



**Joint Subcommittee Civic Arts Commission & Housing Advisory
Commission on Affordable Housing for Artists
Friday, March 7, 2025
10:00 – 11:00 AM**

Subcommittee Members:

Subcommittee Chair: Cameron Woo, Civic Arts Commission
Karen Haycox, Housing Advisory Commission
Debbie Potter, Housing Advisory Commission
Sean Vaughn Scott, Civic Arts Commission and Housing Advisory Commission
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Agenda

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of 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 (Vuh-roh-nuh) 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. 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 residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley 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 (Lih-Shawn) Tribe and create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this Land Acknowledgement.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (for items not on the agenda)

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

- a) Status of Draft Ordinance approved by Civic Arts Commission and Housing Advisory Commission
- b) Discussion about culminating report from this Joint Subcommittee to Council

6. COMMUNICATIONS (from the Public for Items not on the Agenda)

- a) Email from Beautiful San Pablo regarding Artist Housing and San Pablo Specific Plan (Attachment 1)

7. ADJOURNMENT

Attachments:

- 1. Email from Beautiful San Pablo regarding Artist Housing and San Pablo Specific Plan

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Lovvorn, Jennifer

From: aimee baldwin
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Hello,

This is Aimee from the community group Beautiful San Pablo (BSP), following up on my offer, from this morning's meeting, to bring info regarding the San Pablo Ave Specific Plan (SPASP) to the Civic Arts Housing Subcommittee next month.

I am happy to share what I know so far, from the standpoint of a community organizer, about the process, apparent city goals, and what our community members have voiced for our vision of what we hope to see for San Pablo and West Berkeley.

We have met Civic Arts Commissioner Cameron Woo at several city meetings, and have been to a couple Civic Arts Commission meetings that were specifically geared towards the formation of the West Berkeley Arts District. Our group BSP has been trying to brainstorm different ways to make San Pablo Ave a welcoming active pedestrian, and hope to see arts integrated into the SPASP.

I could reach out to the head planner of the SPASP, Robert Rivera, to see if he might be able to attend and/or present to the CAC Housing Subcommittee meeting, if you like. I am not sure if he has time/availability.

The Berkeley Public Eye made a recording of the Planning Commission meeting in December, during which Robert Rivera made a presentation of the planning process so far, plus some outline of possible zoning changes. It's a very useful overview of the SPASP. Please share the youtube video with anyone who would like to review it. The section on the SPASP begins around 2:00:30

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ynW83vFV9U8>

I am also interested to see that you are also in the Office of Economic Development?
(listed on the Civic Arts Commission page).

We are equally interested in trying to facilitate a special meeting between business owners on San Pablo, and the OED, in regards to the SPASP.

Does the OED do any kind of regular public meeting like the commission meetings, for community members to sit in on, and learn more?

Thanks,
Aimee Baldwin
Beautiful San Pablo

[My co-founder of Beautiful San Pablo is Meryl Siegal, who runs our group email, and can be reached through beautifulsanpablo@gmail.com]