

BNC
October Meeting
Saturday – October 21, 2017
10:00am – 12:00 Noon

Art House Gallery
2905 Shattuck Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94705

Meeting Minutes

Present: Gianna Ranuzzi, Jacquelyn McCormick, Carol Stone, Trudy Washburn, Shirley Dean, Merrilie Mitchell, James McFadden, David Ushijima, Wanda Warkentin, Harold Adler, Jurgen Aust, Steve Martinot, Susan Meyer, Willie Phillips, Igor Tregub, Toni Mester, Dean Metzger.

Impacts UC has on our city. U of M report on what they do for Ann Arbor – Dean

1. Insist that the next UC Berkeley LRDP be made public and debated before Council before the City signs it.
2. Put together a report of our own on the impacts UC Berkeley has on our neighborhoods.
3. Put together a list of points BNC wishes to have discussed for the LRDP.
 - a. What exists today
 - b. Partner with students
 - c. Amending the existing EIR for issues in the current LRDP
 - d. What has UC Berkeley paid the city for infrastructure in the past?
 - e. What does State law allow the City to do?
 - f. Can any City alternate plan be enforced?
 - g. What is the effect of UC Berkeley buying and then leasing property have on our property taxes?
 - h. Can any limits be put on a new UC Berkeley LRDP?

BNC will provide as much information as possible with the hope that everyone will send a letter to the Mayor and City Council letting them know about our concerns.

**Discuss meeting with consultant for search for a new Planning Director.
Need many letters to the City Manager – Shirley Dean**

The selection of our next Director of Planning is very important to our neighborhoods. BNC has sent a letter to the City manager concerning the public meeting with the consultant (The Hawkins Company) hired to recruit the next Director. BNC is asking that everyone send a letter that asks that the neighborhoods be part of the selection process.

Report on ZAB action on 1155 Hearst St. project. – Rain or Steve

Steve and Igor reported that ZAB sent the project back by putting the project on the continued calendar for future consideration with many requirements. Issues was the complete change in the plans presented to ZAB, loss of six rent controlled units, environmental issues, project scale and neighborhood detriments.

North Berkeley hills fire, Ajax lane emergency exit route issues and neighborhood notification of the fire – Trudy Washburn

Trudy received a letter from Farid Javandel (Manager of transportation) and emails from David Brannigan (Special Operations Chief, Berkeley Fire Department) which showed a total lack of understanding or caring of her concerns. With the North Bay fires destroying entire neighborhoods it is hard to understand how these two public employees could ignore Trudy's concerns and request for action. BNC will send a letter to the City Manager, Mayor and City Council asking that action be taken against these two employees.

Informational Items

1. Igor reports that ZAB is making public ZABs draft agendas two weeks early. It can be found on the cities website. Look under Board and Commissions, the go to Z.
2. Perhaps invite the new City attorney to a BNC meeting.
3. Perhaps put together a Density Bonus subcommittee
4. Sierra Club elections, become a member for \$15 and vote for neighborhood candidates.
5. LWV – Environmental Concerns meeting November 13, 2017. Check LWV website for topic, location and speaker.

Next meeting date and place:
Saturday – November 11, 2017
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