



Z O N I N G A D J U S T M E N T S B O A R D M E E T I N G A G E N D A

Thursday, December 9, 2021 - 7:00 PM

Zoning Adjustment Board Members

Igor Tregub, appointed by Mayor Arreguin

Yes Duffy, appointed by District 1 (Councilmember Kesarwani)

Kimberly Gaffney, appointed by District 2 (Councilmember Taplin)

Michael Thompson, appointed by District 3 (Councilmember Bartlett)

Carrie Olson, appointed by District 4 (Councilmember Harrison)

Shoshana O'Keefe (Vice Chairperson), appointed by District 5 (Councilmember Hahn)

Charles Kahn (Chairperson), appointed by District 6 (Councilmember Wengraf)

Dohee Kim, appointed by District 7 (Councilmember Robinson)

Debra Sanderson, appointed by District 8 (Councilmember Droste)

PUBLIC ADVISORY: THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and the state declared emergency, this meeting of the Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) will be conducted exclusively through teleconference and Zoom videoconference. The COVID-19 state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and presents imminent risks to the health of attendees. Therefore, no physical meeting location will be available.

To access the meeting remotely: Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone, or Android device: Please use this URL Please click the link below to join the webinar: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89676870151>. If you do not wish for your name to appear on the screen, then use the drop-down menu and click on "rename" to rename yourself to be anonymous. To request to speak, use the "raise hand" icon by rolling over the bottom of the screen.

To join by phone: Dial 1+669-990-6833 and enter Meeting ID 896-7687-0151. If you wish to comment during the public comment portion of the agenda, Press *9 and wait to be recognized by the Chair.

Please be mindful that the teleconference will be recorded as any ZAB meeting is recorded, and all other rules of procedure and decorum will apply for ZAB meetings conducted by teleconference or videoconference.

Public Testimony Guidelines

All persons are welcome to attend the virtual hearing and will be given an opportunity to address the Board. Comments may be made verbally at the public hearing and/or in writing before the hearing. The Board may limit the time granted to each speaker.

At the start of the meeting the Board may rearrange the agenda or place additional agenda items on the Consent Calendar, so it is important to be present at the start of the meeting to avoid losing the chance to speak to an item.

The Board encourages the public to submit comments in writing or by e-mail in advance of the meeting. See **Supplemental Communications and Reports** at the end of this Agenda for procedures.

How to Contact Us: Land Use Planning Division, Attn: Samantha Updegrave, (510) 981-7414, (Zoning Adjustments Board Secretary), 1947 Center Street, 2nd Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704; zab@cityofberkeley.info.

Communications

All communications submitted to Zoning Adjustments Board are public record and are for information only. Other than referring an item to the Secretary for investigation and/or recommendations, no action may be taken in response to any non-agenda communication.

Preliminary Matters

Roll Call

Ex Parte Communication Disclosures

In the context of adjudicative matters that come before the ZAB, *ex parte* communications are those which occur outside the formal hearing process. ZAB members should avoid *ex parte* contacts on matters pending before the ZAB as much as possible, as they may represent, or be perceived to represent, the receipt of evidence that can unfairly influence a Board member's decision on a matter before the Board. If such contacts do occur, the substance of the communication must be disclosed to all interested parties in advance of any public hearing or testimony to allow rebuttal. Written *ex parte* communications must be forwarded to the Secretary so that they can be disclosed to the entire Board and the public.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

Each Speaker is limited to a maximum of three minutes.

Agenda Changes

The Board Chairperson may reorder the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

Consent Calendar

The Consent Calendar allows the Board to take action, without discussion, on Agenda items for which there are no persons present who wish to speak, and no Board members who wish to discuss. The Consent Calendar may include four types of items:

- (1) Approval of previous meeting minutes;
- (2) Modifications of existing Use Permits (which have not been noticed for public hearings);
- (3) Items being continued to another meeting (Board action will be postponed to another meeting);
- (4) Applications that were withdrawn by the applicant after release of the Agenda; and
- (5) Items noticed for public hearing which the Board decides to move to the Consent Calendar.

