

**APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2004**

ROLL CALL

Time: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Chair Bronstein

Location: North Berkeley Senior Center.

Commissioners Present: Bronstein, Curl, Pollack, Poschman, Stoloff (7:20), Tabb, Wengraf (7:10), Wrenn

Commissioners Absent: Wiggins

Staff Present: Rhoades, Grimes

ORDER OF THE AGENDA

No changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were 3 speakers. 1) Stephen Wollmer spoke on the need for a Zoning Ordinance change to require more retail in mixed use projects as there is very little retail in the uses in the project at 1950 University Avenue. 2) Robin Kibby spoke about the University Avenue Strategic Plan and on how to get the size projects that people thought they would be getting under the Plan. 3) Elena Engel spoke on the University Avenue Strategic Plan, the Library's proposed expansion at the West Berkeley Branch, and the potential impacts of the proposed zoning changes for University Avenue on the library expansion.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

There was no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no reports.

PLANNING STAFF REPORT

Mark Rhoades reported that the City Council approved the two Zoning Ordinance amendments last night (additional language on appeals and the Shared Parking provision), and the Planning Department work program on February 17th. Staff is working on a Work Program Status Matrix, which eventually will be on the web page. The Commission will be previewing it shortly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/C to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2004 meeting as amended (Poschman/Pollack). Ayes: Bronstein, Curl, Pollack, Poschman, Stoloff, Tabb, Wengraf, Wrenn. Noes: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Wiggins.

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FUTURE AGENDAS

Commissioner Curl requested an update on when the Berkeley Bowl West project will be back on the agenda. Mark Rhoades explained that the applicant needs to decide how he wishes to proceed, and that once that is determined, the Commission will be advised.

GATEWAY ARCH.

Ruth Grimes gave a staff report, explaining the results of the staff efforts on the Council referral to plan and implement a Gateway Arch at San Pablo and University Avenues. She explained that the arch would be a substantial construction project, that there were no funds available, and recommended that it be referred to a later budget cycles, as part of the longer range implementation of the Urban Design section of the University Avenue Strategic Plan.

M/S/C to recommend to the Council that the Gateway Arch be referred to the budget process for the next two year cycle, as part of the longer range implementation of the Urban Design section of the University Avenue Strategic Plan. (Wrenn/Stoloff). Ayes: Bronstein, Curl, Pollack, Poschman, Stoloff, Tabb, Wengraf, Wrenn. Noes: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Wiggins.

UNIVERSITY AVENUE STRATEGIC PLAN (Continued Discussion)

Mark Rhoades gave the staff report. He provided information on three issues: 1. a recommendation from staff (not in the UASP) that there be a clear definition of a mixed use building in terms of the building envelope; 2. an update on the analysis required under the Dutra Bill; 3. the distinction between the area covered by the design guidelines (I-80 to Martin Luther King Way) and that of the Zoning Overlay area (San Pablo Avenue to Martin Luther King Way). The Commission asked questions and discussed the issues in some detail.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

This item was held over to the meeting of March 10, 2004.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35