Zoning Adjustments Board
Agenda

Thursday, September 27, 2018 - 7:00 PM
City Council Chambers, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Second Floor
Berkeley (Wheelchair Accessible)

Zoning Adjustment Board Members:
Igor Tregub (Chairperson) appointed by Mayor Arreguin
Denise Pinkston (Vice Chairperson) appointed by Councilmember Droste
Teresa Clarke, appointed by Councilmember Maio
Patrick Sheahan, appointed by Councilmember Davila
John Selawsky, appointed by Councilmember Bartlett
Shoshana O'Keefe, appointed by Councilmember Hahn
Charles Kahn, appointed by Councilmember Wengraf
Dohee Kim, appointed by Councilmember Worthington
Carrie Olson, appointed by Councilmember Harrison

Public Testimony Guidelines
This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54953. Any member of the public may attend this meeting. The Board Chairperson may limit the number of speakers and the length of time allowed to each speaker. To speak at a public hearing, please submit a speaker card to Planning Staff as early as possible at the meeting.

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 submit speaker cards 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: Shannon Allen, (510) 981-7410, (Zoning Adjustments Board Secretary), 1947 Center Street, Berkeley, CA 94704; zab@cityofberkeley.info.

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 they 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.

**Subcommittee Reports**

Zoning Ordinance Revision Project (ZORP). ZAB Representatives on the ZORP (elected by ZAB) are Denise Pinkston, Patrick Sheahan, and Igor Tregub. Materials can be found here (below 2018 and 2017 ZAB meeting lists): [https://www.cityofberkeley.info/zoningadjustmentsboard/](https://www.cityofberkeley.info/zoningadjustmentsboard/)

Joint Subcommittee for the Implementation of State Housing Laws (JSISHL). JSISHL members, appointed by City Council, include Denise Pinkston, Shoshana O’Keefe, and Igor Tregub. Materials can be found here: [https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/Commissions/Joint_Subcommittee_for_the_Implementation_of_State_Housing_Laws_Homepage.aspx](https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/Commissions/Joint_Subcommittee_for_the_Implementation_of_State_Housing_Laws_Homepage.aspx)

**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.

1. Approval of Action Minutes from July 26, 2018
   Recommendation: APPROVE

2. Approval of Action Minutes from August 23, 2018
   Recommendation: APPROVE
Consent Calendar (Continued):

3. **1250 University** – New Public Hearing
   - **Application:** Use Permit #ZP2017-0127 to modify Use Permit #5418 to construct a hydrogen fuel station at an existing gas station and to remove three parking spaces.
   - **Zoning:** C-1, General Commercial District; University Avenue Strategic Plan, Mixed-Use Overlay
   - **CEQA Determination:** An Initial Study-Negative Declaration (IS-ND) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, and circulated for public review from July 11, 2018 to July 31, 2018.
   - **Applicant:** Fiedler Group, 299 N Euclid Avenue, Ste. 550, Pasadena, CA 91101
   - **Owner:** AU Energy, LLC, 41805 Albrea Street, Fremont, CA 94538
   - **Staff Planner:** Sharon Gong, SGong@cityofberkeley.info, (510) 981-7429
   - **Recommendation:** APPROVE Use Permit #ZP2017-0127 pursuant to Section 23B.32.030.

4. **901 Grayson #100** – New Public Hearing
   - **Application:** Use Permit #ZP2017-0155 to convert 4,952 square feet of biomedical laboratory/manufacturing use into school use, expanding the existing 9,172-square-foot, private school facility.
   - **Zoning:** MU-R, Mixed Use-Residential District
   - **CEQA Determination:** Categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15303 ("New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures") of the CEQA Guidelines.
   - **Applicant:** Antoine Portales, 901 Grayson Street, Berkeley, CA 94710
   - **Owner:** Ecole Bilingue, 901 Grayson Street, Berkeley, CA 94710
   - **Staff Planner:** Sharon Gong, SGong@cityofberkeley.info, (510) 981-7429
   - **Recommendation:** APPROVE Use Permit #ZP2017-055, pursuant to Section 23B.32.030

5. **1353 Berkeley Way** – New Public Hearing
   - **Application:** Use Permit #ZP2017-0202 to demolish an existing one-car garage at the rear of a parcel containing a one-story, single-family residence; and to construct a new detached, approximately 820-sq. ft., two-story dwelling unit with a garage, and to reduce the rear yard setback for the new building to only four feet where a minimum of 15 feet is otherwise required.
   - **Zoning:** R-2A – Restricted Multi-family Residential
   - **CEQA Determination:** Categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15332 of the CEQA Guidelines ("In-Fill Development Projects").
   - **Applicant:** Scott Galka, 562 Sixty-First Street, Oakland, CA
   - **Owner:** River Luna, 1353 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, CA
   - **Staff Planner:** Fatema Crane, fcrane@cityofberkeley.info, (510) 981-7410
   - **Recommendation:** APPROVE Use Permit #ZP2017-0202 pursuant to 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 Zoning Adjustments Board.

