

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEANNE KARATSU, PRESIDENT  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 21, 2011, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeanne Karatsu, Carolyn Smith Watts, Charles Hicks Jr.,  
Gerald Good

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mario R. Beas, Executive Director & Secretary  
Melinda George, Deputy Director  
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant  
Salvador Ambriz, Personnel Analyst  
Debbie McCluster, Personnel Analyst  
Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst  
Robert Pfingsthorn, Personnel Analyst  
Lourdes Ferrer, Personnel Analyst  
Donna de Araujo, Assistant Administrative Analyst  
Ken Walker, Personnel Operations Manager, Human  
Resources

**President Jeanne Karatsu presided.**

**MINUTES:** It was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by  
Commissioner Hicks and carried that the minutes of the  
regular meeting of September 21, 2011, be approved as  
prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (2-3):** It was moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by  
Commissioner Good and carried that the Consent Calendar  
items be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll  
call vote.

On behalf of the Commission, the Secretary presented  
Certificates of Appreciation to Woodrow Hutton, 40 years  
(Police), and Alfred Revis, 32 years (Public Works), in  
recognition of their dedicated service to the City and citizens  
of Long Beach. Representatives from their respective  
departments were present and spoke on their behalf.

**RETIREMENTS:**

Request to receive and file retirements.

Rebecca Wood/Development Project Manager I/  
Development Services  
Steven Hannan/Fire Captain/Fire  
Arthur Knisbell/Gardener/Harbor  
Mary Eme/Personnel Analyst III/Human Resources  
James Oberg/Messenger Mail Clerk II/Library  
Woodrow Hutton/Special Services Officer IV/Police  
Odell Stewart/School Guard/Police  
Alfred Revis/Street Maintenance Supervisor II/Public  
Works  
Arthur Stano/Refuse Operator II/Public Works

**The motion was made to receive and file on Consent Calendar.**

**RESIGNATIONS:**

Request to receive and file resignations.

Wanda Brooks/Refuse Operator III/Public Works  
Brandon Walker/Assistant Administrative Analyst  
II/Financial Management  
Loren Lew/Police Officer/Police  
Courtney Aguirre/Administrative Analyst III/Public Works  
Geoff Grounds/Senior Surveyor/Harbor

**The motion was made to receive and file on Consent Calendar.**

**REQUEST TO EXTEND  
NON-CAREER HOURS:**

**VISNU SANKER/MESSENGER/MAIL CLERK**

The Secretary presented a communication from Glenda Williams, Director of Library Services, requesting Commission approval to extend the non-career hours for Visnu Sanker, Messenger/Mail Clerk, for an additional 300 hours. The Secretary informed the Commission that staff concurs with the request. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Smith Watts, seconded by Commissioner Good and carried that the non-career hours be extended for 300 hours, in accordance with Section 49 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REVISED CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION:**

**FINGERPRINT CLASSIFIER**

The Secretary presented a communication from Debbie Mills, Director of Human Resources, requesting Commission approval of the revised classification specification for Fingerprint Classifier. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Lourdes Ferrer, Personnel Analyst. Ms. Ferrer briefed the Commission regarding this request. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts and carried to approve the revised classification specification for Fingerprint Classifier, pursuant to Section 1101(d) of the City Charter. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REQUEST FOR ORDER OF LAYOFF:** The Secretary presented a communication from Patrick H. West, City Manager, requesting an Order of Layoff. The Secretary requested the Commission direct staff to prepare the order of layoff. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Smith Watts, seconded by Commissioner Good and carried to refer the Order of Layoff to staff to prepare the Order of Layoff. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN EXAMINATION BY DISMISSED EMPLOYEE:**

The Secretary presented a Request to File for Civil Service Examination(s) by Dismissed Employee from Emillia Perez (held over from CSC meeting of September 7, 2011). The Secretary advised the Commission that she would be eligible to apply for any future examinations should this request be approved. Ms. Perez was not present. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Good and carried that the request be denied. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**COMMUNICATION REGARDING APPOINTMENTS TO REFUSE FIELD INVESTIGATOR:**

The Secretary presented a communication from Chris Ward, Business Representative, IAMAW DL947, requesting the Commission to investigate the selection of the Refuse Field Investigator in the Public Works Department. Christina Checel, Deputy City Attorney and Commission advisor, addressed the Commission regarding Mr. Ward's communication and determined that the timeframe to protest the examination had expired, and to irregularities during the interview process when departments interview candidates is not within the jurisdiction of the Commission. She also stated that although Civil Service has a policy regarding Performance Appraisals, it is not mandatory, and therefore

the Commission does not have jurisdiction if they are not completed on an employee. With regards to the discrimination complaint, it is not within the Commission's jurisdiction, but should be filed with the Department of Human Resources. She requested that Human Resources contact the employee to see if he would like the matter investigated. Mr. Ward stated that since the Commission does not have jurisdiction in the matter of irregularities in the interview process with departments, the Commission should have a listening day for all employees to discuss their concerns. Commissioner Hicks stated his disagreement with Ms. Checel's interpretation of the rules regarding this matter and felt that it was within the Commission's jurisdiction. Mr. Ward stated that he felt that it's the mission of the Commission to ensure fairness in the promotional process. Ms. Checel recommended the Commission schedule a study to discuss the process on complaints into discrimination vs complaints into examination protests. Commissioner Smith Watts stated her concerns regarding the process and indicated that several employees have contacted the Commission within the last eight months regarding similar complaints. The Commission requested that a session be scheduled with Human Resources and the City Attorney to determine where the Commission's authority stops and Human Resources begins regarding these matters. Ms. Checel informed the Commission that she has contacted Human Resources to take the first step and reach out to the employee to get his input and see if he wishes to proceed with his complaint. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts, to table the matter and to direct the employee to Human Resources to request an investigation. Ms. Checel recommended the Commission deny the request because it's out of the Commission's jurisdiction. Commissioner Good withdrew his motion. It was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts and carried to deny the request based on the fact that it's a factor of discrimination over union membership which is outside of the Commission's jurisdiction. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYE: Carolyn Smith Watts  
Gerald Good  
Jeanne Karatsu

NAY: Charles Hicks Jr.

President Karatsu directed the Secretary to schedule a study session with Human Resources, City Attorney and Commission to discuss the Commission's jurisdiction regarding such requests.

**BULLETINS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Good and carried that the following Job Opportunity Bulletins be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Civil Engineer  
Environmental Specialist Assistant  
Fingerprint Classifier

**REQUEST FOR A CONTINUANCE:**

The Secretary presented a request for a continuance for Dismissal Appeal Hearing 08-D-1011, scheduled for October 19 & 26, 2011. Christina Checél, Deputy City Attorney and Commission advisor, requested that if approved, the Commission waive backpay from October 19, 2011. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts and carried to approve the request for a continuance with backpay waived from October 19, 2011. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYE: Carolyn Smith Watts  
Gerald Good  
Jeanne Karatsu

NAY: Charles Hicks Jr.

