



Planning and Development  
Department  
Land Use Planning Division

**ACTION SUMMARY FOR  
DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING  
August 19, 2021  
7:00 PM**

**I. Roll Call:**

**Committee Members Present:**

Lillian Mitchell, Chair (*Appointed by Zoning Adjustments Board*)  
Modesto Covarrubias (*Civic Arts Commission*)  
Steve Finacom (*Landmarks Preservation Commission*)  
Kimberly Gaffney (*Zoning Adjustments Board*)  
Diana Pink (*Appointed by Zoning Adjustments Board*)  
Janet Tam (*Appointed by Zoning Adjustments Board*)  
Charles Kahn, Vice-Chair (*Zoning Adjustments Board*)

**Committee Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Burns

**II. PROJECTS**

**1. 1951 SHATTUCK AVENUE [at Berkeley Way] (DRCF2021-0006): Final Design Review** to redevelop an approximately 17,424 square-foot parcel, including the demolition of two existing commercial buildings and the construction of a 120-foot tall, 12-story, mixed-use building with approximately 5,178 square feet of commercial space on the ground floor, 163 residential units, and a 100-space subterranean parking garage.

***Final Design Review (FDR) was approved with the following conditions and recommendations: MOTION (Kahn, Covarrubias) VOTE (7-0-0-0).***

**Conditions**

*Applicant shall return to the Committee for a follow up review for:*

- *Continued refinement of the storefront design for a better pedestrian experience, considering the base, transom, grilles, and signage band; reconsider the balcony and main entry details and materials;*
- *Add character and interest with the addition of texture and color contrast to the final color and material palette;*
- *Further refine the garage door design for a better pedestrian experience;*
- *Remove the parapet angle in the SW corner for a vertical wall over the balcony;*
- *Provide design details for the roof deck wind screen, and show how visible this detail is from the public right-of-way; and*
- *Review color accents for added interest.*

**Recommendations**

- *Look at mullion colors. Bronze finish appears to be successful in the brick, but not everywhere. Consider only in special locations.*
- *Grilles in storefront transom should have less visual impact.*

- *Consider a stronger horizontal edge in the parapet element.*
- *Consider using color and texture to distinguish Shattuck from Berkeley Way.*
- *Consider more contrast for Northwest corner element, as with previous design.*
- *Applicant could consider a different height for the northwest corner element for better resolution.*
- *DRC acknowledges that this project was permitted before recent code changes, but still recommends removing the fire pit.*
- *Recommend to Public Works to consider permeable pavers in sidewalk where possible.*

### **III. BUSINESS MATTERS**

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - A. Minutes from 07/15/21 DRC Meeting  
Approved with minor edit to 800 Dwight Way summary. MOTION (Finacom, Kahn) VOTE (7-0-0-0)

### **IV. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

- Finacom mentioned that the upcoming Housing Element Update was announced at LPC and ZAB, and he would like to know what parts of this update the DRC will be involved in. He is recommending that they help to review livable unit standards.
- Concerning the UC Berkeley LRDP, Finacom mentioned that he is still working on a draft letter to Council with a request that the DRC be included in any advisory review process.
- Concerning a new development application for a project on the Shattuck Hotel block, Finacom is requesting that the DRC make advisory comments early on in that process. Staff will work with both the Use Permit Planner and Landmark Staff as this will be in conjunction with both Use Permit and Structural Alteration applications.

### **V. ADJOURN**

- *Meeting adjourned: 9:00 pm*

#### **Members of the Public:**

**Present:** 16

**Speakers:** 3