



Planning and Development
Land Use Division
Design Review Committee


AGENDA

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, April 20, 2023 AT 7:00 PM
NORTH BERKELEY SENIOR CENTER
1901 HEARST AVENUE, GOOSEBERRY ROOM
Berkeley, CA 94704
Wheelchair Accessible

PUBLIC INFORMATION

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*Written comments pertaining to Design Review issues must be submitted by email to the Land Use Planning Division by **5 pm on April 18, 2023** at aburns@cityofberkeley.info. Persons wishing to offer testimony are encouraged to submit their comments in writing. Written or verbal comments must be limited to issues under the scope of the Design Review Ordinance. Written comments will be entered into the public record.*

For Communications information and Legal Notice Concerning Your Legal Rights, please refer to the last page of this Agenda.

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I. ROLL CALL

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS 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. CONTACT: Secretary of the Committee, Anne Burns, (510) 981-7415, aburns@cityofberkeley.info

III. RE-ARRANGEMENT OF AGENDA ORDER

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 a lot of time.

The next Design Review Committee meeting will be held on Thursday May 18, 2023.

IV. PROJECT REVIEW

1. **2920 SHATTUCK AVENUE [At Russell] (DRCP2022-0013): Preliminary Design Review Follow-up** to demolish two existing commercial buildings and construct a density bonus project: a ten-story mixed-use building with 221 dwelling units (22 VLI units), 4,090 square feet of commercial space, and nine parking spaces. ***For Majority Recommendations.***
2. **1598 UNIVERSITY AVENUE [at California] (DRCP2022-0008): Preliminary Design Review** to demolish an existing non-residential structure and construct a 134,409 square-foot, eighth-story mixed-use residential building containing 207 dwelling units (21 Very Low-Income unit) and 5,787 square foot commercial space, with 39 parking spaces and 92 bicycle parking spaces. ***For Committee Decision.***
3. **2147 SAN PABLO AVENUE [at Cowper] (DRCP2022-0011): Preliminary Design Review** to demolish a one-story automotive commercial building and construct a 6-story mixed-use building with 1,873 square feet of retail, 128 Group Living Accommodation (GLA) units including 12 Very Low-Income Units, and 23 ground-floor parking spaces. ***For Committee Decision.***

V. DISCUSSION ITEM

- Bird Safe Ordinance – Presentation of Recent PC Motion / DRC Recommendations

VI. BUSINESS MATTERS

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - A. Minutes from 3/16/23 DRC Meeting
Recommendation: Approve Minutes
- Designation of Subcommittee to Interview Prospective Candidates for DRC Landscape Architect

VII. COMMISSION COMMENTS

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).

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

IX. ADJOURN (by 10:30 pm)

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications to Berkeley boards, commissions or committees are public record and will become part of the City's electronic records, which are accessible through the City's website. **Please note: e-mail addresses, names, addresses, and other contact information are not required, but if included in any communication to a City board, commission or committee, will become part of the public record.** If you do not want your e-mail address or any other contact information to be made public, you may deliver communications via U.S. Postal Service or in person to the secretary of the relevant board, commission or committee. If you do not want your contact information included in the public record, please do not include that information in your communication. Please contact the secretary to the relevant board, commission or committee for further information.

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.