**REQUEST TO FILE LATE APPEAL:**

The Secretary presented a communication from Christa Indriolo, Business Representative, IAMAW DL947, on behalf of Mr. Holmes, requesting to file a late appeal in the matter of his dismissal (held over from the Commission meeting of September 7, 2011). Christina Checél, Deputy City Attorney, addressed the Commission regarding this matter. Ms. Indriolo and Mr. Holmes also addressed the Commission. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts and carried to deny the request to file late appeal. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REQUEST TO WITHDRAW APPEAL:**

The Secretary presented a request to withdraw the appeal regarding Reduction Appeal 09-R-910. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by

Commissioner Good and carried to receive and file the request to withdraw appeal. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**MANAGERS' REPORT:**

The Secretary informed the Commission that Civil Service Department budget was approved. He suggested the Commission discuss the scheduling of hearings and use of hearing officers at its next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion on how to prioritize dismissal appeal hearings.

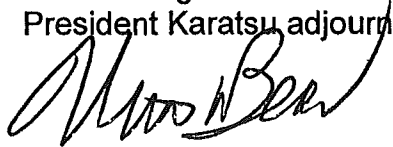
**CONSIDERATION OF HEARING OFFICER'S REPORT:**

**SUSPENSION HEARING 16-S-1011**

The Secretary presented a report prepared by Hearing Officer Joseph Heath, Attorney at Law, to the Commission, regarding the subject hearing which was conducted on July 8, 2011, and an objection to the hearing officer's report, prepared by Michael Peters, Attorney at Law. The Secretary requested the Commission recess to a closed session to discuss this matter. It was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts and carried to recess the meeting to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code 45957.8. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts and carried to reconvene the meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote. It was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts and carried that the Commission did not sustain the hearing officer's report. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Commission, President Karatsu adjourned the meeting.



MARIO R. BEAS  
Secretary

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Karen Highberger, Chair  
Irma Hernandez, Vice Chair  
Laura H. Brassler, Commissioner  
Shannon Carmack, Commissioner



Louise Ivers, Commissioner  
Harvey Keller, Commissioner  
Vacant, Commissioner

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## FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER (5:35 PM)

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At 5:35 p.m., Chair Highberger called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL (5:35 PM)

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**Boardmembers** Laura H. Brassler, Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Irma  
**Present:** Hernandez, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

Also present: Robert Zur Schmiede, Deputy Director; Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer; Linda Trang, Deputy City Attorney; Steven Gerhardt, Planner; Angie Zetterquist, Planner; Lynette Ferenczy, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

### FLAG SALUTE (5:35 PM)

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Commissioner Keller led the flag salute.

### MINUTES (5:36 PM)

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11-030CH

Recommendation to receive and file the Cultural Heritage Commission minutes of September 19, 2011.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Keller, seconded by Commissioner Ivers, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

**Abstain:** 2 - Laura H. Brassler and Irma Hernandez

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:37 PM)**

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Robert Zur Schmiede, Deputy Director, presented the Director's Report.

**SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:39 PM)**

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

**CONTINUED ITEMS (Continued from September 19, 2011) (5:40 PM)**

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1. 11-024CH Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness to add a 391-square-foot one-story addition to the rear of an existing single-story residence located at 3461 Gardenia Avenue within the California Heights Historic District. (District 7) (Application No.: HP11-0234)

Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer, introduced Steve Gerhardt, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Steve Gerhardt responded to queries from Chair Highberger.

Steve Jones, applicant, responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Steve Jones responded to queries from Commissioner Hernandez.

Steve Jones spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Highberger and Steve Jones.

Steve Jones responded to a query from Commissioner Brassier.

Steve Jones responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Steve Gerhardt responded to a query from Commissioner Brassier.

Steve Jones responded to queries from Chair Highberger.

Steve Jones responded to queries from Commissioner Brassier.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.



Steve Jones responded to a query from Commissioner Brassler.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Hernandez, Steve Jones, Steve Gerhardt, Robert Zur Schmiede and Jill Griffiths.

Chair Highberger responded to a query from Commissioner Brassler.

Steve Jones responded to a query from Commissioner Carmack.

Chair Highberger spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Keller, to approve the recommendation with an amendment to specify that the roof be approved as depicted on sheet 2.1.2 and that the review and approval of fencing be deferred to staff. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Laura H. Brassler, Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

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2. 11-025CH

Recommendation to partially approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior alterations to an existing one-story ranch style home located at 21 Redondo Avenue in the Bluff Park Historic District. (District 3) (Application No.: HP11-0132)

Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer, introduced Lynette Ferenczy, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Kevin Chinook, applicant, spoke.

Chair Highberger spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Carmack and Kevin Chinook.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Brassler and Kevin Chinook.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

Kevin Chinook responded to a query from Commissioner Brassler.

Chair Highberger swore in late arriving members of the public who wished to provide testimony.

Wendy Harn, Board Member of the Bluff Park Neighborhood

Association, provided public comment.

Sasha Witte, President of the Bluff Park Neighborhood Association, provided public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Keller to approve the subcommittee's recommendation with an amendment indicating that the items not being approved are directly related to modifications completed without permits and without a Certificate of Appropriateness and do not meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, that a condition be added that photographs be submitted to staff in the event that the item is appealed to the Planning Commission and that the wood moulding be replaced on the east elevation of the house.

Lynette Ferenczy responded to a query from Commissioner Carmack.

Chair Highberger responded to a query from Commissioner Brassier.

Jill Griffiths spoke.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

Wendy Harn responded to a query from Commissioner Ivers.

Chair Highberger responded to a query from Commissioner Ivers.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Carmack and Chair Highberger.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Brassier and Chair Highberger.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

Commissioner Brassier spoke.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Brassier, seconded by Commissioner Carmack, to approve the subcommittee's recommendation with an amendment to remove stucco from the existing chimney and that the wood moulding be replaced on the east elevation of the house. The motion failed 3 in favor (Commissioners Brassier, Carmack and Ivers) to 3 against (Commissioners Keller, Hernandez, and Highberger).

A dialogue ensued between Chair Highberger and Commissioner Brasser.

Jill Griffiths responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Chair Highberger spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Keller, to approve the subcommittee's recommendation with an amendment indicating that the items not being approved are directly related to modifications completed without permits and without a Certificate of Appropriateness and do not meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, that a condition be added that photographs be submitted to staff in the event that the item is appealed to the planning Commission and that the wood moulding be replaced on the east elevation of the house. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

**No:** 1 - Laura H. Brasser

#### **REGULAR AGENDA (6:54 PM)**

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3. 11-031CH Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness request to add a 498-square-foot, one-story addition to the back of an existing one-story residence located at 3481 Rose Avenue within the California Heights Historic District. (District 7) (Application No.: HP11-0285)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Chair Highberger, to continue the item to the meeting of November 14, 2011. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Laura H. Brasser, Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

4. 11-032CH Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness request for a new 482-square-foot second story addition to an existing one-story single-family residence and to convert an existing two-story structure in the rear of the property from a two-unit to a one-unit residence while maintaining the four garage parking spaces on the ground floor. The subject property is located at 254 Coronado Avenue within the Bluff Heights Historic District. (District 3) (Application No.: HP11-0174)

**This CH-Agenda Item was withdrawn.**

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5. 11-033CH

Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness request to add a 495-square-foot, one-story addition to the back of an existing one-story residence and construct a new one-car garage to the side of an existing two-story structure at the rear of the property located at 700 Sunrise Boulevard within the Sunrise Boulevard Historic District. (District 6) (Application No.: HP11-0135)

Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer, introduced Angie Zetterquist, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Steven Letran, Architect, spoke.

