



Planning Commission

**FINAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
June 5, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Location: North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94709

- **ROLL CALL:**

Commissioners Present: Blaine Merker, Jeff Vincent, Christina Oatfield, Elisa Mikiten, Emily Marthinsen, Alfred Twu, Savlan Hauser, and Barnali Ghosh

Commissioner Absent: Chip Moore

Staff Present: Secretary Justin Horner, Clerk Brian Garvey, Zoe Covello, Ashley James, Jamie Albrecht, and Alisa Shen.

- **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.**

The City of Berkeley 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 (Chochen-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.

- **ORDER OF AGENDA:** No changes.

- **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** 1

- **PLANNING STAFF REPORT:**

- City Council approved contract for consultant team for College Ave, Shattuck Ave, and Solano Ave corridors upzoning. Project should start in summer 2024. Goal is to be done by end of 2026.
- Demolition Ordinance is scheduled for June 25 City Council Meeting.
- Two items for next meeting on July 17th: Public Hearing on Keep Innovation in Berkeley and Public Hearing on Technical Edits to Zoning Ordinance package.
- Reminder: June 26th Special Meeting is cancelled.

Information Items:

- Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

Communications:

- General

Late Communications:

- None.

CHAIR REPORT:

- None.

- **COMMITTEE REPORT:** Reports by Commission committees or liaisons. In addition to the items below, additional matters may be reported at the meeting.

- None.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion/Second/Carried (Merker/Hauser) to approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from May 1, 2024.

Ayes: Merker, Vincent, Oatfield, Mikiten, Marthinsen, Twu, and Hauser.

Noes: None. Abstain: Ghosh. Absent: Moore (7-0-1-1)

9. OTHER PLANNING RELATED EVENTS:

- None.

AGENDA ITEMS

10. Discussion: Draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Emergency Services Coordinator Jamie Albrecht presented on the draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). The Commissioners took public comment, asked questions, and provided feedback on the proposed Plan.

Public Comments: 1

11. Discussion: General Plan Update: Disaster Preparedness & Safety, Environmental Justice, and Climate Metrics

Senior Planner Ashley James presented on the status of the general plan update. The Commissioners asked questions and provided feedback on the proposed updates.

Public Comments: 0

Motion/Second/Carried (Mikiten/Ghosh) to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm.

Ayes: Merker, Vincent, Oatfield, Mikiten, Marthinsen, Twu, Hauser, and Ghosh.

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Moore (8-0-0-1)

Members in the public in attendance: 3

Public Speakers: 2

Length of the meeting: 1 hr 20 min



Justin Horner, Planning Commission Secretary