The Board Chairperson will announce any additional items proposed for the Consent Calendar at approximately 7:05 PM. Anyone present who wishes to speak on these items should raise his or her hand and advise the Chairperson, and the item(s) will be pulled from the Consent Calendar and heard at this meeting.

1. Approval of Action Minutes from October 28, 2021

Recommendation: APPROVE

2. Approval of [2022 ZAB Meeting Schedule](#)

Recommendation: APPROVE 2022 ZAB meeting dates

3. [1151 Grizzly Peak Boulevard](#) – Continued from September 9, 2021

Application:	Administrative Use Permit ZP#2021-0088 to legalize two Accessory Buildings in the rear yard of a Single-Family Dwelling.
Zoning:	R-1H – Single-Family Residential District, Hillside Overlay
CEQA Recommendation:	Categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15303 (“New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures”) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.
Applicant/Owner:	Jeana Arabzadeh and Matt Jacobs, 1151 Grizzly Peak Boulevard, Berkeley
Staff Planner:	Loyal Nawfal, lnawfal@cityofberkeley.info , (510) 981-7424
Recommendation:	CONTINUE Use Permit #ZP2021-0088 to January 13, 2022.

4. [2345 Channing Way](#) – New Public Hearing

Application:	Use Permit #ZP2021-0107 to eliminate a dwelling unit previously located at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley.
Zoning:	R-SMU – Residential Southside Mixed-Use District
CEQA Recommendation:	Categorically exempt pursuant to pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines (“Existing Facilities”).
Applicant/Owner:	Lorenzo Llanillo for the Blue Fire Committee, First Congregational Church of Berkeley
Staff Planner:	Ashley James, ajames@cityofberkeley.info , (510) 981-7458
Recommendation:	APPROVE Use Permit #ZP2021-0107 pursuant to BMC Section 23B.32.030.

5. 1634 and 1640 San Pablo Avenue – New Public Hearing

Application:	Use Permit Modification #ZP2021-0199 to increase height, gross floor area, and the accessory structure, and other minor adjustments to the project approved by the ZAB on June 10, 2021 (#ZP2021-0008).
Zoning:	C-W – West Berkeley Commercial District
CEQA Recommendation:	Categorically exempt pursuant to pursuant to Section 15332 of the CEQA Guidelines (“In-Fill Development”).
Applicant:	David Trachtenberg, 2421 Fourth Street, Berkeley
Owner:	Steven Sullivan, 2730 Ninth Street, Berkeley
Staff Planner:	Ashley James, ajames@cityofberkeley.info , (510) 981-7458
Recommendation:	APPROVE Use Permit Modification #ZP2021-0199 pursuant to BMC Section 23B.32.030.

Action Calendar

The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. The Board Chairperson may, with the consent of persons representing both sides of an issue, allocate a block of time to each side to present their issue. Action items may be reordered at the discretion of the Board Chairperson with the consent of the Zoning Adjustments Board.

6. 1837 Berkeley Way – New Public Hearing

Application:	Use Permit #ZP2020-0115 to demolish the rear single-family dwelling and construct a new three-story three-unit residential building with a rear setback of approximately 3 to 6 feet on a 6,250 square-foot lot that contains two single-family dwellings.
Zoning:	R-2A – Restricted Multiple-Family Residential District
CEQA Recommendation:	Categorically exempt pursuant to pursuant to Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines (“New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures”) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.
Applicant:	Dharti Pancholi, 1839 Berkeley Way, Berkeley
Staff Planner:	Allison Riemer, ariemer@cityofberkeley.info , (510) 981-7433
Recommendation:	APPROVE Use Permit ZP2020-0115 , pursuant to BMC Section 23B.32.040

7. 1643 and 1647 California Street – New Public Hearing

Application:	Use Permit #ZP2021-0001 to create new lower basement level, construct a new, second story, and modify the existing duplex layout, resulting in a 3,763 square foot duplex on an existing property.
Zoning:	R-2 – Restricted Two-Family Residential District
CEQA Recommendation:	Categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines (“Existing Facilities”).
Applicant:	Sundeep Grewel, 2223 Fifth Street, Berkeley
Owner	Ido and Tamar Oppenheimer, 1643 and 1647 California Street, Berkeley
Staff Planner:	Nick Armour, narmour@cityofberkeley.info , (510) 981-7485
Recommendation:	APPROVE Use Permit ZP2021-0001, pursuant to BMC Section 23B.32.040

Project Preview and Scoping:

Public meeting to solicit input and comments from the Zoning Adjustments Board, the general public, and other interested parties. No action will be taken.