Steven Letran responded to a query from Commissioner Keller.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

Angie Zetterquist responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Steven Letran responded to a query from Commissioner Hernandez.

Commissioner Brassler spoke.

Chair Highberger spoke.

**A motion was made by Chair Highberger, seconded by Commissioner Brassler, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Laura H. Brassler, Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

**STUDY SESSION - 2810 E. 1st Street (7:04 PM)**

see media

Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer, provided a summary of the peer review prepared for 2810 E. 1st Street.

Jill Griffiths responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Carmack, Jill Griffiths, and Robert Zur Schmiede.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Ivers and Robert Zur Schmiede.

Commissioner Carmack spoke.

Jill Griffiths responded to queries from Commissioner Brasser.

Robert Zur Schmiede responded to a query from Commissioner Hernandez.

Jill Griffiths responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Commissioner Brasser spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (7:16 PM)**

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There was no public comment given.

**COMMENTS FROM THE CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION (7:16 PM)**

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Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer, spoke.

Jill Griffiths responded to a query from Commissioner Brasser.

**ADJOURNMENT (7:17 PM)**

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At 7:17 p.m., there being no objections, Chair Highberger adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
OCTOBER 13, 2011**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Brett Waterfield, President, at 9:08 a.m., at Animal Care Services. George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

**Present:** Brett Waterfield, President  
Sarah Sangmeister, Vice President  
Ron Antonette  
Simon George  
Benjamin Goldberg  
Albert Guerra  
Harry Saltzgaver

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine  
Gladys Kaiser, Manager, Community Recreation Services  
Ramon Arevalo, Manager, Maintenance Operations  
Sandra Gonzalez, Manager, Planning and Development  
John Keisler, Manager, Business Operations  
Bob Livingstone, Superintendent of Golf & Contract Compliance  
Anna Mendiola, Park Development Officer  
Ken Campbell, Superintendent of Personnel & Training  
Robin Black, Executive Assistant to the Director

**Guests:** Tim Kelly, Redevelopment Agency  
Darren Dunaway, Human Services Association  
Diane Johnson, Senior Citizens Advisory Commission  
John Watkins, 4<sup>th</sup> District Candidate  
Jan Ward  
Steve Passom, Long Beach Owns  
Bridget Sramek, 4<sup>th</sup> Council District  
Daryl Supernaw, 4<sup>th</sup> District Candidate  
P.G. Herman, LBO  
Mary Parsell, LB Audubon  
Joe Corso, Long Beach Organic

President Waterfield thanked Animal Care Services for hosting this meeting. Mr. Keisler thanked the Commissioners for choosing this site for their meeting. He explained that this is a very unique public/private partnership between the

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Los Angeles (SPCA) and the City of Long Beach. In 1998, they signed a lease agreement for the development of six and a half acres of City land. There is a 55-year agreement that allowed the SPCA to construct this facility, which includes our shelter, education center, pet hotel, and the law enforcement side where we do all our animal control activities. You will never see a closer partnership. Our SPCA and Animal Care Services staff works well together. If anyone would like to take a tour after the meeting we will have a staff member take you around.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

It was moved by Commissioner Goldberg and seconded by Commissioner Guerra to approve the September 15, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

## III. HUMAN SERVICES ASSOCIATION (H.S.A.) PRESENTATION

Mr. Darren Dunaway introduced himself as the Associate Director of H.S.A., a non-profit located in Bell Gardens. He explained that they primarily provide meals in Long Beach. He went over services they provide. He said their services are about keeping seniors in their homes as long as possible. They have an Alzheimer day care resource center, a caregiver support program, home based care, care management, telephone reassurance as everyone who receives meals at home receives a call twice a week, and congregate home delivered meals. Mr. Dunaway reported that Volunteers of America (VOA) provided home delivered in Long Beach since 1977. In 2005, VOA went another direction and the County called up with one-month notice and asked if H.S.A. could take over all the meal sites. In August of 2005, we assumed the operation of home delivered meals and congregate delivered meals in Long Beach. H.S.A. took over the staff and the County contracted and started our relationship with Long Beach. At the time, the City did not give any funding for the meals. Our clients pay a suggested donation of \$2.50. All you need to have congregate home delivered meals is proof that you are over 60 and homebound. Currently, we are serving 150 home-delivered meals in Long Beach. We provide 545 home-delivered meals a day in ten cities from Commerce to Long Beach. Mr. Dunaway went over the funding received over the last several years. The amount of donations received went down last year while the number of meals provided went up. When we took over the program, the City was contributing nothing. We need money to keep these programs alive. The City is now

contributing \$11,000 through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. This averages only \$.11 per meal.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said I appreciate you showing up. I have been involved in this effort since VOA had it. I want to help give a little context. While the City does not pay a lot, ten years ago the Department and this Commission made a significant effort to provide sites and kitchens and lots of services to the VOA for free. The amount of waived fees is significant. I was also involved when we attempted to talk the City into donating more. The timing was terrible. With Councilwoman Uranga we were able to donate \$11,000. We believe this to be a critical part of what we do to help our seniors and want to continue this effort. You mentioned you are funded through the federal government and the County.

Mr. Dunaway stated their money comes from the Older Americans Act. It is Federal money that goes from the State through Los Angeles County, who administers the contract. We are in a four-year cycle with the County to bid on sites. We get paid a flat rate per meal, set for the four years of the contract. The contract ends this year.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked the amount they receive per meal from that program?

Mr. Dunaway responded they receive \$4.33 from the County for the meals and then add on the donations. It costs us about \$6 for congregate meals and \$7 for home-delivered meals.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked, are you a non-profit? Do you have a board? So you are based in Bell Gardens?

Mr. Dunaway responded yes to all the questions.

Commissioner Saltzgaver stated we had one month in 2005 where we didn't have service and the Department quickly brought H.S.A. on board. What we do with this is up to the Commission. The money the City provides comes from CDBG funds, but I am not sure about Chavez Park.

Ms. Kaiser stated that Chavez Park is not a CDBG area.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked what could we do to make sure this continues? This is a critical and growing need.

Mr. Dunaway stated the staff has been great. They really help us out.



Commissioner Saltzgaver stated we all see the meal program once a month when we are at El Dorado Senior Center and how the Department tags on to these meals with other recreation programs before and after the meal service.

