

CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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June 14, 2016

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Confirm the appointment by the Cultural Heritage Commission of Peter Devereaux to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Long Beach Navy Memorial Heritage Association. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

On April 11, 2016, the Cultural Heritage Commission voted unanimously to approve Peter Devereaux to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Long Beach Navy Memorial Heritage Association (LBNMHA). The Cultural Heritage Commission is responsible for appointing three of the nine members to the Board of Trustees of the Association, with confirmation of their appointment by the City Council. Mr. Devereaux's current term on the Board expires on June 30, 2016. If reappointed, he would begin serving a second term (Exhibit A – Navy Memorial Heritage Association Letter).

When the Long Beach Naval Station and Shipyard was demolished, a mitigation measure was established to address the loss of this historic resource. A part of the mitigation measure was to establish the Long Beach Heritage Fund (Fund), consisting of \$4.5 million to be deposited as a dedicated fund within the California Heritage Fund of the State of California. The purpose of the Fund is to support the identification, evaluation, preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and interpretation of historical resources within the municipal boundaries of the City.

The LBNMHA Board of Trustees administers the Fund. Other organizations that participate in the administration of the Fund include the Historical Society of Long Beach (two members), Long Beach Heritage (two members), and the Wilmore City Heritage Association (two members). The agreement stipulates that the Cultural Heritage Commission shall appoint three trustees that are approved by the City Council. The term is for a three-year period. The Commission, by a 7-0 vote, has approved Mr. Peter Devereaux for a second term (Exhibit B – Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes of April 11, 2016). Mr. Devereaux's resume is attached (Exhibit C – Resume of Peter Devereaux).

This matter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Michael J. Mais on May 25, 2016 and by Assistant Finance Director Lea Ericksen on May 24, 2016.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 14, 2016, to ratify the Cultural Heritage Commission selection prior to the current term's expiration.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal or local job impact as a result of the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



AMY J. BODEK, AICP
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

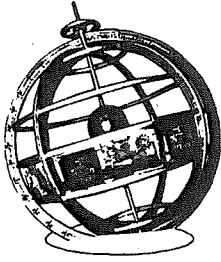
APPROVED:


PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

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Attachments: Exhibit A: March 14, 2016 Navy Memorial Heritage Association Letter
Exhibit B: April 11, 2016 Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
Exhibit C: Resume of Peter Devereaux



Long Beach
NAVY MEMORIAL
Heritage Association

March 14, 2016

Alan Burks, Chairman
Cultural Heritage Commission
City of Long Beach
333 W. Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90802

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Dear Chairman Burks and Commissioners:

The Long Beach Navy Memorial Heritage Association (LBNMHA) wishes to notify the Cultural Heritage Commission that Trustee Peter Devereaux' term expires on June 30, 2016. Peter has been an excellent trustee and has indicated he would be willing to continue on the Board.

The Commission is the only designated participating organization that has the privilege of appointing three members to the Board of Trustees. The other participants elect two members each. The term of office is for three years. There is no limit to the number of terms a representative may serve nor does the representative have to be a board member or commissioner from the appointing organization.

Interested candidates should understand that a considerable time commitment is required during the three-year appointment. The LBNMHA has three board meetings (Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.), and several separate meetings and events each year. Each trustee acts as a liaison for at least one project and provides additional support for the Board as needed. In addition, trustees are responsible for overseeing the investment policies for the endowment and the variety of issues that arise relative to managing the organization.

Please send us written notification of your appointee prior to July 31, 2016.

Sincerely,

Maureen Neeley
Secretary

Cc: Cheryl Perry, President
Kaye Briegel, Vice President

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
CULTURAL HERITAGE
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:30 PM**

Alan Burks, Chair
Karen Highberger, Vice Chair
Shannon Carmack, Commissioner



Louise Ivers, Commissioner
Irma Hernandez, Commissioner
Jan Robert van Dijs, Commissioner
Julianna Roosevelt, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:37 PM)

At 5:37 p.m., Chair Burks called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:37 PM)

Also present: Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager; Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer; Alejandro Plascencia, Planner; Lynette Ferenczy, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

Commissioners Alan Burks, Irma Hernandez, Jan Robert van Dijs, Karen L.
Present: Highberger, Louise Ivers and Shannon Carmack

Commissioners Julianna Roosevelt
Absent:

FLAG SALUTE (5:38 PM)

Commissioner Hernandez led the flag salute.

MINUTES (5:38 PM)

16-011CH Recommendation to receive and file the Cultural Heritage Commission minutes of March 14, 2016.

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

Yes: 6 - Alan Burks, Irma Hernandez, Jan Robert van Dijs, Karen L. Highberger, Louise Ivers and Shannon Carmack

Absent: 1 - Julianna Roosevelt

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:39 PM)

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, provided the Director's Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (5:40 PM)

There was no public comment given.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:40 PM)

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.

REGULAR AGENDA (5:40 PM)

1. 16-012CH Recommendation to recommend the City Council designate the property located at 6509 Gundry Avenue as a Historical Landmark. (District 9) (Application No. HP14-205)

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, introduced Alejandro Plascencia, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Highberger and Christopher Koontz.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Laura Carrias, LSA Associates, responded to a query from Commissioner Ivers.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Commissioner Ivers.

