



REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 26, 2005
North Berkeley Senior Center
7:00 PM

1901 Hearst Avenue

AGENDA

Note: Item 12, the West Berkeley Bowl Public Hearing/Workshop, is scheduled to be taken up at 8:30 p.m. (time certain)

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. *Planning Staff Report:* Report on upcoming planning issues and recent Council actions. In addition to the items below, additional matters may be reported to the Commission at the meeting.
5. *Chairperson's Report:* Report by Commission Chair.
6. *Committee Reports:* Reports by Commission committees or liaisons. In addition to the items below, additional matters may be reported to the Commission at the meeting.
 - a. Creeks Task Force
 - b. Southside EIR Subcommittee
7. *Approval of Minutes:* Approved minutes for Dec. 8 and Dec. 15, 2004; draft minutes for January 12, 2005.
8. *Future Planning Commission Agenda Items and Other Planning-Related Events* (copy attached).

INFORMATIONAL REPORT:

9. **Status report on the UC Downtown Hotel Conference Center from Kevin Hufferd, Senior Project Manager, UC Berkeley**

ACTION ITEMS: Matters for discussion and possible action.

10. **Report on the Alameda County-wide Shelter and Services Survey and Special Needs Housing Plan - Presentation by Jane Micallef, Homeless Policy Coordinator, and Tim Stroshane, Senior Planner in the Housing Department.** (Report attached).
11. **Landmarks Preservation Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance Amendments** (Commissioners, please bring prior staff reports and meeting materials to the meeting.)(Discussion will be closed on this item by 8:30 p.m.)

PUBLIC HEARING:

12. **Public Hearing/Workshop: Proposed General Plan Amendment and Rezoning to allow for the West Berkeley Bowl Project, a full-service grocery marketplace including construction of two buildings totaling 91,060sq. ft., at 920 Heinz Avenue (Continued from January 12, 2005)** (Commissioners, please bring the staff report dated Dec. 15, 2004 to the meeting.)
 - a. January 12, 2005 Staff Report (attached)
 - b. Comments made at the January 12 meeting: See draft minutes, pages 3-4, lines 123-154 (attached)
13. **Public Hearing: Zoning Ordinance Amendments for Home Occupation Permitting Thresholds** (Staff report attached).

MERGER HEARINGS:

14. **Hearing on Appeal of the determination of the Director of Planning and Development merging property identified as Assessor's Parcel Nos. 055-1862-032 and 055-1862-052 (Between Arden and Mosswood Roads) pursuant to the City's merger ordinance, Chapter 21.52 of the Berkeley Municipal Code, and Section 66451.11of the California Government Code** (Staff report attached).
15. **Hearing on Appeal of the determination of the Director of Planning and Development merging property identified as Assessor's Parcel Nos. 055-1855-017 and 055-1855-026-01, located between Dwight Place and an undeveloped portion of Dwight Way, pursuant to the City's merger ordinance, Chapter 21.52 of the Berkeley Municipal Code, and Section 66451.11of the California Government Code** (Staff report 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.

16. Information on Statement of Economic Interest from Sara Cox, Acting City Clerk

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.

- Letter from Curtis Chen concerning changes to Commercial Districts Parking Requirements dated January 12, 2005
- E-mail from Martha Nicoloff dated January 18, 2005 concerning Berkeley Housing Element
- Comments from Thuy Nguyen dated January 12, 2005, concerning off-street parking requirements
- Letter from Steve Wollmer concerning the Seagate project dated January 18, 2005

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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.