President Waterfield stated this is good information for the Commission to have, with the cost and numbers as well. It is an attraction to get the seniors to the facilities and they can hopefully take advantage of other services. He asked if the meal program at Chavez Park was in trouble.

Mr. Dunaway responded at Chavez Park if we drop below 22 meals a day we are losing money at a site. Chavez is at 21 meals. We will start a dialog in the area to try and bring more people in. I don't know why that site is not popular.

President Waterfield asked if senior activity has decreased there as well?

Ms. Kaiser responded that Chavez has always had a low population in senior programs and the food program from the beginning.

Mr. Chapjian asked how flexible H.S.A. is with ethnically based meals?

Mr. Dunaway responded we have tried to incorporate ethnic food, but it is not as popular as American food. We do have ethnic food at the Cambodian site that is traditional and good.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked if the Councilmember in that district has been apprised of this situation?

Ms. Kaiser responded I am not sure, but I can check on that. It is a highly Hispanic community and culturally the grandparent lives with the family and they may not need the meals.

Commissioner Saltzgaver stated if we are on the verge of losing service at that site we need to look at that.

Ms. Kaiser responded we would get the Councilmember involved and do an outreach.

Mr. Dunaway stated we had four sites open up last year. But across the nation congregate meals are way down. We are in a lull right now. The seniors are mostly 60-65, but they would want this service in about ten years.

Mr. Keisler asked the source of other cities funds?

Mr. Dunaway responded with the various funding sources.

Mr. Keiser asked who the liaison is at those cities?

Mr. Dunaway responded it is mostly parks and recreation and funding is from the housing departments.

#### IV. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

##### **#11-1001**

Recommendation to authorize the Director, or his or her management designee to execute the Personal Services and Instruction Agreements and amend Attachment "A" of the agreements as needed.

President Waterfield stated there are no Personal Services and Instruction Agreements this month.

##### **#11-1002**

Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute all documents necessary to issue a permit for the operation of a picnic service concession with Summit Event Productions, Inc., for a term of one year, expiring on September 30, 2012, with options for renewal, subject to the discretion of the Director.

Mr. Livingstone reported that this is a standard picnic agreement. Any company has to go through this process.

**It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Goldberg to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

##### **#11-1003**

Recommendation to approve the placement of a memorial bench in Bluff Park at 36<sup>th</sup> Place to honor Carol Hansen.

Mr. Arevalo stated this is in an area where we have an existing bench and we will replace it with this one. We are also going to look at areas that are saturated with benches. We are making sure we look at those issues and staff goes out to potential sites with the customers. We won't have to worry about pushback from the community.

Commissioner Guerra stated most of the applications are at the bluff or have ocean views. Are benches at other parks lower in cost?

Mr. Arevalo responded no, they are all the same cost. El Dorado and Heartwell Parks have a few benches also.

Commissioner Guerra asked if benches are the only memorials the Department has?

Mr. Arevalo responded we also have an Adopt-A-Tree program. We shy away from plaques and rocks because they make the parks look like cemeteries.

**It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Antonette to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

## V. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

### A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE President Waterfield, Chair

President Waterfield reported that the Committee met to discuss the agenda.

### B. FINANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE Commissioner Saltzgaver, Chair

Commissioner Saltzgaver stated that the Committee met. We are deep into fee waiver and appeals policies and our Business Operations Bureau Manager has managed to start the whole process over again with recommendations from the City Attorney's Office. We feel we took two steps back to start again. It will probably go to the Commission in November. The finance report is in the packet.

Mr. Keisler stated we are in the middle of year-end closing. We do know we will be coming in under budget. We will be balancing our budget and looking at our final year-end closing after November and will be bringing that to you next month.

Commissioner Goldberg asked if staff had any details about the one-time oil money that would impact next year's budget?

Mr. Chapjian responded that the amount the Department would receive is \$500,000 and that would be for tree trimming and possibly for infrastructure repairs.

Commissioner Guerra stated water is at 126 percent. Is that being addressed at all?

Mr. Keisler responded yes, we are putting a long-term plan in place. Our water liability is far greater than what we are budgeted for. In 2007, our budget for water stayed the same but the rate increased over 41 percent. There has also been an increase in demand because we added new parks and medians. We have covered those costs from other areas. We have been directed to take a look at a ten-year plan for water and look at what we can do with use and cost. Our goal this year is to have a rough strategic plan for water for the first time.

Commissioner Saltzgaver pointed out that we look at that report every month and talk about ways to track the usage. Maybe we could get an update on the efforts in conjunction with the Water Department and the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Council Office to find the money to do a true inventory of our irrigation and water usage, which is the first step in making true progress in usage.

Mr. Chapjian stated we are resubmitting a report to the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) so they can reassess it. Apparently there is money, over \$500,000 annually once they approve it, for infrastructure updates.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said I asked for this irrigation inventory money for Christmas.

Mr. Chapjian reported that he and Commissioner Saltzgaver met with the Water Department and they committed to working with us to get this through MWD. Vice Mayor Lowenthal is on board and is committed to helping us.

Commissioner Guerra stated there is a push in the community is to plant native landscaping in our own homes. Is there a big push to convert a lot of medians and places to native landscaping that wouldn't necessarily use water?

Mr. Chapjian responded that is part of our ten-year plan along major corridors. There is also Water Department money for that. We not only want to convert medians but to convert fields to artificial turf. All of that would be part of the plan.

C. PARK SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Commissioner George, Chair

Commissioner George reported that the Committee did not meet and the statistics are in the packet.

D. MARKETING AND CUSTOMER SERVICE COMMITTEE  
Commissioner Guerra, Chair

Commissioner Guerra reported that the Committee did not meet this month.

E. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE  
Vice President Sangmeister, Chair

Vice President Sangmeister reported that the Committee met this morning. We got some good reports. We started off with difficult news about Belmont Pool. Even though the Belmont Plaza is part of Tidelands, we think it is important for this Commission to know about this because it is part of recreation. We got a report about the bluff rehabilitation taking place. The rest of the phases will be handled by Public Works. We also got an updated on McBride Park. We agreed that we should, in the next month, meet and discuss capital improvements and hold a separate meeting about maintenance and what is happening with infrastructure.

Mr. Chapjian reported that he and Commissioner Saltzgaver talked about bringing a presentation to the full Commission on Belmont Pool next month.

Vice President Sangmeister said we would be asked a lot of questions about the pool.

Commissioner Goldberg asked if this would repair the building long term?

Mr. Chapjian responded there are seismic issues with the building also.

Ms. Gonzalez reported we identified the leak locations and found the 50 year-old cast iron pipes are failing. We are replacing everything. Once we fix this we will have activity for another 50 years. The contractors are working six days a week with 12-hour shifts. If they miss a deadline they go to 24-hour shifts. I will have a full presentation next month. We are going to set up a monthly meeting to go over everything. The Commission asked us to set up

a website for the CIP projects. We met with Technology Services and I hope to give you progress on that at the next meeting. We are four weeks away from completing the skate park at McBride. Shortly thereafter there will be an opening just for the skate park and a separate opening for the teen center. Orizaba Park should be open by the first of the year.

