

INFORMATION CALENDAR July 11, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission

Submitted by: Charles Enchill, LPC Chairperson

Subject: Annual Report on Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) Actions

INTRODUCTION

LPC has prepared a report on its activities during the period June 2022 through May 2023; see Attachment 1, "Annual Report on Landmarks Preservation Commission Actions." Reports on the Commission's activities are required on an annual basis, in accordance with Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 3.24.090 - *Annual Report Required*.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On June 1, 2023, the Commission voted to approve the attached report and to forward it to City Council. Vote: 8-0-0-1; Yes: Adams, Crandall, Enchill, Finacom, Linvill, Montgomery, Schwartz, Twu; No: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Leuschner.

BACKGROUND

Staff prepared a draft report summarizing LPC's actions and then presented it for the Commission's consideration at the meetings on May 4 and June 1, 2023. The Commission received the report favorably and voted to adopt it and to forward it to City Council in accordance with the BMC requirement.

The Commission held a total of 11 meetings during this reporting period. In March of this year, the Commission seamlessly returned to in-person meetings.

Among numerous accomplishments, the Commission:

- Designated one property as Structure of Merit.
- Granted 12 Structural Alteration Permits for existing properties on the City's register of historic properties.
- Recommended that City Council enter into Mills Act tax reduction contracts for the rehabilitation to two private residences.
- Considered 14 demolition referrals from the Zoning Adjustments Board.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

Historic preservation practices encourage the adaptive re-use and rehabilitation of cultural resources within the City. The rehabilitation of these resources, rather than their removal, achieves construction and demolition waste diversion, and promotes investment in existing urban centers.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

The LPC will continue to submit an annual report on its activities in accordance with the BMC requirement.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this reporting activity.

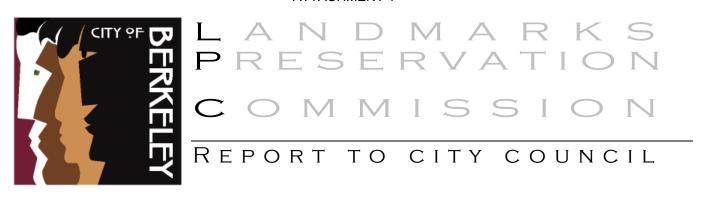
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Attachments:

1: Annual Report of Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) Activities

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Annual Report on Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) Actions

Reporting Period: June 2022 through May 2023 Due Date: June 30, 2023

Presented to City Council
By the LPC Secretary
On behalf of the LPC Chairperson and the Commission
In accordance with Berkeley Municipal Code Section 3.24.090

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Part 1: Introduction

In accordance with Berkeley Municipal Code Section 3.24.090, the LPC shall report its actions to City Council on an annual basis. The report must arrive not later than June 30 of each year.

Herein City Council will find summaries of all LPC activities for the current reporting period. The summary lists are arranged in categories reflecting LPC's compulsory duties, such as public meetings and quasi-judicial reviews, as well as other efforts that further cultural resource preservation in Berkeley.

Part 2: LPC Meetings Held

Meeting Body	Date	
	June 2, 2022 [*]	
	August 4, 2022*	
	September 1, 2022*	
	October 6, 2022*	
Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC)	November 3, 2022*	
	December 1, 2022*	
	January 5, 2023*	
	February 2, 2023*	
	March 2, 2023	
	March 30, 2023	
	May 4, 2023	
LPC Ad Hoc Subcommittee: City Projects on City LM, SOM or District Sites	November 8, 2022	
	February 8 & 10, 2023	

Held via video conference in accordance with Government Code Section 54953 (e) and the state-declared emergency.

