



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
LAND USE PLANNING DIVISION

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA

Date: Thursday September 4, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: 1901 Hearst Avenue, North Berkeley
Senior Center

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<https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/boards-commissions/landmarks-preservation-commission>

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District 1 - Vacant

Alyssa Plese, District 2

Kathleen Crandall, Vice Chairperson, District 3

Steve Finacom, District 4

Susan Orbuch, District 5

Paul Schwartz, District 6

Luke Leuschner, District 7

Denise Hall Montgomery, Chairperson, District 8

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Correspondence and Notice of Decision Requests

- **To distribute correspondence for inclusion in the agenda packet** -- submit comments **by 12:00 noon, August 27, 2025**. Please provide 12 copies of any correspondence with more than ten (10) pages or if in color or photographic format. This method is strongly preferred.
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Contact:

Allison Riemer, Secretary for Landmarks Preservation Commission
(510) 981-7410 | LPC@berkeleyca.gov | 1947 Center Street, Berkeley CA 94704

Request for initiation of Landmark designation on a future agenda lies within the range of action to be considered on each structure or property appearing at any place on the agenda.

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1. **ROLL CALL:** Please put all cellular phones and ringers on silent during the meeting.

2. **EX-PARTE COMMUNICATIONS**

In the context of adjudicative matters that come before the LPC, ex-parte communications are those which occur outside of the formal hearing process. LPC members should avoid ex-parte contacts on matters pending before the LPC as much as possible, as they may represent, or be perceived to represent, the receipt of evidence that can unfairly influence a decision on a matter before the Commission. 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.

3. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

The Commission recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT on Non-Agenda and Information Items**

(Three minutes per person; five minutes per organization, or at the discretion of the Chairperson)

5. **ORDER OF AGENDA**

The Landmarks Preservation Commission has the right to rearrange the order of the agenda in order to accommodate projects that will not require significant time.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Consent Calendar items are considered routine, non-controversial and will be enacted by one motion. By approval of the Consent Calendar, the staff recommendations will be adopted unless otherwise modified by the Commission. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a member of the Commission or a member of the public requests removal of the items from the Consent Calendar. Anyone present who wishes to speak against one of these items should advise the Chairperson if they request the item be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

A. [Approval of Action Minutes: Draft Action Minutes for August 7, 2025.](#)

B. **Consent Calendar:** The Commission may consider items 7A and 7B.

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7. PUBLIC HEARING AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Demolition Referrals

[A. 2029 University Avenue – Demolition Referral \(Use Permit # ZP2024-0181\)**](#)

Consider the proposal to demolish commercial a building that is more than 40 years old, in accordance with BMC Section 23.326.070(C).

Recommendation: Consider the evaluation and take no action.

CEQA: Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) “Review for Exemptions.”

[B. 1890 Alcatraz Avenue – Demolition Referral \(Use Permit # ZP2024-0183\)**](#)

Consider the proposal to demolish commercial a building that is more than 40 years old, in accordance with BMC Section 23.326.070(C).

Recommendation: Consider the evaluation and take no action.

CEQA: Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) “Review for Exemptions.”

Mills Act

[C. 1619 Walnut Street – Mills Act Contract application \(#LMMA2025-0002\) for Las Casitas Apartments**](#)

Consider a request to enter into a Mills Act contract with the owners of a City Landmark property and make recommendations to City Council for action on this request, in accordance with Government Code Sections 50280 et. Seq. and City Council Resolution No. 59,355.

Recommendation: Approve the proposed rehabilitation schedule and recommend favorable action to City Council.

CEQA: Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) “Review for Exemptions.”

[D. 21 Mosswood Road – Mills Act Contract application \(#LMMA2025-0001\) for The Mouser-Parsons House**](#)

Consider a request to enter into a Mills Act contract with the owners of a City Landmark property and make recommendations to City Council for action on this request, in accordance with Government Code Sections 50280 et. Seq. and City Council Resolution No. 59,355.

Recommendation: Approve the proposed rehabilitation schedule and recommend favorable action to City Council.

CEQA: Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) “Review for Exemptions.”

[E. 2845 Woolsey Street – Mills Act Contract application \(#LMMA2025-0003\) for The Norton Family House**](#)

Consider a request to enter into a Mills Act contract with the owners of a City Landmark property and make recommendations to City Council for action on this request, in accordance with Government Code Sections 50280 et. Seq. and City Council Resolution No. 59,355.

Recommendation: Approve the proposed rehabilitation schedule and recommend favorable action to City Council.

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CEQA: Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) "Review for Exemptions."

Landmark Designation

F. 2000 Blake Street – Landmark or Structure of Merit Designation (#LMIN2025-0003)**

Designation request for a residential property constructed circa 1949 (APN: 055-1821-019-00), in accordance with BMC Section 3.24.130.