Ms. Mendiola reported that we kicked off Baker Mini Park this week.

Mr. Chapjian reported that Belmont Pool money is County money.

Mr. Arevalo stated we have already set the priorities for the tree trimming policy. We are working on tracking this. We should have money available to work on other areas of the city near community centers and playgrounds to address safety issues. The time frame we have is so short for tree trimming due to the nesting times of the birds. We work with the Audubon Society on that. Mr. Arevalo reported he has been asked to look at a turf to mulch conversion in areas that are not really used and ten-year water plan to eliminate the old hydraulic system.

President Waterfield asked about State Parks visit.

Ms. Gonzalez responded we had a very successful visit from State Parks on September 29. We submitted four grants for Proposition 84 money, which is to build a new park in low income areas. We got site visits to all four sites, which are Drake/Chavez, Armory Park, 14<sup>th</sup> Street acquisition, and the California Gardens site. They were really excited about these projects. There were 400 applications received. We will know by early March the outcome of the site visits.

F. SPECIAL EVENTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
Commissioner Saltzgaver, Chair

Commissioner Saltzgaver said the Committee met with Dave Ashman and talked about how Community Recreation Services and Special Events and Filming work together with permitting. We talked about creating a job description for the Committee. We also got a report on the reorganization of the Community Recreation Services Bureau due to budget cuts.

G. JOINT USE COMMITTEE  
Commissioner Antonette

Commissioner Antonette stated the Committee did not meet this past month. I did meet with Councilmember Johnson to give him an idea of what our intentions are and to get an idea of what the City's Committee does. Their intention is to work directly with our Committee as part of those discussions with the school board.

VI. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION**

- A. Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report "We Create Community" for September 2011.

**It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Antonette to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

VII. **CORRESPONDENCE**

President Waterfield reported that there was no correspondence received this month.

VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Animal Care Services Bureau Report – John Keisler

Mr. Keisler reported he is happy to say we will be interviewing eight candidates for the bureau manager. We are hopeful we will have some final candidates this week. At Animal Care Services (ACS) we finished the summer season, which is our busiest season. We have had a number of recent investigations and seizures. Dr. Margaret Lee started this past month and I asked her to come and say hello at the end of this meeting. She is writing the medical protocols for this facility. We will be going after grants to expand this program. She will be advising us on diseases transmitted from animals to humans and on wildlife. This last Saturday we had the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk For The Animals fundraiser in El Dorado Regional Park. There were hundreds of people and animals and the registration fees will go to the spay and neuter program and to Friends of the Animal Shelter to support ACS activities.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Recommendation to approve "The Train Has Left the Station," artwork to be installed at Orizaba Park.

Ms. Gonzalez showed the Commissioners a site map of the park. She stated we tried to tie the theme in with the Pacific Electric Right of Way. We met out there with RDA and the community. The art piece will be in the planting area behind the circle. This is 12-foot tall and is impressive. We are looking for approval and have some neighbors here. We also have Tim Kelly from RDA.

Ms. Bridget Sramek introduced herself as Chief of Staff with the 4<sup>th</sup> Council District Office and spoke in support of this item.

Ms. Jan Ward stated she lives right down the street from the park and says it has been exciting to see the transformation of this park. It is interesting how this park dictated the placement of the sculpture. We do monthly cleanups and pick up about 10 tons of stuff every month. One of the neighbors monitors the park daily. We work closely with the police.

Tim Kelly said from RDA's standpoint, it grew out of our discussions with the community. We wanted to make sure the community would support this piece. The train grew from that. We are happy to support it.

Commissioner Guerra said the report states the artist would be responsible for vandalism. For how long and how much?

Ms. Gonzalez responded the artist has worked in partnership with Maintenance Operations. On his own dime he has agreed he would do that as long as it is there.

Mr. Chapjian stated this is stainless steel and should be easy to maintain.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked about the lighting. Is there going to be any lighting on the sculpture?

Ms. Gonzalez responded that directly adjacent is a light standard and we discussed adding light for the piece itself.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said we have a vandalism issue with the lights at Houghton Park at the Veterans Memorial. The lights are not on any more and we have seen graffiti on that mural twice now.



Commissioner Antonette asked if we could use this as an example for the Park Watch neighbor program and start with this park?

President Waterfield asked if there is any concern about climbing and falling?

Ms. Gonzalez responded we discussed that. There is nothing to grab on to, to climb.

Mr. Chapjian stated it will be in the middle of a planter and should discourage climbing.

**It was moved by Commissioner Antonette and seconded by Vice President Sangmeister to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Keisler introduced Dr. Margaret Lee, who is here now, and asked if she could tell you about herself. We are lucky to have her.

Dr. Lee stated she graduated from U.C. Davis in 2005, and served an internship at Cornell. She was with a private practice in Southern California and after that moved to Missouri. She moved back to California. She spent some time abroad and in a Native American reservation. She is here trying to keep our animal population as healthy as possible.

Mr. Keisler stated we are very lucky to have her.

- B. Recommendation to approve the proposed re-establishment of the Wild Oats Community Garden, which was disrupted by the County of Los Angeles Termino Storm Drain Project, located within the former Pacific Electric Right-of-Way between Tenth Street and Loma Avenue, and recommend City Council approval of a new Lease and any related documents with Long Beach Organic, Inc., for a term of three years, with two, three-year renewal options..

Mr. Livingstone said in 2003, on the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the City Council approved the old Wild Oats Community Garden in the P.E. Right-of-Way. Last year the Termino Storm Drain project disrupted that. They would like to reestablish that. We are asking for a three-year lease with two, three-year renewal options. They will be assuming all cost associated with creating the garden. P.G. Herman and Joe Corso are here to answer any questions you might have.

Commissioner Antonette asked how Wild Oats was involved in the establishment of the garden?

Mr. Corso responded that initially the Wild Oats Supermarket gave Long Beach Organic a \$10,000 grant to establish the initial garden, so it was named the Wild Oats Community Garden. We plan to have the gardeners vote on a new name. I am pushing for Pacific Rail Community Garden or something along that line.

Mr. Livingstone stated we discussed this with the City Attorney and if the name changes we will have to come back for approval by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Antonette asked if we could approve a community garden without a name, would that help?

Mr. Livingstone responded he asked that question also. It would still have to come back to the Commission.

**It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Vice President Sangmeister to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

**X. COMMENTS**

**A. AUDIENCE**

President Waterfield asked for comments from the audience. There were none.

**B. STAFF**

President Waterfield asked for comments from staff.

Mr. Livingstone said we would be coming back next month with a final proposal for El Dorado Dog Park, with support of City Council Districts 4 and 5. We are going to be proposing the maintenance yard south of the entrance road, currently used by Azteca, to be used as El Dorado Dog Park.

President Waterfield said one of the questions we had was about the funding of the dog park.

