

DECEMBER 9, 2003

Date:

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Dona Spring

Subject: FUNDING FOR WALNUT SQUARE MUSICAL EVENTS

RECOMMENDATION: that the City Council allow \$2500 of unspent funds from the North Shattuck Walnut Square music events 2002--2003 last year's allocation to be rolled over to the 2003--2004 budget this year's allocation.

BACKGROUND: The 2002-2003 City of Berkeley budget had a \$5,000 budget allocation for musical events in Walnut Square and only \$2500 of this allocation was spent. The previous City Manager had agreed to roll the remaining funding over to the current fiscal year and the Walnut Square merchants were told that they could count on this funding in the coming year. The current situation now is that Council must approve any rollover funds from the last fiscal year to this one. The Walnut Square merchants and the Berkeley residents have greatly enjoyed classical and jazz musical events in Walnut Square. The merchants have produced a newsletter advertising their businesses and fun events (such as musical concerts) and distributed this newsletter in the North Berkeley area. \$2500 will pay for six to eight musical events. The funding is distributed to the Walnut Merchant Association through the city's Office of Economic Development.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: \$2500 from unspent funds in the 2002 through 2003 fiscal budget.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

12-10-02

Date:

To: Honorable Mayor and
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Subject: SIDEWALK CURB CUTS

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council adopt a policy and resolution that all newly constructed sidewalk curb cuts be located within the marked cross walks and that the City Manager prepare a plan to ensure that this policy is implemented in the future.

BACKGROUND: In 2000, the Pedestrian Safety Taskforce met with former traffic engineer Chuck Deleuw. The topic of the meeting was the importance for wheelchair users' safety to have the sidewalk curb cuts aligned within the crosswalks. In many locations in Berkeley, the curb cuts are outside of the cross walks. The compromise agreed upon was that all newly constructed curb cuts would be "double ramped" so that the curb cut would be within the cross walks for both streets. Unfortunately, this policy has not been carried out with the newly constructed curb cuts at McKinley and Allston and at the Public Safety Building.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

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N. S. RESOLUTION

ALL NEWLY CONSTRUCTED SIDEWALK CURB CUTS ARE TO BE LOCATED
WITHIN THE MARKED CROSS WALKS

WHEREAS, SAFETY for wheelchair users is best when they are able to use the cross walks when crossing the street; and

WHEREAS, The City of Berkeley wants to create safe conditions for wheelchair users on its sidewalks and streets; and

WHEREAS, Corners of sidewalks serve two streets that are at right angles to each other and both streets should have curb cuts within the cross walks which may require double ramping; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of Berkeley adopts a policy and resolution that all newly constructed sidewalk curb cuts be located within the marked cross walks and that the City Manager prepare a plan to ensure that this policy is implemented in the future.