Recommendation: Consider the extent to which this property meets the criteria for City Landmark or Structure of Merit designation, pursuant to BMC Section 3.24.110, and then take favorable action.

CEQA: Categorically Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) "Review for Exemptions."

8. AD HOC Subcommittees and Liaison Comments

Receive opportunity reports on status of projects for which the LPC has established a subcommittee or liaison. (Note: Sites will come off the list annually or upon approval of a Certificate of Occupancy.)

	Members	Established	Annual Expiration
ZAB Design Review Committee	DM	-	-
Berkeley Rose Garden	KC, PS	Mar 2025	Feb 2026
City Projects for Landmarks and Structure of Merit Sites	SF	Mar 2025	Feb 2026
Potential Initiations	SF, SO, AP	Mar 2025	Feb 2026
University of California	PS, SF	Mar 2025	Feb 2026
Landmarks Policies & Procedures/ HRE Scoping Recommendations	SF, LL, DM	August 2024	June 2026
Structures Completed After 1945	SF, LL, DM	Sept 2024	Expired
Mills Act Review	PS, SO, LL, SF	June 2025	May 2026

9. INFORMATION REPORTS: Commissioners may ask for discussion to be scheduled on a future agenda (per Brown Act, no deliberation or final action may be taken).

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- [Email from Land Use Planning Manager, Anne Hersch, received August 11, 2025](#)

11. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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13. FUTURE COUNCIL CALENDAR ITEMS – tentative schedule

- A. 2328 Channing Way** – Structural Alteration Permit (#LMSAP2025-0004) for The Luttrell House, September 9, 2025
- B. 2135 Martin Luther King Jr. Way** – Structural Alteration Permit (#LMSAP2025-0005) for Civic Center Park, September 9, 2025
- C. 2201-2205 Blake Street and 2517 Fulton Street** – Information Agenda item re: Approval of Structural Alteration Permit (#LMSAP2024-0004) for the Bartlett Houses, September 30, 2025
- D. 2939 Dwight Way** – Information Agenda item re: Approval of City Landmark Designation (#LMIN2020-0007) for the Smyth Fernwald House, September 30, 2025

14. POTENTIAL INITIATIONS

The Commission may establish and maintain an ongoing list of structures, sites and areas having a special historical, architectural or aesthetic interest or value. After public hearings, the Commission may initiate landmark and historic district designations from the list.

- A.** 2362 Bancroft Way-Trinity United Methodist Church (3/1/99)
- B.** Berkeley High School, Building C, 1920; W. C. Hayes (LE 9/13/99)
- C.** John Galen Howard Power Station, UC Campus (CO 4/3/00)
- D.** H.C. Macaulay Foundry, 811 Carleton Street (4/3/00)
- E.** UC Storage Station, James Plachek, Architect (4/3/00)
- F.** “Kittredge Street Historic District” - 2124 Kittredge Street (Elder House and storefront)
- G.** 2138 Kittredge Street (Fitzpatrick House and storefront), and 2117 Kittredge Street (A.H. Broad House and storefront) (JK 11/5/2001)
- H.** 1842-1878 Euclid Avenue (CO 9-14-07)
- I.** Berkeley High School Campus Historic District (SW 1/3/08)
- J.** 2746 Garber Street (SW 3/5/09)
- K.** 1901 Bonita Avenue (CO 11/16/10)
- L.** 1920 Bonita Avenue (CO 11/16/10)
- M.** 1940 Channing Way (CO 11/16/10)
- N.** 1920 Haste Street (CO 11/16/10)
- O.** 2414 Shattuck Avenue (CO 11/16/10)
- P.** Terminal Place (alley) (CO 11/16/10)
- Q.** 2041 University Avenue (CO 11/16/10)
- R.** 2482-2498 Telegraph Avenue And 2445-2449 Dwight Way (CO 12/7/11)
- S.** 2301-2315 Telegraph Avenue / 2510-2516 Bancroft Way (CO 12/7/11)
- T.** 2328-2346 Telegraph Avenue / 2441-2447 Durant Avenue (CO 12/7/11)
- U.** 2400-2402 Telegraph Avenue / 2486-2498 Channing Way (CO 12/7/11)
- V.** 2410-2422 Telegraph Avenue (CO 12/7/11)
- W.** 3049 Adeline Street (CO 3/12/12)
- X.** “Manoa Historic District”- 2530 [sic] Way, 2524 Dwight Way, 2503 Regent Street, 2509 Regent Street, 2511 Regent Street, 2515 Regent Street, 2517 Regent Street, 2506 Dwight Way, 2502 Dwight Way/2501 Telegraph Avenue, 2512–2516 Regent Street/2525 Telegraph Avenue (CO 3/12/12)
- Y.** 1400 Sixth Street (CO 6/7/13)
- Z.** 1409 Scenic Avenue (CO 9/3/15)
- AA.** 1301 Shattuck Avenue, Live Oak Park (CO 2/2/17)
- BB.** 2750-2770 Marin Avenue, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (LPC 5/4/17)