Mr. Livingstone responded we would recommend and give the Friends group a two-year period to raise funds. As they raise funds in a year and a half we would come back and decide if there is enough money for that particular size. If they come up with all the money we would go forward. We would have those restrictions that the group would pay for everything and we would give them a two-year endowment for maintenance funding.

Commissioner Saltzgaver stated we should be aware that we approved this in concept. It is now public and there has been a press release issued; so don't get surprised if you see something come out on this. It will come as a proposal and the press release reads as such. The press release comes from the 4<sup>th</sup> District Council office.

Mr. Livingstone stated he will be having a community meeting on Sunday, November 5, and I believe Councilwoman Schipske is also planning on having meetings.

Vice President Sangmeister asked if we would be withdrawing our other recommendation? I will not have two open sites on the dog park.

Mr. Livingstone responded no. The recommendation was very broad so the group could go to potential donors and sponsors and say the Commission approved the dog park in concept. This will be to approve a specific site so they can do drawings and site plans. The other thing is that the skateboard issue will go forward on November 15. We are trying to make sure everything is covered when we go to City Council. We will try to get the Police Department to be a co-signer on that item.

Mr. Campbell stated that next Wednesday the Department is holding an all-hands training for all Department employees. We are going to use a vacant hanger at the airport.

Ms. Kaiser stated it has been a busy September. On September 17, the Department participated in the Annual Coastal Cleanup. We had five sites with over 1,250 volunteers who cleaned up more than 4,500 pounds of trash. We opened the Freeman Digital Center, which is a nice computer lab. It was designed by our staff who operate the Houghton facility and is supported with PEG funds. There are ten computers at the facility. The teens are waiting at the door at 3:00 p.m. for the doors to open. It is training for these young adults to learn. Please stop by if you have the opportunity.

It is open from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Department supports the Back to School Night, which was held last week. Last Saturday over 300 youth with Junior Beach Runners participated in the Marathon. These children train all year and completed their last mile during the Marathon. We offer this at 12 different sites. On October 18, we will partner with non-profit and public agencies to hold a Volunteer Village held at El Dorado Park West Community Center.

Mr. Keisler said he has been very busy with Business Operations and their main goal is to help the bureau managers deliver services. We actually have fun with improving our systems.

Mr. Arevalo stated staff has been working hard with a group of volunteers removing concrete at El Dorado Lake and creating a more native habitat. We want to get more involved with community groups in the parks. We will start to paint some of the community centers with different colors, starting with Scherer Park.

Mr. Chapjian reported the Department is involved in the Healthy Options Ordinance that the Health Department is promoting. We were involved because we maintain the contract with Coca Cola. We will bring back that report to you. There will be an ordinance at some point.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said I don't know how familiar everyone is with this. A number of years ago we contracted with Coca Cola to allow them to have the sole right to put vending machines in City park facilities.

Mr. Chapjian said next month we would bring this back to give you an update.

President Waterfield said he hopes this does not come as a surprise to Coca Cola.

Mr. Chapjian responded that it is not. Coke hired a lobbyist to walk the 14th floor.

Mr. Chapjian stated they have been working with the Deputy City Manager on a corporate sponsorship policy to bring back next month, very much like the purchasing policy but it will be to bid on a sponsorship. It works well in San Diego.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said this would greatly enhance the ability of Partners of Parks and Friends of the Dog Park to get private money involved. Congratulations.

Mr. Chapjian said this would be a pilot project with the Department and could go citywide.

Commissioner Antonette asked if there were any push backs with Oktoberfest canceling?

Mr. Chapjian responded that Dave Ashman received all the complaints and he responded accordingly. The promoter pulled out at the last minute, even though he knew all the costs going in.

Mr. Livingstone stated we are entertaining a proposal right now for a two-day Wine Fest for November of next year.

#### C. COMMISSIONERS

President Waterfield asked for comments from the Commissioners.

President Waterfield stated that Saturday, October 22, is National Make a Difference Day. I have 150 college students working in Long Beach.

Ms. Parsell said she is leading the walk at California Gardens at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. There is parking off Orange Avenue. The following Saturday I am doing a tour of Los Cerritos Wetlands and I will send an e-mail with directions. At 8:00 a.m. on October 22, the Audubon Society is hosting a tour of the old Wyatt property. A big movie is coming out called The Big Year, and it is based on a book, a true story. It is a comedy with Steve Martin and Jack Black about three guys who have a bird watching competition. The president of the National Audubon Society is saying this should increase the hobby. These people pay money to go places to see birds.

Mr. Doug Supernaw stated that last Saturday was the monthly cleanup at Rotary Centennial Park. They found a homeless encampment and a health issue connected with it. Some Rotary members contacted the Police Department. They tried but were unable to contact anyone in the Department so he e-mailed Ramon with a photo. He said he is worried that the Police Department does not have the contact numbers for the Department.

Ms. Kaiser responded she has a meeting set up with them next week so she will tell them.

**XI. NEXT MEETING**

President Waterfield stated that the next meeting would be held at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, November 10, 2011, at California Recreation Center at McBride Park, 1550 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Long Beach, California.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

President Waterfield adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Black  
Executive Assistant to the Director

c: George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Charles Durnin, Chair  
Donita Van Horik, Vice-Chair



Becky Blair, Commissioner  
Alan Fox, Commissioner  
Leslie Gentile, Commissioner  
Phil Saumur, Commissioner  
Melani Smith, Commissioner

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## FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER (5:10 PM)

At 5:10 p.m., Chair Durnin called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL (5:10 PM)

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**Boardmembers** Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Phillip Joseph  
**Present:** Saumur, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

Also present: Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; David Roseman, City Traffic Engineer; Craig Chalfant, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

### FLAG SALUTE (5:11 PM)

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Commissioner Saumur led the flag salute.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:12 PM)

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Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

### SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:16 PM)

see media

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 (5:16 PM)

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1. 11-055PL

Recommendation to: 1) Adopt a Resolution with Findings of Fact and a Statement of Overriding Considerations certifying a Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR 04-09); 2) Recommend City Council approve a General Plan/Local Coastal Program Amendment and Amendment to Subarea 17 of the Southeast Area Development and Improvement Plan (SEADIP); and 3) Continue requests for Site Plan Review, Tentative Subdivision Map, Standards Variance and Local Coastal Development Permit approval to a date uncertain for a mixed-use project consisting of 325 residential units, 191,475 square feet of commercial retail space, 100 hotel rooms with 4,368 square feet of hotel restaurant space and 3,510 square feet of hotel meeting space, 21,092 square feet of non-hotel restaurant space, a 4,175-square-foot science center, a 99-seat theater, and 1,440 on-site parking spaces. (District 3) (Application No. 0904-09)

Chair Durnin spoke.

Craig Chalfant, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

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

Commissioner Blair spoke.

David Roseman, City Traffic Engineer, spoke.

David Malmuth, applicant, spoke.

Alan Pullman, Project Architect, Studio One Eleven, spoke.