6. **1331 Ashby Avenue** – Continued from June 28, 2018

   **Application:** Use Permit and Variance #ZP2017-0205 demolish an existing 1,922 square foot, one-story single-family dwelling and detached accessory structure; and (2) construct six dwelling units in three detached two- to three-story buildings, with three automobile parking spaces.

   **Zoning:** R-3 – Multiple-Family Residential District

   **CEQA Determination:** Categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15303 and 15332 of the CEQA Guidelines ("New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures” and “In-Fill Development Projects,” respectively)

   **Applicant:** Devi Dutta-Choudhury, 928 Carleton Street, Berkeley

   **Owner:** Amir Sohi, 173 Glen Court, Walnut Creek

   **Staff Planner:** Shannon Allen, ShAllen@cityofberkeley.info, (510) 981-7430

   **Recommendation:** APPROVE Use Permit #ZP2017-0205 pursuant to Section 23B.32.030.

7. **2580 Bancroft Way** – EIR Certification

   **Application:** Certify Environmental Impact Report for Use Permit #ZP2017-0083 to demolish the building at 2558-2588 Bancroft Way and demolish the rear half of the Fred Turner Building, a City Landmark, at 2546-2554 Bancroft Way; and to construct a new mixed-use building with approximately 122 dwelling units and 11,000 square feet of ground-floor retail, and 37 commercial parking spaces in a subterranean garage. Consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15090, the ZAB must certify that the Final EIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA and reflects the lead agency’s independent judgment; the Final EIR must be reviewed and considered prior to approving the project. The action item before the ZAB on September 27, 2018 is for certification of the Final EIR only; consideration of project approvals will be at a later date.

   **Zoning:** C-T – Telegraph Commercial

   **CEQA Determination:** An Infill EIR was prepared. The Final EIR consists of the Draft EIR (circulated for public comment from April 17, 2018 to June 1, 2018) and the Response to Comments Document (RTC) (circulated on August 21, 2018)

   **Applicant:** Dave Johnson, Johnson Lyman Architects, 1375 Locust Street #202, Walnut Creek

   **Owner:** Landmark Properties, Inc., 455 Epps Bridge Parkway, Athens, GA

   **Staff Planner:** Leslie Mendez, LMendez@cityofberkeley.info, (510) 981-7426

   **Recommendation:** Accept public comment, and CERTIFY the Final EIR for the 2580 Shattuck Avenue Project.
8. Election of a Substitute for the October 18, 2018, Design Review Committee Meeting

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 any non-agenda communication.

- Email from Kelly Hammargren, received September 19, 2018, re: building height
- Email from Kelly Hammargren, received September 20, 2018, re: Campanile Way

Adjourn
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.

Accessibility Information / ADA Disclaimer

This meeting is being held in a wheelchair accessible location. 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. Please refrain from wearing scented products to this meeting.

SB 343 Disclaimer

Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the Commission regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at the Permit Service Center, Planning and Development Department located at 1947 Center Street, Berkeley, during regular business hours.

Supplemental Communications and Reports

Items received by the deadlines for submission will be compiled and distributed as follows. If no items are received by the deadline, no supplemental packet will be compiled for said deadline. All materials will be made available via the Zoning Adjustments Board Agenda page: https://www.cityofberkeley.info/zoningadjustmentboard/

- **Supplemental Communications and Reports 1** - All Materials submitted between noon the Thursday the week before the meeting and noon Tuesday the week of the meeting, will be made available by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday the week of the meeting.
- **Supplemental Communications and Reports 2** - All Materials submitted after noon on Tuesday the week of the meeting and before noon on Wednesday, the day before the meeting, will be made available at 5:00 that Wednesday. Any correspondence received after this deadline will be given to the Zoning Adjustment Board just prior to the meeting.
- Members of the public may submit written comments themselves at the meeting. To distribute correspondence at the meeting, please provide 15 copies and submit to the Zoning Adjustments Board Clerk. Correspondence received later, and after the meeting, will be posted to the web site following the meeting.
- **Please Note:** You are strongly advised to submit written comments prior to noon Wednesday, the day before the meeting, as Board members do not have an opportunity to read written materials handed out 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, or in written correspondence delivered to the Zoning Adjustments Board at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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.
   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.