

Planning Commission

## FINAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING October 2, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m

**Location:** South Berkeley Senior Center, Berkeley, CA

### 1. ROLL CALL:

**Commissioners Present:** Benjamin Beach, Ruben Hernandez, Robb Kapla, Mary Kay Lacey, Steve Martinot, Jeff Vincent, Brad Wiblin (arrived at 7:10) and Rob Wrenn.

**Commissioners Absent:** Christine Schildt (leave of absence).

**Staff Present:** Secretary Alene Pearson, Katrina Lapira, and Justin Horner.

2. **ORDER OF AGENDA:** No changes.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** No speakers.

### 4. PLANNING STAFF REPORT:

Staff provided the following updates on upcoming meetings and policy projects:

- October 16, 4-6pm - Planning Department Open House
- Staff thanked Commissioner Ben Fong for his service on the Planning Commission

**Information Items:** None.

### Communications:

- September 5, 2019 – Commissioner Vincent, Turner Article
- September 8, 2019 - Christine Schwartz, PC Meeting Videos-September 4, 2019
- September 13, 2019 – Charlie Pappas, Cannabis (Delivery- Only)
- September 16, 2019 - Alene Pearson (staff email to commissioners)  
Planning Open House 2019 Flyer
- September 16, 2019 – Alene Pearson (staff email to commissioners)  
PC Work Plan on September 24 City Council Agenda
- September 18, 2019- Phyllis Orrick, Green Affordable Housing

### Late Communications (Received after the Packet deadline):

- September 30, 2019- Commissioner Wrenn, TDM Program
- October 1, 2019- Aaron Eckhouse, TDM Program

### Late Communications (Received and distributed at the meeting):

- October 1, 2019 Diego Aguilar-Canabal, TDM Program
- October 2, 2019- Justin Horner, Item 10 Staff Presentation

**5. CHAIR REPORT:** None.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORT:**

- Joint Subcommittee for Implementation of State Housing Laws (JSISHL): On September 25, 2019 JSISHL held a meeting where City consultant, Opticos, presented on findings related to objective density standards. The next JSISHL meeting will be on October 23, 2019.
- Zoning Ordinance Revision Project (ZORP): As part of Phase I - the production of a Baseline Zoning Ordinance (BZO) - the subcommittee reviewed the reorganized regulations of the residential districts at the meeting on September 13, 2019. At the next meeting in November, JSISHL will review commercial and industrial zones.

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion/Second/Carried (Kapla/Wiblin) to approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from September 4, 2019 with three minor edits. Ayes: Beach, Lacey, Martinot, Vincent, Wrenn, and Wiblin. Noes: None. Abstain: Hernandez and Kapla. Absent: None. (6-0-2-0)

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND OTHER PLANNING-RELATED EVENTS:** At the next meeting, November 6, 2019 the following items may be presented.

- Public Hearing: Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
- 2019 State Legislation Tracking- Review of Housing Bills (ADUs, Large Family Daycares, etc.)

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**9. Discussion:                      Proposed Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Framework**

Staff presented on approaches to Transportation Demand Management including vehicle trip reduction and community benefits in the context of parking minimums and maximums. As part of their discussion, the Planning Commission expressed support for the removal of parking minimums and establishment of parking maximums for new residential and mixed use projects. In support of a TDM program, the Commission directed staff to reconfigure the proposed TDM menu of options and research different TDM measures that could provide the most value to the greater Berkeley community, including, but not limited to shuttle services and transit passes.

**Public Comments:** 5

**10. Discussion: Planning Commission Workplan**

Staff shared the Planning Commission Workplan adopted by the City Council on September 24, 2019 and the Policy matrix of projects.

**Public Comments: 0**

**11. Action: Southside EIR Subcommittee**

A temporary subcommittee was formed to help scope the project description for the Southside Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Subcommittee members include Commissioner Lacey, Schildt, Kapla, and the future District 7 representative.

**Public Comments: 0**

Motion/Second/Carried (Kapla /Vincent) to establish the Southside EIR Subcommittee and appoint Commissioners Lacey, Schildt, Kapla and the future District 7 representative.  
Ayes: Beach, Hernandez, Kapla, Lacey, Martinot, Vincent, Wiblin, and Wrenn. Noes: None.  
Abstain: None. Absent: None. (8-0-0-0)

Motion/Second/Carried (Kapla /Wrenn) to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting.  
Ayes: Beach, Hernandez, Kapla, Lacey, Martinot, Vincent, Wiblin, and Wrenn. Noes: None.  
Abstain: None. Absent: None. (8-0-0-0)

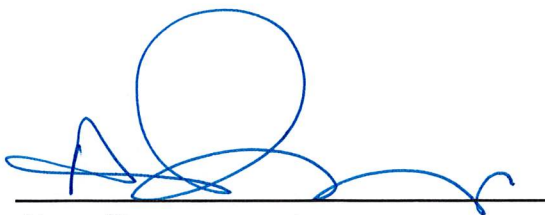
**The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm**

**Commissioners in attendance: 8**

**Members in the public in attendance: 6**

**Public Speakers: 5 speakers**

**Length of the meeting: 2 hours and 12 minutes**



Alene Pearson  
Planning Commission Secretary

11/7/19  
Date