Commissioner Carmack spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Laura Carrias responded to a query from Chair Burks.

Chair Burks spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a recommendation made by Chair Burks.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ivers, seconded by Commissioner Carmack, to approve the recommendation with an amendment directing staff to prepare a renovation and restoration recommendation report. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Alan Burks, Irma Hernandez, Jan Robert van Dijs, Karen L. Highberger, Louise Ivers and Shannon Carmack

Absent: 1 - Julianna Roosevelt

2. 16-013CH

Recommendation to conditionally approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for a 177-square-foot one-story and 824-square-foot two-story addition with 300 square feet of balcony to an existing one-story single-family residence with a detached two-car garage located at 3754 Gundry Avenue in the California Heights Historic District. (District 7) (Application No. HP16-091)

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, introduced Lynette Ferenczy, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Ellen Fassler, applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Ivers and Ellen Fassler.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

Lynette Ferenczy responded to a query from Commissioner Hernandez.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

Chair Burks swore in the project architect, Laurie Matisse.

Laurie Matisse spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Laurie Matisse spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Lynette Ferenczy responded to a query from Chair Burks.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner van Dijs and Laurie Matisse.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Ivers and Laurie Matisse.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Highberger and Laurie Matisse.

Chair Burks spoke.

Laurie Matisse responded to a query from Chair Burks.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Laurie Matisse responded to comments from Chair Burks.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Laurie Matisse.

Laurie Matisse responded to queries from Chair Burks.

Commissioner Carmack spoke.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Commissioner Hernandez.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

Laurie Matisse spoke.

Ellen Fassler and Laurie Matisse spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Laurie Matisse spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs and Chair Burks volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

Chair Burks spoke.

A motion was made by Chair Burks, seconded by Commissioner Ivers, to continue the item to June 13, 2016. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Alan Burks, Irma Hernandez, Jan Robert van Dijs, Karen L. Highberger, Louise Ivers and Shannon Carmack

Absent: 1 - Julianna Roosevelt

3. 16-014CH

Recommendation to hold a discussion and appoint a Cultural Heritage Commission representative to the Long Beach Navy Memorial Heritage Association.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Chair Burks.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ivers, seconded by Vice Chair Highberger, to approve the recommendation to reappoint Peter Devereaux as the Cultural Heritage Commission representative for the Long Beach Navy Memorial Heritage Association. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Alan Burks, Irma Hernandez, Jan Robert van Dijs, Karen L. Highberger, Louise Ivers and Shannon Carmack

Absent: 1 - Julianna Roosevelt

COMMENTS FROM THE CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSIONERS (6:42 PM)

There were no comments from the Commission.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

ADJOURNMENT (6:44 PM)

At 6:44 p.m., there being no objections, Chair Burks adjourned the meeting.

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March 18, 2016

To the Long Beach Cultural Heritage Commission

About Peter Devereaux:

My house on Grand Avenue in Belmont Heights has been home since I was a 7th grader - with over half a century there I have seniority on this block.

Knowing that he was not handy, my father engaged an expert painter to show my brother and me how to do things. Mr. Hayden, son of a general contractor, was good at quite a number of trades, and came over on Saturdays for years. During high school my friends would say, "Let's go to the movies, Pete." And my answer, "Sorry, I've got to paint the house."

Later, I lived in Europe for an extended period and found myself attracted to designers and architecture students. They helped me discover the value of what was beautiful, and as I recall, during a few student years I lived in a designated landmark house in Vienna.

Back in Long Beach I noticed that there was a prevailing notion that new is good, old is bad. I joined others who thought that what our predecessors built and cherished deserved to be respected, and that our community was enriched when it preserved what was worthy from its past.

I helped found some groups which gained notice and considerable membership, and began to have influence in the community, including political influence. Among these groups were the Willmore City Heritage Association, the Bluff Park Group, originally called Beach Area Concerned Citizens, and then Long Beach Heritage.

Early in the history of Long Beach Heritage, our members managed to successfully lobby for a Department of Historic and Neighborhood Preservation, with a full-time Preservation Officer. With patient hard work seventeen historic districts were designated.

By and by, the Navy decided to close its base on Terminal Island, including the beautiful campus largely designed by the famous architect, Paul Williams. Again, Heritage attempted to find an alternative to wholesale demolition. At the time I was chairman of its Advocacy Committee. Our efforts resulted in having an adaptive re-use study prepared, and although it appeared we lost that battle, the outcome was the establishment of a four million dollar trust fund, that would be dedicated to on-going historic preservation in Long Beach. That was the largest such award in the country, and I must mention that one of the most prominent attorneys in town, George Wise, played a major role in the negotiation.

The little company, Devereaux Construction, has been associated with the restoration of several designated landmarks, and has had projects in six or seven historic districts.

Some years back, the Cultural Heritage Committee, thinking it was doing the right thing, gave me its Lifetime Achievement Award. I have tried not to be too big a disappointment.

And your Commission appointed me twice to the Navy Memorial Heritage Association; I would be happy to serve one more term.

Best wishes,
Peter Devereaux