



Planning and Development Department
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ASHBY AND NORTH BERKELEY BART Community Advisory Group (CAG) Resources

Draft Group Agreements

- Understand that one person speaks at a time and all others are active listeners
- Allow everyone the opportunity to speak and share their ideas
- Put yourself in each other's shoes - *respect each other, seek to understand diverse viewpoints and ask questions for clarification*
- Be open minded and allow your perspective to evolve based on the other's ideas and opinions
- Represent the diverse community; not all community members are represented at the table
- Discourage "got you" moments – *keep interactions positive and encouraging*
- Except that conflicting opinions and disagreements are natural and to be expected
- Build and maintain safe space – *we will not tolerate attacks on individuals, institutions or perspectives*
- Work to find common ground and solutions – *the best outcomes will come from incorporating a range of perspectives*
- Recognize the intent is to move toward desired outcomes
- Have fun and make new friends



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Purpose, Responsibilities and Procedures

Purpose and Responsibilities: The City Council created the BART Community Advisory Group (CAG) to represent a broad cross-section of the community and provide input to the Planning Commission on the preparation of zoning and site planning parameters for the Ashby and North Berkeley BART. CAG member responsibilities include the following:

- Attend all CAG meetings – At this time, up to five meetings are anticipated through the end of the year. Meetings will generally be two to three hours long, from 6pm – 9 pm.
 - Participate in meetings and communicate your position on topics under consideration.
 - Review meeting materials and completed work products in advance of a scheduled meeting
- Provide input to the Planning Commission.
- Represent the various perspectives of the community and provide community-based input and feedback on work products.
 - Serve as ambassadors to the greater community by informing the community of the process, encouraging their participation in community workshops, and playing an active role in workshops and outreach events.
- Attend other public meetings and events (when possible) when the project is discussed.

Group Feedback to Planning Commission: The CAG will strive to reach general consensus on topics discussed. CAG meetings will tend to be more technically detailed than general community meetings.

- The CAG's input will be shared with the Planning Commission.
- Broader community input (e.g., input gathered through community workshops, stakeholder meetings, focus group meetings, pop-up workshops and/or surveys) will also be gathered as part of this process.
- Diverse opinions and levels of agreement will be communicated to decision-makers.



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Meeting Procedures:

- Meeting agendas and materials will be posted to the project website and distributed to CAG members no later than one week in advance of the scheduled meeting.
- All CAG meetings are open to the public; at the end of every meeting, there will be time allotted to verbal public comment for approximately 30 minutes and *up to 15 members* of the public. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to send written comments pertaining to CAG meeting topics (via email or mail) which will be compiled and made available online at www.cityofberkeley.info/bartplanning). In addition, the community-at-large will have multiple ways to participate through community meetings, workshops and surveys that will be held throughout the process.
 - *Send comments by email to: bartplanning@cityofberkeley.info or by mail to: Land Use Planning Division, Attn: Alisa Shen, (510) 981-7409, 1947 Center Street, 2nd Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704.*
- Meetings will be organized and facilitated by the City and the consultant team (Dave Javid of Plan to Place and VMWP Team).
- CAG members are responsible for communicating their ideas and position on topics at each meeting.
- Summary notes from each meeting will be provided prior to the following meeting.

CAG Members: The 15 members of the CAG are listed below. Please visit the Mayor's website for bios of each of the CAG members - <https://www.jessearrequin.com/bart>

Ambrose Carroll
Tony Corman
Hayley Currier
Charles Gary
Barnali Ghosh (Transportation Commission appointee)
Liz Hitchcock Lisle
Lillian Lew-Hailer
Mari Mendonca (Housing Advisory Commission appointee)
Blaine Merker
Chris Schildt (Planning Commission appointee)
Betty Seto
Rhonda Simmons
Robert Smith (Commission on Disability appointee)
Peter Waller
Elisabeth Watson