8. 1201-1205 San Pablo Avenue – New Public Hearing

Application:	Project Preview of Use Permit #ZP2021-0070 to construct a six-story, mixed-use building on a vacant lot, with 66 units (including five Very-Low Income units), 1,720 square feet of commercial space, 2,514 square feet of usable open space, and 17 to 28 ground-level parking spaces.
Zoning:	C-W – West Berkeley Commercial District, Gilman and San Pablo Designated Node
CEQA Recommendation:	Categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15332 of the CEQA Guidelines (“In-Fill Development Projects”).
Applicant:	Isaiah Stackhouse, Trachtenberg Architects, 2421 Fourth Street, Berkeley
Owner	Lanhai Su, 4500 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara
Staff Planner:	Sharon Gong, sgong@cityofberkeley.info , (510) 981-7429
Recommendation:	Hold a public hearing and provide advisory comments.

Subcommittee Reports

- **Design Review Committee (DRC)**
<https://www.cityofberkeley.info/designreview/>

Staff Communications

Adjourn



Accessibility Information / ADA Disclaimer

To request a disability-related accommodation(s) to participate in the meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact the Disability Services specialist at 981-6418 (V) or 981-6347 (TDD) at least three business days before the meeting date.

SB 343 Disclaimer

Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the Commission regarding any item on this agenda will be made available to the public. Please contact the Land Use Planning Division (zab@cityofberkeley.info) to request hard-copies or electronic copies.

Communications Disclaimer

Communications to Berkeley boards, commissions or committees are public record and will become part of the City's electronic records, which are accessible through the City's website. Please note: e-mail addresses, names, addresses, and other contact information are not required, but if included in any communication to a City board, commission or committee, will become part of the public record. If you do not want your e-mail address or any other contact information to be made public, you may deliver communications via U.S. Postal Service or in person to the secretary of the relevant board, commission or committee. If you do not want your contact information included in the public record, please do not include that information in your communication. Please contact the secretary to the relevant board, commission or committee for further information.

Supplemental Communications and Reports

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Correspondence received by 5:00 PM eight days before this public hearing will be provided with the agenda materials provided to the Board. Note that if you submit a hard copy document of more than 10 pages, or in color, or with photos, you must provide 15 copies. Correspondence received after this deadline will be conveyed to the Board in the following manner:

- **Correspondence received by 5:00 PM two days before** this public hearing will be conveyed to the Board in a Supplemental Communications and Reports, which is released around noon one day before the public hearing.
- **Correspondence received after 5:00 PM two days before** this public hearing will be saved in the project administrative record.

It will not be possible to submit written comments at the meeting.

Notice of Decision Requests

Written comments or a request for a Notice of Decision should be directed to the Zoning Adjustments Board Secretary at zab@cityofberkeley.info.

Notice Concerning Your Legal Rights

If you object to a decision by the Zoning Adjustments Board regarding a land use permit project, the following requirements and restrictions apply:

1. If you challenge the decision of the City in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice.
2. 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 Land Use Planning Division in writing of your desire to receive a Notice of Decision when it is completed.
3. Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6(b) and Government Code Section 65009(c)(1), no lawsuit challenging a City Council decision, as defined by Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6(e), regarding a use permit, variance or other permit 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). Any lawsuit not filed within that ninety (90) day period will be barred.
4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 66020(d)(1), notice is hereby given to the applicant that the 90-day protest period for any fees, dedications, reservations, or other exactions included in any permit approval begins upon final action by the City, and that any challenge must be filed within this 90-day period.
5. 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; and
 - 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.
