

**APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
October 13, 2004**

ROLL CALL

Time: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Chair Pollack.

Location: North Berkeley Senior Center.

Commissioners Present: Burke, Fireman, Perry, Pollack, Poschman, Stoloff, Wengraf, Wiggins.

Commissioners Absent: Tabb.

Staff Present: Dando, Gatzke, and Rhoades.

ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Items 15 and 16 were pulled from the informational items. Item 15 was moved ahead of item 9 and item 16 was moved to follow item 13.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was one speaker. Steve Wollmer expressed his support of the effort to reduce the limitations on reusing existing buildings and to promote the revitalization of Berkeley's commercial corridors, and said he will provide a letter to the Commission on the recent State Density Bonus changes and its relationship to the City's inclusionary housing.

PLANNING STAFF REPORT

Land Use Manager Rhoades explained that the City Council approved the first reading of the University Avenue Strategic Plan. Manager Rhoades also informed the Commission that the City Council continued the discussion of the Creeks Ordinance without action; however, he stated that much of the discussion was about having the Planning Commission take the lead in the ordinance revision effort.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commission held both sets of minutes for approval at the next meeting. Commissioner Wiggins noted that on the September 8th minutes line 57 should reflect that Commissioners Stoloff and Perry were absent.

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48 Commissioner Burke asked that the September 22nd minutes reflect the Commission
49 consensus that a workshop would be help prior to a public hearing for Landmarks issue.

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51 **FUTURE AGENDAS**

52 Manager Rhoades reminded Commissioners that the October 27th meeting might be
53 lengthy due to a long agenda and the community workshop.

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55 Principal Planner Gatzke responded to Commissioner Wiggins' question stating that the
56 Berkeley Bowl issue was likely to be placed on the agenda in December.

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58 **UC BERKELEY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER**

59 (Taken out of order)

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61 UC Berkeley representative Kerry O'Banion responded to the Commissioners' questions
62 on the development plans and logistics of parking for the facility.

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64 Chair Pollack requested staff to place the item back on the agenda after the environmental
65 documents for the project were released for review. He also asked that staff analyze the
66 projects consistency with the Southside Plan and to report back when the item was on the
67 Commission's agenda.

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69 **DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS**
70 **CONCERNING REVIEW OF ZONING APPLICATIONS BY THE LANDMARKS**
71 **PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

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73 The Commission agreed to sent comments and suggestions to Mark Rhoades by
74 Wednesday, October 27th regarding their issues related to the zoning amendments. In
75 addition Commissioners were encouraged to comment on the workshop approach. Staff
76 will summarize the comments for the November 10th Commission meeting.

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78 Commissioners Burke and Fireman expressed interest in having staff meet with them and
79 review the history of the proposed zoning amendments.

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81 **DISCUSSION OF THE FORMAT FOR THE OCTOBER 27TH COMMUNITY**
82 **WORKSHOP ON COMMERCIAL PARKING REQUIREMENTS**

83 Associate Planner Dando reviewed the proposed format for the community workshop.

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85 The Commissioners discussed the format and agenda for the community workshop and
86 the Chair, with general consensus, approved the staff recommended format. The
87 Commission agreed to add a question and answer period immediately following the staff
88 presentation in the agenda. The Commission expressed interest in having case studies
89 available to review the weekend before the workshop in order to go out to the sites.

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91 **DISCUSSION OF CREEKS ORDINANCE**

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The Commissioners discussed their concerns with the proposed phasing of the creeks ordinance review. Chair Pollack reminded the Commissioners that it was too early to take action or comment on the process until the City Council took action on the issue.

SET HEARING DATE FOR THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT

M/S/C to set the Housing Element for a public hearing on October 27, 2004. (Poschman/Burke). Ayes: Burke, Fireman, Perry, Pollack, Poschman, Stoloff, Wengraf, Wiggins. Noes: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Tabb.

CHANGES TO THE MEETING DATES IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

M/S/C to move the November 24th meeting to Monday, November 29th and to move the December 22nd meeting to December 15th. (Stoloff/Wengraf). Ayes: Burke, Fireman, Perry, Pollack, Poschman, Stoloff, Wengraf, Wiggins. Noes: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Tabb

SENATE BILL 1818 CONCERNING STATE HOUSING DENSITY BONUS

Manager Rhoades briefly explained that the new Senate Bill was signed into law by the Governor and is effective January 1st, 2005. Rhoades explained that staff would prepare a description of the bill and how it affects Berkeley in the near future.

Adjournment: 8:36 PM.