consequences of regulations, Joe Decredico spoke of the need for a strong commercial
25 base to support public services, Steve Bloom from the Sierra Club spoke in support of the
26 subcommittee recommendations, Michael Goldin spoke in opposition to the regulations,
27 Marie Jones spoke concerning the San Francisco experience of developing alternative
28 ways to support artists, Darrell de Tienne invited the Commission to visit the Wareham
29 projects to look at the changes through time. Bob Schrivvers spoke in opposition to the
30 regulations. There were nine speakers representing the Berkeley East Bay Humane
31 Society: Mary Milton, Allan Shriro, Lisa Fine, Rachel Shively, Janet Cotlier, Sharon
32 Melnyk, Erica Gaudet, Greta Kaplan, and Deborah Luik spoke in support of the Humane
33 Society and their opposition to the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance that provide for
34 protection of artists. Stephen Wollmer spoke in opposition to the 1950 Martin Luther
35 King Jr. Way project.

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37 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

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39 The Chair reported that she had received a letter from the University of California,
40 concerning the Southside Plan, and distributed copies of the letter to the Commission.
41 The Southside Plan is on the agenda for the July 9th meeting.

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43 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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45 No report.

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47 **PLANNING STAFF REPORT**

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49 Interim Planning Director Kamlarz reported that the City has established a new code
50 enforcement unit within the Office of Neighborhood Services.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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54 M/S/C to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2003 meeting (Poschman/Wrenn). Ayes:
55 Bronstein, Curl, Pollack, Poschman, Stoloff, Wengraf, Wiggins, Wrenn. Noes: None.
56 Abstentions: Perry. Absent: None

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58 M/S/C to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2003 meeting (Poschman/Pollack). Ayes:
59 Bronstein, Curl, Pollack, Poschman, Stoloff, Tabb, Wengraf, Wrenn. Noes: None.
60 Abstentions: Perry. Absent: None

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FUTURE AGENDAS

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The item on the Berkeley Bowl Project was put on the schedule for the July 23rd
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**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ZONING ORDINANCE
68 AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT SHARP OR DANGEROUS FENCES.**

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Staff Sanders gave a brief report outlining the history and main points of the item.

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M/S/C to open the Public Hearing (Wengraf/Pollack). Unanimous.

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Three speakers were heard from. 1) Susan Quan asked the Commission to require the
75 removal of the fence and to prohibit future such attachments. 2) Peter Koshland said that
76 there is no reason to have such fences in residential neighborhoods. 3) Michael Tandy
77 thanked the Commission for their efforts and noted that an agreement had been reached
78 with the owner of the fence to remove it.

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M/S/C to close the Public Hearing (Poschman/Wengraf). Unanimous.

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M/S/C to recommend the proposed Ordinance to the Council as presented
83 (Stoloff/Wengraf). Unanimous.

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Staff noted for the record that a copy of the staff report had been delivered to the owners
86 of the fence on Friday, June 20th.

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MU-LI SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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The Commission discussed two projects containing live/work spaces for artists planned
91 for the West Berkeley area.

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93 M/S/C to table the MULI report (Pollack/ Perry). Ayes: Perry, Pollack, Stoloff, Wengraf,
94 Wiggins. Noes: Bronstein, Curl, Poschman, Wrenn Absent: none

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96 **DRAFT REVISIONS TO THE COMMISSIONERS' MANUAL**

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98 The Commission discussed the option of establishing a subcommittee, but took no action.

99 Commissioner Pollack will submit a memorandum to the Commission for future

100 discussion.

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102 **ADJOURNMENT**

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104 Meeting was adjourned at 8:20.