

CENA Board Meeting
11 December, 2024
2601 Piedmont Avenue
Berkeley, CA
7:30pm

Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84528244117>

Minutes

Board members present: Phil Bokovoy, Dan Lindheim, Kathlene McGuire (Via Zoom), Dean Metzger, Carlene St, John, Paul Valenstein, Gunther Steib (Via Zoom), Lesley Emmington and Claudia Hunka.

Board member absent: Robert Riemer

Guest: Diana Yonkouski

1. Approval of the minutes of the 17 October 2024 meeting
Minutes approved unanimously
2. 2708 Prince ZAB status report---Robert Reimer
Robert sent the CENA Board a report.
The ZAB approval of the decision will be before City Council on January 21, 2025
3. Discussion with new neighborhood groups---Dean Metzger/Paul Valenstein
As new neighborhood organizations in the CENA Neighborhood come into existence, CENA should reach out to them and liaison with them.
4. Upzoning update---Dean Metzger
Missing Middle zoning was discussed. The only thing left that could influence reasonable development in the neighborhoods would be to have a design standards ordinance in place. Design standards have never been implemented (after many meetings and public discussion) in Berkeley. Paul Valenstein volunteered to write a draft of a possible CENA position on Design Standards.
5. Website Committee report---Phil Bokovoy

No report

6. Membership Committee report---Lesley Emmington

Lesley has been working with Lisa and Claudia on ways to increase the CENA membership.

7. Russell St. Halloween update

Response from Councilmember Mark Humbert asking for city funding.

Kathlene reported that the city has sent CENA a check for \$2,150. We are assuming this is for two years as there was no check to cover expenses for 2023.

8. Newsletter---Dean Metzger

We hope to have the newsletter ready for the printer before the first of the year and mailed I early January 2025.

Robert Reimer has proposed some changes and they will be adopted. Hopefully others will make suggestions and submit articles for the newsletter.

CENA will mail 1474 newsletters to the CENA neighborhood.

9. Non-profit mailing permit---Dean Metzger

CENA now has a non-profit mailing permit.

10. Elmwood Shopping District – Claudia Hunka

- a. New businesses in the Elmwood

Claudis reported that the businesses in the Derby/College Ave. area and those in the Alcatraz/College Ave. are part of the Elmwood Shopping District.

Claudia – Please send me the list of new businesses in the Elmwood Shopping District and the schedule of events for the holidays.

11. Other business

- a). Repaving Claremont Avenue in 2027

It was discussed that all of the CENA neighborhoods should be Informed about this and given a chance to listen to the possible changes that may be part of the repaving process. CENA will

hold a

general meeting in the spring of 2025.

- b). The next CENA Board meeting will be held on January 8, 2025.