Mark Reas, Project Architect, spoke.

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David Malmuth, introduced Raymond Linn, property owner, who spoke.

David Malmuth spoke.



David Malmuth responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Chair Durnin spoke.

Allan Songer provided public comment.

Sandie Van Horn provided public comment.

Mary Parsell, representing El Dorado Audubon Society, provided public comment.

Pat Towner provided public comment.

Tarin Olson provided public comment.

John Hancock read a letter from Beverly O'Neil and presented public comment.

Cindy Crawford, representing Our Town Long Beach, provided public comment.

Stephen Conley read a letter from Jim Hankla and provided public comment.

Randy Gordon, President and CEO of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, provided public comment.

Joan Hawley McGrath, representing Our Town Long Beach, provided public comment.

Mike Ruhle provided public comment.

Kerrie Aley provided public comment.

CJ Hansen provided public comment.

Dorothy Kistler provided public comment.

Larry Goodhue provided public comment.

Ann Cantrell provided public comment.

Gary Shelton provided public comment.

Susan Phillips provided public comment.

Amy Bodek spoke.

Chair Durnin spoke.

John Friese, representing Belmont Heights Community Association, provided public comment.

Linda Montgomery provided public comment.

Stan Poe provided public comment.

Jennifer Gomez provided public comment.

Jerry Olivera, representing the City of Seal Beach, provided public comment.

Howard Davis provided public comment.

Stella Ursua, member of Long Beach Coalition for Good Jobs and Healthy Community, provided public comment.

Phil Jones provided public comment.

Luella Hunt provided public comment.

Marvin Waider provided public comment.

Justin McMann provided public comment.

John Morris provided public comment.

Nikole Cababa, member of Long Beach Coalition for Good Jobs and Healthy Community, provided public comment.

Randy Beers provided public comment.

Brad Miles provided public comment.

Mary Suttie provided public comment.

Dena Deck provided public comment.

Mike Buhbe provided public comment.

Mary Barton provided public comment.

Tom Mayes provided public comment.

Robert Cullenan provided public comment.

Rachel Torres, member of Long Beach Coalition for Good Jobs and Healthy Community, provided public comment.

Christine Delabre provided public comment.

Lediya Beltran provided public comment.

Mai Nakasone provided public comment.

Jerry Arcia provided public comment.

Steve Bellow provided public comment.

Christine Bell provided public comment.

Kurt Borsten provided public comment.

Heather Altman provided public comment.

Douglas Carstens, representing the Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust, provided public comment.

Elizabeth Lambe, representing the Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust, presented public comment.

Stephen Carlson presented public comment.

Anna Christiansen presented public comment.

Marty Cox presented public comment.

Flora Chou, representing Los Angeles Conservancy, provided public comment.

Sarah Gilbert, Vice Chair of Los Angeles Conservancy Modern Committee, provided public comment.

Bill Thomas provided public comment.

Carl Kirnbauer, representing LB Marina Boat Owners Association, provided public comment.

Alex Bellehumeur provided public comment.

Miguel Lee Funes provided public comment.

Erik Imley, representing California State University of Long Beach Theater Arts Department, provided public comment.

Chris Gensco provided public comment.

Laurie Peckidge provided public comment.

Bill Lorbeer provided public comment.

Tom Marchese provided public comment.

John Goldberg provided public comment.

1. 11-060PL

Recommendation to adopt a Resolution with Findings of Fact and a Statement of Overriding Considerations certifying a Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR 04-09). (District 3) (Application No. 0904-09) (1)

Chair Durnin spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Smith, Assistant City Attorney Michael Mais, and Amy Bodek.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Chair Durnin spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Smith and Michael Mais.

Chair Durnin spoke.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

1. 11-061PL Recommendation to recommend City Council approve a General Plan/Local Coastal Program Amendment and Amendment to Subarea 17 of the Southeast Area Development and Improvement Plan (SEADIP). (District 3) (Application No. 0904-09) (2)

Chair Durnin spoke.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Chair Durnin spoke.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

David Malmuth responded to queries from the Commission.

Chair Durnin spoke.

David Malmuth responded to a query from Chair Durnin.

David Malmuth responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Chair Durnin.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gentile and Amy Bodek.

David Malmuth responded to a query from Commissioner Gentile.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Chair Durnin responded to a comment made by Commissioner Blair.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blair to approve the recommendation to recommend City Council approve a General

Plan/Local Coastal Program Amendment and Amendment to Subarea 17 of the Southeast Area Development and Improvement Plan (SEADIP) for Alternative 3. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Commissioner Gentile spoke.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Commissioner Gentile.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gentile, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to approve the recommendation to recommend City Council approve a General Plan/Local Coastal Program Amendment and Amendment to Subarea 17 of the Southeast Area Development and Improvement Plan (SEADIP) for Alternative 3 with an amendment to allow flexibility for the allocation of square footage associated with retail and restaurant but not exceeding 175,000 square feet.

Commissioner Gentile responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Commissioner Gentile responded to a query from Amy Bodek.

Commissioner Gentile responded to a query from Michael Mais.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gentile and Commissioner Blair.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Commissioner Fox responded to a query from Amy Bodek.

Commissioner Fox responded to a query from Derek Burnham.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Saumur, to approve the recommendation to recommend City Council approve a General Plan/Local Coastal Program Amendment and Amendment to Subarea 17 of the Southeast Area Development and Improvement Plan (SEADIP) for staff's recommendation in Exhibit E with

an amendment to strike all language regarding a building height maximum of 150 feet.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Chair Durnin.

Michael Mais responded to queries from Commissioner Blair.

A second substitute motion was made by Commissioner Blair to approve the recommendation to recommend City Council approve a General Plan/Local Coastal Program Amendment and Amendment to Subarea 17 of the Southeast Area Development and Improvement Plan (SEADIP) for Alternative 3 with an amendment to reduce the square footage of commercial/retail to 150,000 square feet. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Amy Bodek responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Amy Bodek, Michael Mais, and Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

A vote was taken on the substitute motion which failed by a vote of 2-5. (Commissioners Fox and Saumur voted for the motion and Commissioners Smith, Gentile, Van Horik, Blair and Durnin voted against the motion.)

Michael Mais spoke.

Michael Mais and Amy Bodek responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Chair Durnin spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gentile, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to approve the recommendation for Alternative 3 with an amendment to allow flexibility for the allocation of square footage associated with retail and restaurant but not exceeding 175,000 square feet. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Leslie Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

**No:** 3 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox and Charles Durnin

1. 11-062PL Recommendation to continue requests for Site Plan Review, Tentative Subdivision Map, Standards Variance and Local Coastal Development Permit approval to a date uncertain for a mixed-use project consisting of 325 residential units, 191,475 square feet of commercial retail space, 100 hotel rooms with 4,368 square feet of hotel restaurant space and 3,510 square feet of hotel meeting space, 21,092 square feet of non-hotel restaurant space, a 4,175-square-foot science center, a 99-seat theater, and 1,440 on-site parking spaces. (District 3) (Application No. 0904-09) (3)

A dialogue ensued between Amy Bodek, Michael Mais and Chair Durnin.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Van Horik, Amy Bodek and Michael Mais.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gentile, seconded by Commissioner Smith to continue the requests for Site Plan Review, Tentative Subdivision Map, Standards Variance and Local Coastal Development Permit and approval of Revised Findings for the Environmental Impact Report to November 17, 2011. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (10:10 PM)**

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Larry Goodue provided public comment.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (10:10 PM)**

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There were no comments from the Planning Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT (10:10 PM)**

At 10:10 p.m., Chair Durnin adjourned the meeting.

