PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
LAND USE PLANNING DIVISION

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA

Date: Thursday November 19, 2026
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
Gooseberry Room

The Design Review Committee meeting packet is available for review on the City's website, and linked here: https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/boards-committees/design-review-committee

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The Committee currently consists of seven members appointed by the Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB), Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC), and Civic Arts Committee (CAC):

Kimberly Gaffney, Chair, ZAB
Devi Dutta-Choudhury, CAC
Denise Hall-Montgomery, LPC
Lillian Mitchell, Appointed by ZAB
Janet Tam, Appointed by ZAB
Michael Thompson, ZAB
Vacancy, Landscape Architect, Appointed by ZAB

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Correspondence

- **Late Communications** must be submitted ***by 12:00 noon, November 17, 2026.*** Any correspondence received after this deadline will be given to Committee members on the meeting date just prior to the meeting. Correspondence received later, and after the meeting, will be posted to the website following the meeting.
- Members of the public may submit written comments themselves at the meeting. To distribute correspondence at the meeting, please provide 10 copies and submit to the Design Review Committee Secretary. **Please be advised: You are strongly advised to submit written comments *prior* to the meeting date as Committee members may not have an opportunity to read written materials handed out at the meeting.**

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Public Comment and Committee Member Comments

The applicant and or their designee will have 5 to 10 minutes to make a presentation of their project to the Committee. The public is also invited to make a public comment if they wish.

Please be advised that the Committee may limit the number of speakers and the length of time allowed to each speaker (3 minutes is the usual amount of time allowed). The public is also encouraged to submit their comments and / or testimony in writing at which time it will become a part of the public record.

1. ROLL CALL

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT: The Committee 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.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT on Non-Agenda and Information Items (Three minutes per person; five minutes per organization, or at the discretion of the Chairperson)

4. ORDER OF AGENDA Due to the large volume of projects, and the limited amount of time available to hear each project, the Design Review Committee has the right to re-arrange the order of the agenda in order to accommodate the projects that will not require significant time**.**

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2026 DRC Meeting
B. 2027 Meeting Schedule

6. PROJECT REVIEW

A. 1201 SECOND STREET [at Gilman] (DRCP2021-0021): Preliminary Design Review to demolish the existing City of Berkeley Solid Waste and Recycling Transfer Station (SWRTS), including 11 non-residential main buildings/structures, accessory structures, and equipment; and to construct and install buildings, structures, and equipment for a new SWRTS facility. The project consists of two main building clusters with accessory structures, totaling approximately 114,380 square feet of gross floor area, approximately 195,300 square feet of unenclosed and paved area, and approximately 32,200 square feet of landscaped area. **Majority Recommendations.**

7. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS
This is an opportunity for comments either to or from Commissions for which the DRC has liaisons: the Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB), the Civic Arts Commission (CAC), and the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC). Committee members may ask for discussion to be scheduled on a future agenda (per Brown Act, no deliberation or final action may be taken).

8. NEXT MEETING: December 17, 2026

9. ADJOURN

LEGAL NOTICE CONCERNING YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

If you object to a decision by the Design Review Committee, 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 Design Review Committee at, or prior to, the public hearing.
2. You must appeal to the Zoning Adjustments Board within fourteen (14) days of the date of the action of the Design Review Committee.
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.