



## REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

**Wednesday, April 27, 2005**  
**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. *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
  - c. Landmark Preservation Ordinance (LPO) Subcommittee
7. *Approval of Minutes:* Draft minutes of March 23 and April 13, 2005
8. *Future Planning Commission Agenda Items and Other Planning-Related Events* (copy attached).

**ACTION ITEMS:** Matters for discussion and possible action.

9. **PUBLIC HEARING on Landmarks Preservation Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance Amendments – Recommendations from Planning Commission Subcommittee** (Report attached.)

10. **Information on the Transportation Commission's Downtown Parking Workshop, April 21, 2005** (Transportation Commission meeting agenda and packet materials 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. **Report on Status of Application: 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** (Report attached.)
12. **"Land Use Planning Division Work Plan for Fiscal year 2006" Report from City Manager to Council dated April 19, 2005**
13. **Information from City Manager concerning Item 16 of the April 19, 2005 City Council Agenda: Reducing Staff Support and Frequency of Meetings as a Cost Reduction Measure.**
  - a. **E-mail from City Manager**
  - b. **Report to Council: "City Commissions – Reducing Staff Support and frequency of Meetings as a Cost Reduction Measure"**
  - c. **Report from Transportation Commission: "Proposed Reduction of Transportation Commission Meetings"**
14. **Letter to Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory from City Manager in response to the Notice of Preparation for the Demolition of Building 51 and the Bevatron, dated April 14, 2005**

**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. Normally, communications received by the end of the day on the Wednesday one week before the Planning Commission meeting will be transmitted with the staff report packet to the commissioners. Communications received later will be sent to the Commission separately, either by handing out at the meeting or including in the next available Planning Commission packet.

- Letter dated March 29, 2005 from Livable Berkeley thanking the Planning Commission for its work
- Outline dated April 13, 2005 from Gene Poschman concerning notice or hearing language wording
- Email dated April 13, 2005 from Jill Korte concerning proposed LPO revisions
- Letter dated April 13, 2005 from the Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association concerning proposed amendments to the LPO and Zoning Ordinance
- Email dated April 15, 2005 from Steven Donaldson concerning the revisions to the zoning ordinance
- Letter dated April 19, 2005 from John Curl et al concerning the West Berkeley Plan

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**Accommodations Provided Upon Request.** To request meeting materials in large print, Braille, or on cassette, or to request a sign language interpreter, assistive-listening device, real-time captioning or other accommodation for the meeting, call 981-7480 (voice) or 981-7474 (TDD). Providing at least five working days' notice will help to ensure availability at the meeting.

**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.