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- CC.** 2100 Shattuck Avenue-2100 Kala Bagai Way (SF 6/1/17)
- DD.** 741 Cedar Street (CO 7/6/17)
- EE.** 745 Cedar Street (CO 7/6/17)
- FF.** 749 Cedar Street (CO 7/6/17)
- GG.** 2212 Fifth Street (CO 7/6/17; initiation failed 6/6/21)
- HH.** 837 Folger Avenue (CO 7/6/17)
- II.** 1517 Fourth Street (CO 7/6/17)
- JJ.** 808 Gilman Street (CO 7/6/17)
- KK.** 830 Gilman Street (CO 7/6/17)
- LL.** 832 Gilman Street (CO 7/6/17)
- MM.** 836 Gilman Street (CO 7/6/17)
- NN.** 1018 Pardee Street (CO 7/6/17)
- OO.** 1336 Sixth Street (CO 7/6/17)
- PP.** 1345 Sixth Street (CO 7/6/17)
- QQ.** 601 Ashby Avenue (PA 2/1/18)
- RR.** 1013 Pardee (BO 9/6/18)
- SS.** 1940 Haste Street (LPC 10/04/18; upon relocation of historic building)
- TT.** 2222 Fifth Street (LPC 12/6/18)
- UU.** 1631-33 Walnut Street (LPC 7/2/19)
- VV.** 1601 California Street (PA 11/7/19)
- WW.** 2235 Channing Way, 2240 and 2300 Durant Avenue, 2372 Ellsworth Street (LPC 11/5/20)
- XX.** 2501, 2510, 2514, 2530 and 2551 San Pablo Avenue (LPC 4/1/21)
- YY.** 2132-2154 Center Street (LPC 5/4/23)
- ZZ.** 2414 Shattuck Avenue (LPC 9/7/23)
- AAA.** 1306 Third Street (LPC 11/7/2024)

15. **CURRENT LAND USE PROJECTS** – BMC Section 23.404.030(C)

Below are the addresses of projects that seek to demolish buildings (residential or commercial) over 40 years old. Permit applications for properties where full removal is not sought are not individually listed, but may be found online:

<https://berkeleyca.gov/construction-development/land-use-development/zoning-projects>

Projects proposing demolition of buildings greater than forty years old

A. Non-Residential Structures (BMC Section 23.326.070)

1890	Alcatraz Avenue	ZP2024-0183
600	Bancroft Way	ZP2025-0010
2030-2036	Bancroft Way	ZP2024-0079
2942	College Avenue	ZP2022-0136
2298	Durant Avenue	ZP2024-0126
2372	Ellsworth Street	ZP2024-0169
841	Folger Avenue	ZP2025-0056
2100	Milvia Street	ZP2023-0163
1827 and 1899	Oxford Street	ZP2024-0075
2720	San Pablo Avenue	ZP2024-0076
2733-2737	San Pablo Avenue	ZP2023-0090
1663-1687	Shattuck Avenue	ZP2024-0066
1950-1998	Shattuck Avenue	ZP2023-0040

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2420	Shattuck Avenue	ZP2022-0149
2700	Shattuck Avenue	ZP2024-0058
2847	Shattuck Avenue	ZP2024-0077
2920	Shattuck Avenue	ZP2022-0116
2925-2973	Shattuck Avenue	ZP2024-0071
3000	Shattuck Avenue	ZP2022-0046
1581 and 1589	University Avenue	ZP2024-0074
1708 and 1710	University Avenue	ZP2021-0127
1776-1796	University Avenue	ZP2023-0070
2029	University Avenue	ZP2024-0181
2071-2079	University Avenue	ZP2023-0040
2109	Virginia Street	ZP2024-0066

B. Residential Structures

811	Cedar Street	ZP2024-0116
3035	Colby Street	ZP2024-0112
2360	Ellsworth Street	ZP2024-0126
2442	Haste Street	ZP2024-0070
1522	Josephine Street	ZP2025-0014
1136	Keith Avenue	ZP2024-0052
2138	Kittredge Street	ZP2024-0114
1782	University Avenue	ZP2023-0070

16. ADJOURN

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LEGAL NOTICE CONCERNING YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

If you object to a decision by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, 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 Landmarks Preservation Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.
2. You must appeal to the City Council within fifteen (15) days of the date of the action of the Landmarks Preservation Commission.
3. Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6(b), 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 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.
5. 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.
6. 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

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