

BNC eNews, Issue 10, June 2014

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It's hard to imagine but with this issue, our first-year anniversary is coming up soon! In the ten issues that BNC has published, we've carried the message of uniting neighborhoods so that neighborhoods will have a stronger voice in City decision-making. The Good News is that people are reading our eNEWS and on June 7, 2014 at our Neighborhood Preservation Forum we began the process of mapping out the specific things that need to be done to preserve neighborhoods. The Bad News is there is so much that needs to be done and we need *your participation*.

This is what we all need to do **now**...

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1. **Spread the Neighborhood News!**

Persuade just one more person to receive our eNEWS by sending an e-mail to bnc50@berkeleyneighborhoodscouncil.com and enter "subscribe" in the subject line. Then, please forward this to your own neighborhood and personal e-mail lists, and include this same request regarding forwarding. More readers are essential to achieving our goal of a strong neighborhood voice!

2. **Attend BNCs next meeting: Saturday, July 19th, 10:00 am to Noon, Art House Gallery, 2905 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley!**

BNC will discuss the list of actions that resulted from the June 7th, Neighborhood Preservation Forum. That list could be decreased, increased or refined. Don't miss being a part of determining what needs to be done to preserve *your* neighborhood.

There are lots of things going on in Berkeley right now, but we are so pumped up by what was said at the June 7th Neighborhood Preservation Forum that we are dedicating the *whole June eNEWS to just that one single topic*. There is plenty for *every neighborhood in Berkeley* to think about as we begin the conversation about where we go from here.

So, in this issue...

[What We're Thinking About](#)



The Neighborhood

Preservation Forum Audience

Read all about what our panelists said at the Neighborhood Preservation Forum and the specific actions that were put on the table:

1. Steve Finacom, Former President, Berkeley Historical Society: A brief look at how neighborhood activism resulted in a better Berkeley for all.
2. David Shiver, Analyst: Density, what it is, how it's calculated and where Berkeley is going.
3. Patrick Sheahan, Architect, Planning Commissioner: The consideration of open space, light, air, view, and privacy in built and proposed developments. Are we planning comprehensively or piecemealing it?
4. Sophie Hahn, Zoning Adjustments Board Member: Understanding the required Detriment Finding — what it is, and should it be changed.
5. Austene Hall, President, Landmarks Preservation Commission: The 40-year old Landmarks Preservation Ordinance has been repeatedly attacked and survived. It needs our help again.
6. Shirley Dean, Former Mayor: How Berkeley is changing and why we need to change how our budget and work with UC to lessen the impacts of tax exempt properties.
7. **The List:** The ideas suggested by our panellists and participants at the Neighborhood Preservation Forum. This is a first Draft that awaits *your* further comment on July 19th . See you there.....

BNC really wants to hear from you on how we can improve the eNEWS. If you have any corrections, comments, want to submit an article or letter, make a nomination, have any kind of question, or whatever, please e-mail us at newsletter@berkeleyneighborhoodscouncil.com.

