

April 12, 2007

**BENICIA PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

April 12, 2007

7:00 P.M.

Please file a speaker's slip if you wish to address the Commission. Anyone wishing to address the Commission regarding the agenda items or during Communications from Audience may speak for a maximum of 5 minutes per agenda item if the subject is before the Commission.

Note: All items listed, except under Communications, are for Commission Discussion and/or Action.

1. OPENING OF MEETING

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call of Commissioners**
- 3. Reference to Fundamental Rights of Public - A plaque stating the Fundamental Rights of each member of the public is posted at the entrance to this meeting room per Section 4.04.030 of the City of Benicia's Open Government Ordinance.**

2. AGENDA CHANGES AND DISCUSSION

3. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

1. WRITTEN

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted, approved or adopted by one motion unless a request for removal for discussion or explanation is received from the Planning Commission or a member of the public by submitting a speaker slip for that item.

***Any Item identified as a Public Hearing has been placed on the Consent Calendar because it has not generated any public interest or dissent. However, if any member of the public wishes to comment on a Public Hearing item, or would like the item placed on the regular agenda, please notify the Community Development Staff either prior to, or at the Planning Commission meeting, prior to the reading of the Consent Calendar.**

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Planning Commission Minutes of March 8, 2007

5. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

1. LOWER ARSENAL MIXED USE SPECIFIC PLAN EIR - SCOPING SESSION

PROPOSAL:

Scoping Session for preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Lower Arsenal Mixed Use Specific Plan. The proposed project includes implementation of a Specific Plan for the Lower Arsenal site, which is designated mixed use in the Benicia General Plan. The Specific Plan covers four distinct zones, each of which exhibits a unique physical character. The Specific Plan would implement a form-based code to shape future development in the project area, with primary emphasis on the physical form and character of new development. After build-out of the Specific Plan, the area would contain approximately 741,865 square feet of mixed uses, 22 residential units, and 6.39 acres of open space. The Specific Plan area currently contains approximately 525,000 square feet of mixed uses.

Recommendation: Planning Commission hold a Scoping Session, take testimony and consider all relevant documents and determine the scope of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Lower Arsenal Mixed Use Specific Plan.

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE STAFF

7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Public Participation

The Benicia Planning Commission welcomes public participation.

Pursuant to the Brown Act, each public agency must provide the public with an opportunity to speak on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the agency and which is not on the agency's agenda for that meeting. The Planning Commission allows speakers to speak on agenda and non-agenda matters under public comment. Comments are limited to no more than 5 minutes per speaker. By law, no action may be taken on any item raised during the public comment period although informational answers to questions may be given and matters may be referred to staff for placement on a future agenda of the Planning Commission.

Should you have material you wish to enter into the record, please submit it to the Secretary.

Disabled Access

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Diane O'Connell, the ADA Coordinator, at (707) 746-4211.

Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

Meeting Procedures

All items listed on this agenda are for Commission discussion and/or action. In accordance with the Brown Act, each item is listed and includes, where appropriate, further description of the item and/or a recommended action. The posting of a recommended action does not limit, or necessarily indicate, what action may be taken by the Commission.

The Planning Commission may not begin new public hearing items after 11 p.m. Public hearing items which remain on the agenda may be continued to the next regular meeting of the Commission, or to a special meeting.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009; if you challenge a decision of the Planning Commission in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. You may also be limited by the ninety (90) day statute of limitations in which to file and serve a petition for administrative writ of mandate challenging any final City decisions regarding planning or zoning.

Appeals of Planning Commission decisions which are final actions, not recommendations, are considered by the City Council. Appeals must be filed in the Community Development Department in writing, stating the basis of appeal with the appeal fee within 10 days of the date of action.