Part 3: LPC Regulatory Actions

Activity	Property Address	Application Number	Action Date	
Landmark & Structure of Merit Designations	2119 Marin Avenue	#LMIN2022-0002	September 1, 2022	
BMC Section 3.24.150	60 Panoramic Way #LMIN2023-0001		May 4, 2023	
	2200-block of Piedmont Avenue	#LMSAP2019-0009	luna 2, 2022	
	2733 Buena Vista Way	#LMSA2022-0004	June 2, 2022	
	2065 Kittredge Street	#LMSAP2021-0004	June 2, August 4, 2022	
	1325 Arch Street	#LMSAP2022-0007	August 4, 2022	
	2081 Center Street	#LMSAP2022-0006	August 4, October 10, 2022	
Structural Alteration	1960 San Antonio Avenue	#LMSAP2022-0005	August 4, 2022 & March 3, 2023	
Permits	2109 Kala Bagai Way	#LMSAP2022-0008	October 6, 2022	
BMC Section 3.24.240	1581 Le Roy Avenue	#LMSAP2022-0009	Nevember 2, 2022	
	1767 Alcatraz Avenue	#LMSAP2022-0010	November 3, 2022	
	2113-2115 Kittredge Street	#LMSAP2022-0011	December 1, 2022	
	1325 Arch Street	#LMSAP2022-0013	January 5, 2023	
	1919 Addison Street	#LMSAP2022-0010	February 2 & March 2, 2023	
	1915 Fourth Street	#LMSAP2022-0014	February 2, 2023	
	0 Center Street – Civic Center Park	#LMSAP2023-0001	March 30, 2023	
	1650 Shattuck Avenue	#ZP2020-0022	June 2, August 4, 2022	
	742 Grayson Street	#ZP2021-0161	June 2, 2022	
	1820-1828 San Pablo Avenue	#ZP2021-0186		
	2403-2407 San Pablo Avenue	#ZP2021-0220	August 4, 2022	
	1752 Shattuck Avenue	#ZP2022-0011	September 1, 2022	
Use Permit Demolition	2555 College Avenue	#ZP2022-0019	November 3, 2022	
	2720 Hillegass Avenue	#ZP2022-0095		
Referrals	1652-1658 University Avenue	#ZP2022-0110	January 5, 2023	
BMC 23C.08.050	2900-2920 Shattuck Avenue	#ZP2022-0116		
	1548 University Avenue	#ZP2022-0099	February 2, 2023	
	1598 University Avenue	#ZP2022-0099		
	2800 Telegraph Avenue	#ZP2022-0107	March 3, 2023	
	3030 Telegraph Avenue	#ZP2022-0170	March 30, 2023	
	2132-2154 Center Street	#ZP2022-0135	March 30 & May 4, 2023	

Activity	Property Address	Application Number	Action Date
Mill Act Contract Applications City Council Resolution 59,355	2523 Piedmont Avenue	#LMMA2022-0001	August 4, 2022
	2119 Marin Avenue	#LMMA2022-0002	September 1, October 6, 2022
Design Review Referrals BMC 23E.12.020.B	None		
National Preservation Act Section 106 Referrals	None		

Part 4: LPC Agenda Discussions Held

Topic	Discussion	Outcome	Date(s)
Toverii Tuppa Building – 1819 Tenth Street	Received a correspondence from a concerned party about the poor condition of the building and roof.	Provided direction and advice to interested parties.	September 1 and October 10, 2022
Land Acknowledgement Practice	Discussed the October 21, 2022 memorandum on the Land Acknowledgement Statement Resolution from the City Council, and considered including the Land Acknowledgement in LPC meeting practices.	Adopted the practice.	December 1, 2022 and January 5, 2023
Request to Initiate City Landmark or Structure of Merit Designation for 910 Indian Rock Avenue	Consider the information presented by nearby residents.		
Request to Initiate City Landmark or Structure of Merit Designation for 2531 Ridge Road	Consider the information presented by local historian.	Pending	May 4, 2023
Berkeley Civic Center Vision & Implementation Plan	Consider drafting a Correspondence to City Council.		

Part 5: LPC Agenda Presentations Received

Topic	Presenter	Date
Longfellow School Modernization Project – 1500 Derby Street	Berkeley Unified School District consultant team provided information and solicited feedback on conceptual plans for a K-12 facilities improvement project.	August 4, 2022
Turtle Island Monument Conceptual Design	Parks, Recreation & Waterfront staff presented the conceptual design for the proposed installation of commemorative artwork at the Civic Center Park Fountain (prior to formal SAP submittal).	December 1, 2022
Pacific Steel Casting Zoning & General Plan Amendments & Environmental Impact Report Scoping	Land Use Planning staff presented information about the City's consideration of new zoning standards and General Plan amendments for an industrial neighborhood in West Berkeley.	February 2, 2023
Hopkins Corridor Improvements Project	Public Works Transportation staff presented information and solicited comments about a pending pedestrian and cycling improvement plan for the City right-of-way.	March 30, 2023