Action Minutes
Planning & Development Department
Land Use Planning Division

Zoning Adjustments Board
Thursday, January 13, 2011 – 7:00PM

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

How to Contact Us: Land Use Planning Division (Attn: Steven Buckley, ZAB Secretary), 2120 Milvia Street, Berkeley, CA 94704; (510) 981-7410; zab@ci.berkeley.ca.us

Roll Call: 7:04PM
Excused: E. Mikiten
Public Attendance: 20
Number of Speakers: 16

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, they must be placed in the record and disclosed to all interested parties sufficiently in advance of the decision to allow rebuttal.

- NONE

Public Comment
Each Speaker is limited to a maximum of three minutes.

For 2133 Parker Street Project:
- Daniel Julian – Neighbor – concerned about prospect of boarding house in his residential neighborhood, especially with regards to parking, noise – recommending denial
- Andrea Julian – Neighbor – Resident of neighborhood for fifty years, applicant misled the City because the project is being transformed into a 19-bedroom boarding house which should be stopped
- Michael Chin – Neighbor – Resident – Submitted 5-page summary of arguments for denying project. Major arguments include illegal renovation of single family residence into multiple-unit apartment building; commentary from architect that the renovation indicates group living; applicant’s own statement that he would agree to hiring a resident manager (which would not be necessary if it was a single family residence)
- Linda Locke – Neighbor – Also recommends abatement to minimize number of bedrooms for reasons of noise
- Pattie Darcy – Neighbor – Concerned about fourth floor not as mezzanine but rather another floor; also recommends scheduling an abatement hearing because it is horrible public policy for the city to condone this developer’s project
- Christopher Lynn – Neighbor – Recommending abatement hearing because of previously submitted statements; if this project is a group living situation then the previous AUP is null/void and therefore a violation of the City’s Ordinance; moreover, the applicant’s statements that he wanted to rent out 19 bedrooms and willingness to hire a resident manager indicates this is a group living situation; requesting that a ZAB Member recommend for this project be put on a future agenda.

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

- NONE

**Consent Calendar:**
The Consent Calendar allows the Board to take action with no discussion, on projects to which no one objects. The Agenda includes three types of Consent Calendar 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 has been postponed to another meeting). The Board Chairperson will announce items for the Consent Calendar at 7:05 pm. The Board may place additional Agenda 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.
1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes from 12/09/2010 meeting

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Continued Public Hearings:

2. 2133 Parker Street

Administrative Use Permit #10-20000097 to alter the front roof line; expand a rear access stair and deck; and relocate parking to the front yard of an existing three-unit building.
Applicant: Ali Eslami, P.O. Box 4623, Berkeley, CA 94794
(ZONING DISTRICT: R-2A, Restricted Multiple-Family Residential; PLANNER: Greg Powell)
Continued From: 12/09/2010

Number of Speakers: Public hearing is closed; ZAB heard comments regarding this project during the Public Comment period.

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New Hearings:

3. 1901 Russell Street and 1125 University Avenue

Referral to ZAB for comments on the adequacy of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA) to allow flexibility in the application of development standards at each of the City’s existing Branch Libraries and the Central Library, and for proposed development projects at the South Branch Library and at the West Branch Library, which include demolition of existing historical resources.
Applicants: Zoning Amendment: City of Berkeley
South Branch: Avery Taylor Moore, Field Paoli Architects,
150 California Street, 7th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111
West Branch: Edward Dean, Harvey Ellis Devereaux,
2430 Fifth Street, Studio M, Berkeley, CA 94710
Property Owner: City of Berkeley
(PLANNER: Aaron Sage)

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Additional Agenda Items:

A. Information/Communication
   i. LeConte Neighborhood Association, December 9, 2010 and January 13, 2011
   ii. Gale Garcia, January 6, 2011

B. Business Meeting
   i. Adopt Meeting Schedule for 2011 - ADOPTED

C. Chair’s Report
D. Current Business/Committee Appointment
E. Future Agenda Items
F. Other Matters
G. Future Council Hearings on ZAB decisions

Adjourn: 9:01PM

[Approved for posting by Steven Buckley, Secretary, Zoning Adjustments Board]
Correspondence and Notice of Decision Requests

- 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.

- 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 or if in color or photographic format.

- Correspondence received by the 5:00 pm Tuesday before the meeting will be posted on the ZAB web site for review by the Board and public prior to the meeting. Correspondence received later, and after the meeting, will be posted to the web site following the meeting.

- 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 e-mail) 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: Steven Buckley, ZAB Secretary), 2120 Milvia Street, Berkeley, CA 94704 OR at zab@ci.berkeley.ca.us

Accessibility Information / ADA Disclaimer

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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.