Action Minutes

Zoning Adjustments Board
Thursday, May 10, 2007 -- 7:00 pm

City Council Chambers, 2134 Martin Luther King Junior Way.
Berkeley, CA 94704 (Wheelchair Accessible)

Public Testimony Guidelines
The Board Chair may limit the number of speakers and the length of time allowed to each speaker. To speak at a public hearing, complete a speaker card and submit to Planning Staff (1) at the public hearing, by 7:15 PM on the night of the hearing, or (2) at the Permit Service Center, 2120 Milvia Street, before 5:00 PM on the day of the hearing.

The Board encourages the public to submit comments in writing or by email, in advance of the meeting. See Correspondence and Notice of Decision Requests at the end of this Agenda for procedures.

Roll Call
Call to order: 7:00 PM
Board members present: Anthony, Alvarez-Cohen, Doran, Allen, Wilson, Tiedemann, Arreguin, Shumer, Judd
Approximate public attendance: 40 people

Public Comment
none
Each Speaker is limited to a maximum of three minutes.

Consent Calendar:
The Consent Calendar allows the Board to take action with no discussion, on projects to which no one objects. The Agenda includes two types of Consent Calendar items: (1) Modifications of existing Use Permits (which have not been noticed for public hearings); (2) Items being continued to another meeting (Board action has been postponed to another meeting). The Board Chairperson will announce items for the Consent Calendar at 7:05 p.m. The Board may place additional Agendized items on the Consent Calendar, if no one present wishes to testify on an item. Anyone present who wishes to speak on an item should raise his or her hand and advise the Chairperson, and the item will be pulled from the consent calendar. Modification Projects may be discussed by the Board at this meeting or set for a public hearing at a later meeting. Items already noticed for a public hearing will be heard following Continued Items, or, if necessary, posted for a public hearing at a subsequent meeting.
2380 Telegraph Avenue added to the consent calendar
3001 Telegraph Avenue added to the consent calendar

Agenda Changes
The Board Chair may reorder the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

Appeal of Administrative Use Permit: None
Appeals of Administrative Use Permit are not subject to public hearing and no public testimony will be taken at this time. The Board may set the matter for public hearing, or affirm the Zoning Officer's decision.

Continued Items (Public Hearing has been closed): None

Continued Public Hearings: None

Nuisance Proceedings: None

New Hearings:

1. 1459 Kains Avenue
   Request by: Louie & Nellie Posey, 1459 Kains Avenue, Berkeley, CA
   Use Permit #05-10000099 to convert the basement level of a single-family home to a new dwelling unit; to locate 2 required parking spaces in the rear yard setback; and to make and legalize changes within the non-conforming front yard setback, R-2, Restricted Two-family Residential, FC).
   
   Continued From: None
   Recommendation: Approve
   Action: Approved (7-2-0-0) (No: Judd, Arreguin).

2. 2041 – 2067 Center Street
   Request by: Walter Armer, SNK Development, 3996 San Pablo Ave., Suite A, Emeryville, CA 94608
   Use Permit #07-70000008 to Modify the plan approved by Use Permit #03-10000002 to modify the building facades and floor plans. (C-2, Central District, GP).
   
   Continued From: None
   Recommendation: Approve
   Action: Approved (9-0-0-0).

3. 1775 Solano
   Request by: Chris Lincoln, Director, 24Seven, 12647 Alcosta Blvd., Ste. 500, San Ramon, CA 94583
   Use Permit 07-1000009 to establish a gym/health club of approximately 2,000 sq. ft. in an existing commercial building, (C-SO, Solano Avenue Commercial, SR/DD).
   
   Continued From: None
Recommendation: Approve
Action: Approved (8-0-1-0) (Abstain: Arreguin).

4. 2380 Telegraph
Request by: Jinwoo Kim, 325 Lenox Avenue, #404, Oakland, CA 94610
Use Permit # 07-10000031 to establish a carry-out food service store (frozen yogurt) with operating hours of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; (C-T, C.Wolf/J.Levine).
Continued From: None
Recommendation: Approve
Action: Approved on consent (9-0-0-0).

5. 3001 Telegraph
Request by: Mr. Harry Pollack, 1604 Solano Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94707.
Use Permit #07-10000029 to demolish an approximately 3,625-square foot two story abandoned service station building and two dispenser pads, to allow for further testing and site remediation, (General Commercial (C-1) District, CW).
Continued From: None
Recommendation: Approve
Action: Approved on consent (9-0-0-0).

Additional Agenda Items:
A. Information/Communication
B. Business Meeting
C. Chair’s Report
D. Current Business/Committee Appointment
E. Future Agenda Items
F. Other Matters
G. Adjourn 8:10 PM

Correspondence and Notice of Decision Requests
- To distribute correspondence to Board members prior to the meeting date -- submit comments by 12:00 noon, seven (7) days before the meeting. Please provide 15 copies of any correspondence with more than ten (10) pages.
- Any correspondence received after this deadline will be given to Board members on the meeting date just prior to the meeting.
- Staff will not deliver to Board members any additional written (or email) materials received after 12:00 noon on the day of the meeting.
- Members of the public may submit written comments themselves early in the meeting. To distribute correspondence at the meeting, please provide 15 copies and submit to the Zoning Adjustments Board Clerk just before or at the beginning of the meeting.
- Written comments, or a request for a Notice of Decision should be directed to the ZAB Secretary at Land Use Planning Division (Attn: ZAB Secretary)
  2120 Milvia Street, Berkeley, CA 94704 OR at zab@ci.berkeley.ca.us
Communication Access
To request a meeting agenda in large print, Braille, or on cassette, or to request a sign language interpreter for the meeting, call the Current Planning Division at 981-7410 (voice) or 981-7474 (TDD); at least five (5) working days notice will ensure availability.

Legal Notice Concerning Your Legal Rights
If you object to a decision by the Zoning Adjustments Board to approve or deny a permit or variance for a project, the following requirements and restrictions apply:

1. You must appeal to the City Council within fourteen (14) days after the Notice of Decision of the action of the Zoning Adjustments Board is mailed. It is your obligation to notify the Current Planning Division in writing to receive a Notice of Decision when it is completed.

2. Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure, Section 1094.6(b), no lawsuit challenging a City Council decision to deny a permit or variance may be filed more than ninety (90) days after the date the decision becomes final, as defined in Code of Civil Procedure, Section 1094.6(b), which has been adopted by the City. Any lawsuit not filed within that ninety (90) day period will be barred.

3. Pursuant to Government Code, Section 65009(c)(5), no lawsuit challenging a City Council decision to approve (with or without conditions) a permit or variance may be filed more than ninety (90) days after the date the decision becomes final, as defined in Code of Civil Procedure, Section 1094.6(b), which has been adopted by the City. Any lawsuit not filed within that ninety (90) day period will be barred.

4. If you believe that this decision or any condition attached to it denies you any reasonable economic use of the subject property, was not sufficiently related to a legitimate public purpose, was not sufficiently proportional to any impact of the project, or for any other reason constitutes a “taking” of property for public use without just compensation under the California or United States Constitutions, the following requirements apply:

   A. That this belief is a basis of your appeal.
   B. Why you believe that the decision or condition constitutes a “taking” of property as set forth above.
   C. All evidence and argument in support of your belief that the decision or condition constitutes a “taking” as set forth above.

If you do not do so, you will waive any legal right to claim that your property has been taken, both before the City Council and in court.

[Approved for posting by Debra R. Sanderson, Secretary, Zoning Adjustments Board, May 31, 2007.]