

BNC
November Meeting
Saturday – February 9, 2019
10:00 am – 12:00 Noon

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Berkeley Public Library
1901 Russell St.
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Agenda

10:15 – 10:30 Scooter Sharing program in Berkeley – Miller Nuttle (Lyft – applying for a license, getting public input. Dean has his contact info). Justin (Ford GoBike)

City will select 3 operators 200 scooters each, up to 400 later.

1. What kind of scooters? – Motorized, designed for shared use
2. Parking concerns – Riders must go through multi-screen conditions: Ride in bike lane, wear helmet, yield to pedestrians, park responsibly.
3. Safety, including night riding – these have lights
4. Speed can it have 2 speeds? – capped at 15 miles/hr
5. Collisions with pedestrians, bikes
6. Liability (rider, operator, city?) – Operator has insurance (\$1M/accident?)
7. Consequence for breaking the rules – they are looking into revoking people's account.

Frontage road garbage (Jacqueline) – It's CalTrans property. They are supposed to be out the first Monday of the month. City will pick up the trash on city property, call 311 to report. City asking governor to declare a state of emergency re: homelessness and get CalTrans to make this a priority

10:30 – 10:40 Appeal of Hearst Street project to City Council - Tuesday Jan 29th – Pam Ormsby
The project was remanded back to ZAB mainly on the basis of the flooding issues, the presence of Strawberry Creek, and the rent controlled units not being guaranteed.

10:40 – 11:00 Appeal of 2190 Shattuck Ave. Project Report– Shirley Dean
The appeal was denied (6:3 vote) and the project will go through, 185 ft, 18 stories. This is the 3rd of the 3 tall buildings allowed downtown. The view is on the National Registry of Historic Places. The council did not consider the option of lowering the building. ASUC (in large numbers) came to support the building. UC does not guarantee housing to freshmen any more. Next is the "missing middle", building ADUs. There is new State Density Bonus being proposed. (was discussed in JSISHL and will be on Planning Commission next month).

1. There are 3,754 vacant residential units in the city per Community Human Welfare Commission report, but the City has never gotten a list of the addresses. Berkeley has exceeded their ABAG goal of market rate housing (by 200%). The census will list vacant units. Remember that there is always a natural
2. Students have no understanding of their best interests
3. Rent board only has information on rent-controlled units.

4. Planners should have gotten the alternatives. If they take off the top 6 stories, the City will lose \$1.25M. This will only pay for 1.6 units in Berkeley Way.
5. Community Benefits – labor agreement (but no guarantee of hiring local) and Community Room that may now be “for rent”. This is not enough for what the community is losing.

Next steps: Appellants are keeping all options open and trying to mobilize support.

CENA is having a meeting Feb 25th in Garden Room at Clark Kerr Campus about CASA

11.00 – 11:15 South Berkeley Development – South Berkeley neighborhood – Janis Battles

1. Cooperative Credit Union is soliciting input on what to build on their site
2. Berkeley Flea Market – there has been mis-management of the flea market in the past and vendors have not been involved in any decision making. They were just notified that the flea market was to close for 2 months Feb 1.
3. If the credit union building goes up to 6 stories, BART can build 2-3 stories higher.
4. Mountain View had a meeting about building high density housing on transit. Buildings ½ mile from the edge of the property line set the base height. For North Berkeley BART, this includes University Ave.
5. Need a way to get AFFORDABLE Housing.

11:15– 11:45 BNC Forum – February 23rd. – Dean

1. 10-1 at San Pablo Park Rec Center
2. \$82/hour plus deposit. We have money for snacks.
3. This will be a question and answer period with the Mayor and Planning Director. May start with the questions sent after the last Forum. Need to set some themes, speak in plain language.
4. Need a good microphone system
5. Need good advertising, send out the information to all neighborhood groups.
6. Christine Swartz will film it.
7. Need to send out information after the meeting to highlight accomplishments.
8. Request for people to bring finger food. David Ushijima will bring the coffee. Janis will bring fruit.

11:45 – 12:00 Next Joint Subcommittee on Implementation of State Housing Laws (JSISHL) – January meeting report - David 17th. Joint Subcommittee Implementation of State Housing Laws.

Three main issues being covered: Sunlight, view and density. Create an objective standard. Meetings are at 7 or 7:30, location changes. David will send out the information to Dean to send to all.

Density Standard May 22
 Solar access Sept 25
 View in October 23

Adjourn

Meeting dates for 2019:

March 9, 2019 – Chair will not be available for this meeting

April 13, 2019

May 11, 2019

June 8, 2019

July 13, 2019

August 10, 2019

September 14, 2019

October 12, 2019

November 9, 2019

December 14, 2019