



# LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## ACTION MINUTES

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
LAND USE PLANNING DIVISION

**Date:** Thursday, November 6, 2025  
**Time:** 6:32 PM  
**Place:** 1901 Hearst Avenue, North Berkeley Senior Center

Attendees:

Staff: Allison Riemer, LPC Secretary  
Sarah Price, Principal Planner  
Boshi Fu, Assistant Planner, LPC Clerk

1. **ROLL CALL** (*note: three vacancies*):

Kathleen Crandall  
Steve Finacom  
Luke Leuschner  
Denise Hall Montgomery, Chairperson  
Susan Orbuch  
Paul Schwartz

2. **EX-PARTE COMMUNICATIONS**

3. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

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

Speakers: 1

5. **ORDER OF AGENDA**

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Approval of Action Minutes:**

**Motion:** To adopt the Consent Calendar, including approval of the revised Draft Action Minutes from October 4, 2025, and the continuation of Item 7B. 2845 Woolsey Street. Item 7A was moved to the Action Calendar due to public comments.

**M/S/C:** Leuschner/Crandall

**Vote:** 6-0-0-0

**7. PUBLIC HEARING AND DISCUSSION ITEMS****Mills Act Contracts****A. 21 Mosswood Road – Mills Act Contract application (#LMMA2025-0001) for The Mouser-Parsons House**

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:** Continue consideration of the application to the December 4, 2025, LPC meeting.

**CEQA:** Not subject to review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) “Review for Exemptions.”

**Speakers:** 5

**Motion:** Favorable recommendation to the City Council to enter into a Mills Act Contract with the revised application documents.

**M/S/C:** Crandall/Finacom

**Vote:** 4-1-1-0

Yes: Crandall, Finacom, Orbuch, Leuschner;

No: Schwartz;

Abstain: Montgomery

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

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:** Continue consideration of the application to the November 6, 2025, LPC meeting.

**CEQA:** Not subject to review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) “Review for Exemptions.”

*Continued to the next meeting, December 4, 2025.*

**Landmark Designation****C. 1929 Martin Luther King Jr. Way – Landmark or Structure of Merit Designation (#LMIN2025-0002) for the KPFA Radio Building**

Designation request for a commercial building constructed in 1991 (APN: 057-2059-013-01), 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 make findings as deemed appropriate for final action.

**CEQA:** Section 15308 “Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment.”

**Speakers:** 8

**Motion:** To designate the property as a City Landmark based on its cultural, educational, and historic value as the home of KPFA for nearly half its life, the first listener-supported radio station in the United States and a pioneer of public broadcasting, its location within the Civic Center core, and one of the few postmodern buildings in Berkeley.

Features to be Preserved include:

- The Martin Luther King Jr. Way façade, including the overall composition, arrangement of architectural features, the balcony, and the broadcast speaker
- The original front glass entry doors, to remain transparent, and the postmodern decorative metal grille above
- The exterior cladding of Heath ceramic tiles
- The skylit interior core, including its spatial configuration and massing
- The overall form and massing of the building
- The embossed “KPFA” and “Pacifica” signage on the exterior
- Scuppers on the north façade

**M/S/C:** Finacom/Schwartz

**Vote:** 6-0-0-0

**8. LPC Meeting Calendar for 2026**

Discuss dates for the regular LPC meetings that will occur in calendar year 2026, in accordance with the City’s Commissioners’ Manual.

**Motion:** To approve the draft LPC Meeting Calendar for 2026 with a revision to cancel the January 2026 meeting.

**M/S/C:** Schwartz/ Leuschner

**Vote:** 4-2-0-0

Yes: Crandall, Orbuch, Leuschner, Montgomery;

No: Finacom, Schwartz.

**9. 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.)

**Speakers:** 1

	<b>Members</b>	<b>Established</b>	<b>Annual Expiration</b>
<b>ZAB Design Review Committee</b>	DM	-	-
<b>Berkeley Rose Garden</b>	KC, PS	Mar 2025	Feb 2026
<b>City Projects for Landmarks and Structure of Merit Sites</b>	SF, PS	Mar 2025	Feb 2026
<b>Potential Initiations</b>	SF, SO	Mar 2025	Feb 2026
<b>University of California</b>	PS, SF	Mar 2025	Feb 2026
<b>Landmarks Policies &amp; Procedures/ HRE Scoping Recommendations</b>	SF, LL, DM	July 2025	June 2026
<b>Structures Completed After 1945</b>	SF, LL, DM	Sept 2025	Aug 2026
<b>Mills Act Review</b>	PS, 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**

**11. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**12. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**13. FUTURE COUNCIL CALENDAR ITEMS**

**A. 1619 Walnut Street** – Consent Calendar item re: Mills Act Contract application (#LMMA2025-0002) for Las Casitas Apartments, November 18, 2025

**B. 21 Mosswood Road** – Consent Calendar item re: Mills Act Contract application (#LMMA2025-0001) for The Mouser-Parsons House, date TBD.

**C. 1929 Martin Luther King Jr. Way** – Information Agenda item re: Approval of City Landmark Designation (#LMIN2025-0002) for the KPFA Radio Building, date TBD.

**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)
- 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)**

**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
2298	Durant Avenue	ZP2024-0126
2372	Ellsworth Street	ZP2024-0169
841	Folger Avenue	ZP2025-0056
2720	San Pablo Avenue	ZP2024-0076
2733-2737	San Pablo Avenue	ZP2023-0090
1663-1687	Shattuck Avenue	ZP2024-0066
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

**B. Residential Structures**

3035	Colby Street	ZP2024-0112
2360	Ellsworth Street	ZP2024-0126
1522	Josephine Street	ZP2025-0014
1136	Keith Avenue	ZP2024-0052
1827 and 1899	Oxford Street	ZP2024-0075
2614	Telegraph Avenue	ZP2024-0027
1782	University Avenue	ZP2023-0070

**16. ADJOURN – 9:55 PM**

**Motion:** Adjourn.

**M/S/C:** Crandall/Orbuch

**Vote:** 5-0-0-1

Yes: Crandall, Finacom, Orbuch, Leuschner, Montgomery;

Absent: Schwartz (left at 9:45 PM).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Price', enclosed within a red rectangular border.

Sarah Price, Principal Planner  
Interim-Secretary of the Landmarks Preservation Commission