



Office of Councilmember
Max Anderson, District 3

ACTION CALENDAR
July 25, 2006

TO: Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilmember Max Anderson
Mayor Tom Bates
Councilmember Gordon Wozniak

SUBJECT: Ashby BART Development

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Council re-affirm its commitment to develop a community process regarding the west parking lot of the Ashby BART station site under the direction and leadership of the Ashby BART Task Force appointed by the South Berkeley Neighborhood Development Corporation [SBNDNC]. The City Council requests that by October 1, 2006 the Task Force (1) prepare a budget and work plan for implementing a wide outreach effort in the community to develop a vision, goals, objectives and criteria consistent with previously adopted Council policy to be used for a planning grant application; (2) that the criteria include objectives and criteria for relocation of the flea market in furtherance of Council policies should a feasible development plan ultimately be prepared for the parking lot; (3) that this outreach effort include BART as a full partner; and (4) that the outreach and visioning occur by August, 2007 to allow time for the City to apply for grants by October 2007 that would support a more extensive development plan and implementation effort.

BACKGROUND:

It is City of Berkeley policy, as documented in the Berkeley General Plan, to pursue residential and commercial development potential on the West parking lot of the Ashby BART station. In February, 2001 the Berkeley City Council stated that it was the policy of the City of Berkeley that the west parking lot at the Ashby BART Station be developed to the extent possible with housing affordable and available to public sector workers. On December 13, 2005, the City Council requested the South Berkeley Neighborhood Development Corporation take leadership in establishing a task force to spear head a planning process for the west parking lot of the Ashby BART Station consistent with the General Plan and Council Policy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

\$6,000 of the \$40,000 budgeted for work on this project.

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RESOLUTION # - N.S.

ASHBY BART DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the General Plan of the City of Berkeley states that it is the City's policy to promote transit oriented development at the Ashby BART Station; and

WHEREAS, in February, 2001 the City Council stated that it was the policy of the City of Berkeley to develop the west parking lot at the Ashby BART station, to the extent possible, with housing that is affordable and available to public sector workers; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2005, the City Council requested the South Berkeley Neighborhood Development Corporation (SBNDC) take the leadership in establishing a task force to spear head a planning process for the west parking lot of the Ashby BART Station consistent with the General Plan and Council Policy; and

WHEREAS, the SBNDC has established a task force consistent with Council direction; and

WHEREAS, a proposal to CALTRANS for planning grant funds to support the efforts of the Task Force was denied in June 2006; and

WHEREAS, the City Council re-affirm its commitment to implementing City and community plans regarding the west parking lot of the Ashby BART station site under the direction and leadership of the Ashby BART Task Force appointed by the SBNDC; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council requests that by October 1, 2006 the Task Force (1) prepare a budget and work plan for implementing a wide outreach effort in the community to develop a vision, goals, objectives and criteria consistent with previously adopted Council policy to be used for a planning grant application; (2) that the criteria include objectives and criteria for relocation of the flea market in furtherance of Council policies should a feasible development plan ultimately be prepared for the parking lot; (3) that this outreach effort include BART as a full partner; and (4) that outreach and visioning occur by August, 2007 to allow time for the City to apply for grants by October 2007 that would support a more extensive plan development and implementation effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is directed to provide up to \$6000 of the \$40,000 budgeted for work on this project to the SBNDC to support the work of the Task Force through October 1, 2006 based on an interim budget to be provided by the SBNDC and approved by the City Manager prior to any funds being committed by the City to the project.