



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
LAND USE PLANNING DIVISION

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

Date: Thursday, October 1, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: 1901 Hearst Avenue, North Berkeley Senior Center

Attendees: 10 (7 in person, 3 on Zoom)

Staff: Allison Riemer, LPC Secretary
Samella Stover, Assistant Planner/LPC Clerk
Marytonae Sanchez, Assistant Planner
Vicky Schlepp, Associate Planner

1. ROLL CALL

Sophie Schnietz
Erik Anderson
Theo Gordon
Kathleen Crandall
Steve Finacom
Paul Schwartz
Ellie Greene
Denise Montgomery, Vice-Chairperson

Susan Orbuch – *Leave of Absence*

2. EX-PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT on Non-Agenda and Information Items

Speakers: 0

5. ORDER OF AGENDA

No proposed changes

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Action Minutes: Draft Action Minutes for the September 3, 2026 meeting.

Motion: Approve the consent calendar.

M/S/C: Gordon/Greene

Vote: 6-0-2-0 (Yes-No-Abstain-Absent)

Abstain: Anderson, Crandall.

7. PUBLIC HEARING AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

7A. 2845 Woolsey Street – Structural Alteration Permit (#LMSAP2026-0003) for the Norton Family House, continued from September 3, 2026

Conduct a public hearing and consider a request to replace the non-original vinyl windows; replace windows and door trim in-kind; repair missing and damaged corbels, modillions, and deteriorated wood planter boxes; remove the wooden trim and cornice line on the north elevation; deconstruct the non-original porch and restore the entry porch, second-story balcony, and original door and sidelights.

Recommendation: Approve the Structural Alteration Permit pursuant to BMC Section 3.24.260.

CEQA: The project is Categorically Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15331 for Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation.

Speakers: 0

Motion: Approve with the revised plans.

M/S/C: Finacom/Montgomery

Vote: 7-0-0-1 (Yes-No-Abstain-Absent)

Absent: Recusal for Schnietz as she lives within 500 feet.

7B. Rose Walk – Structural Alteration Permit (#LMSAP2026-0005) for the Rose Walk Pedestrian Walkway

Consider a request to reconstruct/repair segments of retaining walls and concrete pathway material along Rose Walk between Euclid Avenue and Le Roy Avenue.

Recommendation: Approve the Structural Alteration Permit pursuant to BMC Section 3.24.260.

CEQA: The project is Categorically Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15331 for Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation.

Speakers: 2

Motion: Approve, with a Condition of Approval to require the City Project Manager to meet with the City Projects for Landmarks and Structure of Merit Sites Subcommittee to review the color and finish of the walls and path.

M/S/C: Greene/Schwartz

Vote: 8-0-0-0 (Yes-No-Abstain-Absent)

7C. Hilgard Avenue & La Loma Avenue – Structural Alteration Permit (#LMSAP2026-0006) for Daley's Scenic Park Tract

Consider a request to reconstruct/repair segments of retaining walls within the Daley's Scenic Park Tract near 2692 Hilgard Avenue and 1644 La Loma Avenue. Work near Hilgard Avenue

was partially completed in 2025 and revisions are proposed to update previously completed work.

Recommendation: Approve the Structural Alteration Permit pursuant to BMC Section 3.24.260.

CEQA: The project is Categorically Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15331 for Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation.

Speakers: 1

Motion: Approve.

M/S/C: Gordon/Crandall

Vote: 8-0-0-0 (Yes-No-Abstain-Absent)

7D. 2529 Telegraph Avenue – Demolition Referral (#ZP2026-0008)

Consider the proposal to demolish a one-story commercial building constructed in 1959, in accordance with BMC Section 23.326.070(C).

Recommendation: Consider the proposal and take no action.

CEQA: The project is Categorically Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 for Existing Facilities.

No action taken.

8. 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.)

	Members	Established	Annual Expiration
ZAB Design Review Committee	DM	-	-
Berkeley Rose Garden	KC, PS	Feb 2026	Jan 2027
City Projects for Landmarks and Structure of Merit Sites	SF, PS, SS	Feb 2026	Jan 2027
Potential Initiations	SF, SO	Feb 2026	Jan 2027
University of California	PS, SF	Feb 2026	Jan 2027
Landmarks Policies & Procedures/ HRE Scoping Recommendations	SF, DM	June 2026	May 2027
Structures Completed After 1945	SF, DM	Sept 2026	Aug 2027
Mills Act	PS, SF, SO	June 2026	May 2027
LPO Amendments	DM, SF, SO	Feb 2026	Jan 2027
2455 Telegraph Avenue Design Review	SF, EG, TG, DM	June 2026	May 2027

Commissioner Schnietz was added to the City Projects for Landmarks and Structure of Merit Sites Subcommittee.

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**

- A. Memorandum – Changes to the Demolition Referral Process for SB 330 Vested Housing Development Projects

13. **FUTURE COUNCIL CALENDAR ITEMS – tentative schedule**

- A. **Elmwood Commercial Historic District Appeal** – Council Action Calendar item: Appeal of the denial of Landmark Initiation (#LMIN2026-0001) for the Elmwood Commercial Historic District, November 12, 2026

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)
- BBB. 1725 Shattuck Avenue (LPC 12/04/2025)
- CCC. 1750 Walnut Street (LPC 12/04/2025)

15. CURRENT LAND USE PROJECTS – BMC Section 23.404.030(C)

Below are the addresses of projects that seek to demolish buildings (residential or commercial) over 40 years old. Permit applications for properties where full removal is not sought are not individually listed, but may be found online:

<https://berkeleyca.gov/construction-development/land-use-development/zoning-projects>

A. Non-Residential Structures (BMC Section 23.326.070)

600	Bancroft Way	ZP2025-0010
2030-2036	Bancroft Way	ZP2024-0079
2298	Durant Avenue	ZP2024-0126
1130	Oxford Street	ZP2026-0056
2330	Prince Street	ZP2026-0040
2720	San Pablo Avenue	ZP2024-0076

2733-2737	San Pablo Avenue	ZP2023-0090
2420	Shattuck Avenue	ZP2022-0149
2700	Shattuck Avenue	ZP2024-0058
2847	Shattuck Avenue	ZP2024-0077
2920	Shattuck Avenue	ZP2024-0077
2925-2973	Shattuck Avenue	ZP2024-0071
3000	Shattuck Avenue	ZP2022-0046
2529	Telegraph Avenue	ZP2026-0008
701	University Avenue	ZP2026-0060
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

B. Residential Structures

2614	Telegraph Avenue	ZP2024-0027
1782	University Avenue	ZP2023-0070

16. ADJOURN – 8:48 P.M.

Motion: Adjourn

M/S/C: Crandall/Greene

Vote: 8-0-0-0 (Yes-No-Abstain-Absent)