

Donita Van Horik, Chair
Alan Fox, Vice Chair



Becky Blair, Commissioner
Molly Campbell, Commissioner
Mark Christoffels, Commissioner
Phil Saumur, Commissioner
Melani Smith, Commissioner

FINAL AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:05 PM)

At 5:05 p.m., Chair Van Horik called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:05 PM)

Commissioners Alan L. Fox, Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Donita Van
Present: Horik, Becky Blair, Mark Christoffels and Molly Campbell

Also present: Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator; Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Jeff Winklepleck, Planner; Jorge Ramirez, Planner; Steven Valdez, Planner; Mark Hungerford, Planner; Scott Kinsey, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE (5:05 PM)

Commissioner Blair led the flag salute.

MINUTES (5:06 PM)

13-061PL Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of October 3, 2013.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Saumur, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Alan L. Fox, Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Becky Blair, Donita Van Horik and Mark Christoffels

Absent: 1 - Molly Campbell

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:07 PM)

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, provided the Director's Report.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Amy Bodek spoke.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:13 PM)

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the evidence you shall give in this Planning Commission Meeting shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

REGULAR AGENDA (5:13 PM)

1. 13-064PL Recommendation to find the proposed subterranean vacations of the eastern 3.5 feet of Broadway Court between Ocean Boulevard and Bronce Way, and a 560-square-foot section of Lime Avenue at the western terminus of Medio Street in conformance with the adopted goals and policies of the City's General Plan. (District 2) (Application No. 1309-16)

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, introduced Jeff Winklepleck, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Jim Anderson, applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Campbell spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, to approve the recommendation with an amendment that Public Works clarify at what depth the vacations begin and include a legend on the exhibit when the item goes before City Council for action. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Alan L. Fox, Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Becky Blair, Donita Van Horik, Mark Christoffels and Molly Campbell

2. 13-062PL Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) request to allow the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption (Type 20 License), at an existing convenience store located at 6820 Long Beach Boulevard within the Community Automobile-Oriented (CCA) zone. (District 9) (Application No. 1306-27)

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, introduced Jorge Ramirez, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Jorge Ramirez responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to remarks made by Commissioner Blair.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Commissioner Campbell spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Will Nieves, representing the applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Saumur and Will Nieves.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Van Horik and Will Nieves.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Pastor Granderson Wright provided public comment.

Claude Merchant provided public comment.

George Cadenhead provided public comment and presented a petition into the record.

Edgeur Shaw provided public comment.

Jason Sims provided public comment.

Rex Richardson, Chief of Staff for the 9th District Council Office, provided public comment.

Will Nieves responded to comments made by the public.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Jorge Ramirez responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Derek Burnham spoke.

Jorge Ramirez responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Commissioner Campbell spoke.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Amy Bodek and Jorge Ramirez responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Campbell to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Alan L. Fox, Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Becky Blair, Donita Van Horik, Mark Christoffels and Molly Campbell

3. 13-055PL

Recommendation to receive and file a Classification of Use request to define overnight care of dogs and cats, and approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to incorporate supervised, twenty-four hour dog care at an existing dog grooming store located at 3434 Atlantic Avenue in the Community Automobile-Oriented (CCA) zone. (District 8) (Application No. 1307-10).

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Van Horik and Derek Burnham.

Steven Valdez, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Steven Valdez responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Van Horik and Derek Burnham.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, responded to a query from Chair

Van Horik.

Aaron Hovis, applicant, spoke.

Aaron Hovis responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Chair Van Horik swore in a member of the public wishing to speak.

Lori Perkins provided public comment.

Chair Van Horik swore in a member of the public wishing to speak.

Valerie Rhodes provided public comment.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

A motion was made by Commissioner Christoffels, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to approve the recommendation to receive and file a Classification of Use request to define overnight care of dogs and cats. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, to approve the recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit request to incorporate supervised, twenty-four hour dog care at an existing dog grooming store. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Alan L. Fox, Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Becky Blair, Donita Van Horik, Mark Christoffels and Molly Campbell

4. 13-063PL

Recommendation to approve Site Plan Review and Tentative Tract Map request to allow construction of a seven-story mixed-use development consisting of 222 residential units, 8,500 square feet of commercial lease space, and 289 parking stalls in a three-level garage located at 245 W. Broadway in the PD-30 (Downtown Plan) zoning district. (District 2) (Application No. 1302-12)

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Commissioner Blair recused herself from the item.

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, spoke.

Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

Mark Hungerford, Project Planner, discussed the design process portion of the staff report.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Scott Kinsey responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Gregory Sterling, representing the applicant, spoke.

Michael Bohn, project architect, spoke.

Michael Bohn responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Michael Bohn responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Van Horik and Michael Bohn.

Gary Shelton provided public comment.

Bob Ladd, ASLA, provided public comment.

Mario Nasab, owner of La Traviata Restaurant, provided public comment.

Kraig Kojian, President and CEO of Downtown Long Beach Associates, provided public comment.

Chair Van Horik swore in a member of the public wishing to provide public comment.

Erik Gray, Downtown Residential Council, provided public comment.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Michael Bohn responded to comments made by the public.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Campbell and Amy Bodek.

Commissioner Campbell responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, responded to a query from Commissioner Campbell.

Commissioner Christoffels responded to queries from Chair Van Horik.

A dialogue ensued between Scott Kinsey and Commissioner Christoffels.

A motion was made by Commissioner Christoffels, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, to approve the recommendation with an amendment to modify language for special conditions 4B and 4C. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Alan L. Fox, Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Becky Blair, Donita Van Horik, Mark Christoffels and Molly Campbell

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (7:55 PM)

Michael Murchison provided public comment.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (7:57 PM)

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, spoke.

ADJOURNMENT (8:00 PM)

At 8:00 p.m., Chair Van Horik adjourned the meeting.

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