



LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

ACTION MINUTES

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
LAND USE PLANNING DIVISION

Date: Thursday, October 1, 2020
Time: 7:03 PM
Place: On-Line (No Physical Location)
Attendees: 39

1. **ROLL CALL:**

Abranches Da Silva
Adams
Allen
Enchill
Finacom
Johnson
Montgomery
Schwartz

Crandall - Absent

2. **EX-PARTE COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Commissioner Allen disclosed that he spoke with Councilmember Davila's husband to let them know that designation consideration of the Borge building at 2136 San Pablo Avenue would be on the October LPC agenda.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT on Non-Agenda and Information Items**

Speakers: 3

4. **AGENDA CHANGES**

A. **Consent Calendar:** Adopt a Consent Calendar with the recommended action for Agenda Item 7.

Motion: To adopt a Consent Calendar with the recommended action for Agenda Item 7.

M/S/C: Finacom/Montgomery

Vote: 8-0-0-1

B. **Other changes**

None.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. **Berkeley's Civic Center Vision and Implementation Plan****

Refer to the September 22, 2020 City Council report and receive a brief presentation from City staff on the status of the Plan and public process.

** INDICATES THAT THE LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECEIVED DOCUMENTS (NOTICES OF DECISION, STAFF REPORTS, APPLICATION MATERIALS OR CORRESPONDENCE) AS PART OF THE PACKET THAT WAS DELIVERED PRIOR TO THIS MEETING.

Speakers: 4

Motion: To place this item on future meeting agendas as needed; to draft a letter to City Council (1) endorsing additional funds for certain aspects of Council's adopted report as well as for interior building rehabilitation, (2) prioritizing updated studies to restore the fountain, and (3) recommending the adopted report's list of next steps to ensure safety of City Hall, Veterans Memorial Buildings.

M/S/C: Finacom/Adams

Vote: 6-1-1-1

Yes: Adams, Enchill, Finacom, Johnson, Montgomery, Schwartz; No: Allen; Abstain: Abranches Da Silva; Absent: Crandall.

6. 1 Orchard Lane – Landmarks or Structure of Merit (#LMIN2020-0006) designation for the Steilberg House**

Open the public hearing and consider a request to grant designation status to a residential property in the Panoramic Hill District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, in accordance with BMC Section 3.24.130.

Speakers: 3

Motion: To continue the public hearing and ask staff to return with a completed Landmark application form.

M/S/C: Finacom/Schwartz

Vote: 8-0-0-1

7. 2939 Dwight Way – Landmarks or Structure of Merit (#LMIN2020-0007) designation for the Smythe House**

Open the public hearing and then continue consideration of a request to grant designation status to a residential property, in accordance with BMC Section 3.24.130.

8. 2136 San Pablo Avenue – Demolition Referral (Use Permit #ZP2019-0179)**

Consider a request to demolish a non-residential building, which is more than 40 years old, in accordance with BMC Section 23C.08.050.

9. 2136 San Pablo Avenue – Landmarks or Structure of Merit (#LMIN2020-0004) designation for the Borg Building**

Open the public hearing, hold a joint discussion of Item 8, and consider a request to grant designation status to a non-residential property in accordance with BMC Section 3.24.130.

Speakers: 4

Motion: To designate the subject property as a City of Berkeley landmark and adopt draft findings for approval.

M/S/C: Finacom/Enchill

Vote: 5-0-3-1

Yes: Abranches Da Silva, Adams, Allen, Enchill, Finacom; No: none; Abstain: Johnson, Montgomery, Schwartz; Absent: Crandall.

10. 2210 Harold Way – Demolition Referral (Use Permit #ZP2020-0011)**

Consider a request to demolish a non-residential building, which is more than 40 years old, in accordance with BMC Section 23C.08.050.

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Speakers: 1

Took no action.

11. 1325 Arch Street – Schneider House**

Refer to a correspondence from Commissioners Finacom and Schwartz, and consider their request to initiate a residential property for Landmark or Structure of Merit designation consideration, in accordance with BMC Section 3.24.120.

Motion: To initiate designation consideration, pending receipt of a Landmark application.

M/S/C: Schwartz/Finacom

Vote: 7-0-1-1

Yes: Adams, Allen, Enchill, Finacom, Johnson, Montgomery, Schwartz; No: none; Abstain: Abranches Da Silva; Absent: Crandall.

12. AD HOC Subcommittees and Liaison Comments

13. ACTION: Approval of Action Minutes**

Draft September 3, 2020 Action Minutes

Motion: To approve draft September 3, 2020 action minutes with an edit to the language of Finacom’s motion for Agenda Item #5.

M/S/C: Finacom/Abranches Da Silva

Vote: 7-0-1-1

Yes: Abranches Da Silva, Adams, Allen, Enchill, Finacom, Johnson, Montgomery; No: none; Abstain: Schwartz; Absent: Crandall.

14. INFORMATION REPORTS

15. CORRESPONDENCE

16. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

17. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

18. FUTURE COUNCIL CALENDAR ITEMS

19. POTENTIAL INITIATIONS

20. CURRENT LAND USE PROJECTS (BMC SECTION 23B.24.030.B)

21. ADJOURN – 10:48 PM

Motion: To adjourn.

M/S/C: Allen/Johnson

Vote: 7-1-0-1

Yes: Abranches Da Silva, Adams, Allen, Enchill, Finacom, Johnson, Montgomery; No: Schwartz; Abstain: none; Absent: Crandall.

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