

BNC  
March Meeting  
Saturday – May 5, 2018  
10:00am – 12:00 Noon

Art House Gallery  
2905 Shattuck Ave.  
Berkeley, CA 94705

**Minutes**

**Present:** Kelly Hammargren, Erin Diehm, Steve Medbery, Steve Martinet, Susan Meyer, Merly Siegal, Jacquelyn McCormick, Merrillie Mitchell, Harold Adler, Dean Metzger

10:15 – 10:45 UCB LRDP suit – Filed by Save Berkeley’s Neighborhoods  
Filed April 27, 2018

**Discussed lawsuit and why it was necessary. Encouraged everyone to contribute.**

11:00 – 11:15 New development projects – finding ways to comprise – Dean

**The discussion centered around changing BNC’s approach to new development.**

- 1). Change discussion to how new development should be planned with the issues they cause for the entire city. How is the infrastructure affected, does it support improvements in the ecosystem, is the open space green and does the public have access?**
- 2). Meet with Timothy Burroughs to discuss how the above should be applied to new development projects.**
- 3). Go to ZAB meetings and speak at the beginning – non-business speaking time.**
- 4). What is the definition of “in-fill”?**
- 5). Green space to include habitat for birds and animals.**
- 6). Need to establish open space standards.**
- 7). Shouldn’t a storm water permit be required to ensure run off to the Bay is minimized or eliminated?**
- 8). Represent BNC as the “Green Urban” group.**

11:15 – 11:45 Continue discussion and action on participating in City government.

Notes from last meeting:

- a). The 1-minute speaking rule needs to be changes to a minimum of two or three minutes.  
**Kelly Hammargren to file OPO compliant. Compliant will request a review of the two minute rule and ask commission to find ways to improve it.**
- b). Agenda neighborhood issues should be moved back to the affected neighborhood, so they can decide what is best for them.
- c). E-mails to the city council are public records so they should be sent to preserve the publics input.
- d). 5 o’clock meeting have no attendance. Starting to early for the public to attend. Meetings need to end at 10:00pm.
- e). The perceived housing crisis has given the council reason to ignore the neighborhoods.
- f). The Commission and Board meeting minutes are of little use. Action minutes do not give the

public or the council information.

**Kelly Hammargren and Meryl Siegal will file a complaint with the OPC that requests changing the commissions and boards meeting action minutes to and more informative form.**

11:30 – 11:55 District 15 Forum for Candidates. – Meryl

**Discussion was about who the candidates are and what they represent. It is to late for BNC to organize a forum for the primary election.  
BNC will organize a forum for the fall elections.**

11:55 – 12:00 Miscellaneous discussion.

Meeting dates for 2018:

June 2, 2018

July 7, 2018

August 4, 2018

September 1, 2018

October 6, 2018

November 3, 2018

December 1, 2018

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Next meeting date and place:

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**Please bring \$5.00 to contribute to the Art House gallery for providing the meeting place.**