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Charles Durnin, Chair  
Donita Van Horik, Vice-Chair



Becky Blair, Commissioner  
Alan Fox, Commissioner  
Leslie Gentile, Commissioner  
Phil Saumur, Commissioner  
Melani Smith, Commissioner

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## FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER (5:07 PM)

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At 5:07 p.m., Chair Durnin called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL (5:07 PM)

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**Boardmembers** Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Phillip Joseph  
**Present:** Saumur, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

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

### FLAG SALUTE (5:07 PM)

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Commissioner Smith led the flag salute.

### MINUTES (5:08 PM)

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11-056PL

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of October 6, 2011.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gentile, seconded by Commissioner Van Horik, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

**Abstain:** 1 - Alan L. Fox

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:09 PM)**

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There was no Director's Report given.

**SWEARING OF WITNESS (5:09 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 (5:09 PM)**

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1. 11-059PL Recommendation to recommend that the City Council adopt the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and Local Coastal Program and modify Section 21.51.235 (Home Occupations) of the Municipal Code to clarify the operational requirements for home occupation uses and establish new parameters for acceptable uses. (Citywide)

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

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck and Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

Jeff Winklepleck responded to queries from Commissioner Blair.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, responded to queries from Commissioner Blair.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair Durnin.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, responded to queries from Chair Durnin.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Blair and Amy Bodek.

Michael Mais responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Jeff Winklepleck responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Smith and Derek Burnham.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Van Horik, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

see media

2. 11-058PL

Recommendation to recommend that the City Council approve the pre-zoning of the three areas at the east Long Beach city limit along the San Gabriel River to be annexed as part of the proposed boundary adjustment between the Cities of Long Beach, Seal Beach, and Los Alamitos and Los Angeles and Orange Counties. (Districts 3 and 5)

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

Jeff Winklepleck and Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Jeff Winklepleck responded to queries from Larry Goodhue, who provided public comment.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

see media

3. 11-057PL

Recommendation to receive and file a report on proposed zoning amendments related to the City's regulation of billboards (off-site advertising) and recommend approval of proposed zoning amendments to the City Council. (Citywide) (Application No. 0911-03)

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, provided the staff report.

Scott Kinsey responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gentile and Derek Burnham.

Scott Kinsey responded to a query from Commissioner Gentile.

Amy Bodek responded to queries from Commissioner Fox.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Smith.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Smith.

Michael Mais responded to queries from Commissioner Smith.

Scott Kinsey responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Blair and Derek Burnham.

Scott Kinsey responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Chair Durnin.

Scott Kinsey and Amy Bodek responded to a query from Chair Durnin.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Chair Durnin.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair Durnin.

Larry Goodhue provided public comment.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Larry Goodhue.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Larry Goodhue.

Chair Durnin responded to a query from Larry Goodhue.

A dialogue ensued between Larry Goodhue, Amy Bodek and Derek

Burnham.

Ray Baker, Vice President and General Manager for Lamar Advertising, provided public comment.

Ray Baker responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Blair and Ray Baker.

Ray Baker responded to a query from Amy Bodek.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Blair and Ray Baker.

Chair Durnin spoke.

Ray Baker responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Smith, Ray Baker and Derek Burnham.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Fox, Michael Mais, Ray Baker and Derek Burnham.

Tim Fox, CBS Outdoor, provided public comment.

Tim Fox and John Doyle and Layne Lawson, representing Clear Channel, responded to comments from Commissioner Smith.

Tim Fox responded to queries from Commissioner Blair.

Shawn Brennan provided public comment.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Shawn Brennan.

Scott Kinsey responded to queries from Chair Durnin.

Chair Durnin responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Saumur and Scott Kinsey.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Saumur and Derek Burnham.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gentile and Derek Burnham.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

Scott Kinsey responded to a comment from Commissioner Smith.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Scott Kinsey and Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Derek Burnham and Michael Mais responded to queries from Commissioner Blair.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Chair Durnin spoke.

Michael Mais and Amy Bodek responded to queries from Commissioner Smith.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Derek Burnham spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gentile, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Durnin and Amy Bodek.

Chair Durnin spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gentile, to approve the recommendation with additional technical review by staff to clarify light pollution standards and the addition of an amendment requiring the review of billboard CUP's every 10 years and a billboard height maximum of up to 35 feet. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (7:39 PM)**

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Larry Goodhue provided public comment.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (7:42 PM)**

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Chair Durnin spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT (7:43 PM)**

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At 7:43 p.m., Chair Durnin adjourned the meeting.

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Charles Durnin, Chair  
Donita Van Horik, Vice-Chair



Becky Blair, Commissioner  
Alan Fox, Commissioner  
Leslie Gentile, Commissioner  
Phil Saumur, Commissioner  
Melani Smith, Commissioner

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## FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER (5:09 PM)

At 5:09 p.m., Vice Chair Van Horik called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL (5:09 PM)

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**Boardmembers** Alan L. Fox, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Donita Van Horik and Becky  
**Present:** Blair

**Boardmembers** Charles Durnin, Phillip Joseph Saumur and Melani Smith  
**Absent:**

Also present: Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator; Jill Griffith, Planning Officer;  
Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Cuentin Jackson, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau  
Secretary.

### FLAG SALUTE (5:10 PM)

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Commissioner Gentile led the flag salute.

### MINUTES (5:10 PM)

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11-063PL

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes  
of October 12, 2011.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Alan L. Fox, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Donita Van Horik and  
Becky Blair

**Absent:** 3 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Charles Durnin and Melani Smith

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:11 PM)**

see media

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, presented the Director's Report.

**SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:11 PM)**

see media

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 (5:12 PM)**

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1. 11-064PL

Recommendation to recommend City Council approve an amendment to the Douglas Aircraft Planned Development District (PD-19) to replace the allowance of interim uses to permanent use. (District 5) (Application No. 1105-12)

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, introduced Cuentin Jackson, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Gene Warden, applicant, spoke.

Vice Chair Van Horik spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Alan L. Fox, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

**Absent:** 3 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Charles Durnin and Melani Smith

**COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (5:20 PM)**

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There were no comments from the Planning Commission.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (5:20 PM)**

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There were no comments from the public.

**ADJOURNMENT (5:21 PM)**

At 5:21 p.m., Vice Chair Van Horik adjourned the meeting.

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