

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
JEANNE KARATSU, PRESIDENT
JANUARY 28, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 28, 2009, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Islas, F. Phil Infelise, Jeanne Karatsu, Douglas Haubert

MEMBER EXCUSED: Ahmed Saafir

OTHERS PRESENT: Mario R. Beas, Executive Director & Secretary
Melinda George, Deputy Director
Diane Dzodin, Administrative Officer
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant
Debbie McCluster, Personnel Analyst
Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst
Robert Pfingsthorn, Personnel Analyst
Lourdes Ferrer, Assistant Administrative Analyst
Donna de Araujo, Assistant Administrative Analyst
Mary Eme, Personnel Analyst, Human Resources

President Jeanne Karatsu presided.

MINUTES: It was moved by Commissioner Haubert, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 21, 2009, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

BULLETIN: **ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE**

It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the subject Job Opportunity Bulletin be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

EXAMINATION RESULTS: It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the following examination results be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Health Professional – 12 Applied, 3 Qualified
Systems Technician – 18 Applied, 7 Qualified

**EXTENSION OF EXPIRING
ELIGIBLE LISTS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise to extend the following eligible list for an additional six months. Diane Dzodin, Administrative Officer requested the Civil Engineer eligible list of 8/8/07 be deleted from the extension. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Haubert and carried that the following eligible lists be extended for an additional six months, with the deletion of the Civil Engineer eligible list for 8/8/07. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- Building Services Supervisor
- Civil Engineer (2/6/08, ~~8/8/07~~, 2/27/08, 8/6/08)
- Civil Engineering Assistant (8/6/08, 8/13/08, 8/27/08)
- Department Librarian (2/6/08, 8/20/08)
- Electrical Engineer (8/6/08, 8/13/08)
- Microbiologist
- Public Health Nutritionist (8/6/08, 8/20/08)
- Public Health Professional (2/6/08, 8/13/08)
- Registered Nurse (2/6/08, 2/20/08)
- Senior Civil Engineer (2/6/08, 2/20/08)
- Senior Traffic Engineer
- Systems Technician (8/6/08, 8/13/08, 8/27/08)
- Traffic Engineer
- Water Treatment Operator (8/6/08, 8/27/08)

RETIREMENTS:

The Secretary presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following employees in recognition of their dedicated service to the City and citizens of Long Beach. Lee Woolever, Fire (32 years), Thomas Reed, Parks, Recreation and Marine (25 years) and Daniel DeGuzman, Water (29 years). Representatives from their respective departments were present and spoke on their behalf.

It was moved by Commissioner Haubert, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the following retirements be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- Ann Berkery/Engineering Technician/Energy
- Nenita Catipon/Customer Service Representative III
/Financial Management
- Leonard Ingalls/Firefighter/Fire
- William Mason/Administrative Analyst III/Health
- Eula Slater/Public Health Nutritionist I/Health
- Thomas Reed/Park Maintenance Supervisor/Parks

Louis Valencia/Equipment Operator II/Parks
Diana Pelaez/Police Services Specialist/Police
Daniel DeGuzman/Water Treatment Operator IV/Water

RESCHEDULE FOR HEARING:

REDUCTION HEARING 13-R-78

It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Haubert and carried that the subject hearing be rescheduled to March 25, 2009. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

MANAGERS' REPORT:

Melinda George, Deputy Director, stated that she met with the five staff members in the Civil Service Department who will be required to complete position description questionnaire forms regarding the IAM Classification and Compensation Study. She also stated that she would be meeting with Ergometrics regarding the Fire Recruit examination, along with Rob Pfingsthorn, Personnel Analyst who will be conducting the examination and Donna deAraujo, Assistant Administrative Analyst, who will be assisting him.

The Secretary stated that he attended a joint Personnel and Civil Service Committee and Transportation and Infrastructure Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2009. He stated that there were not enough committee members from the Personnel and Civil Service Committee for any discussion, but the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee discussed library staff, and Glenda Williams, Acting Director of Library Services, provided an excellent presentation on service levels provided by Library Services.

The Secretary informed the Commission that Herman Long, former Deputy Director and Lourdes Ferrer, Assistant Administrative Analyst, were the Employee of the Year nominees for 2008. He stated that Lourdes Ferrer was voted Employee of the Year, congratulated her and presented her with the "Shar Bullock Award" and the Employee of the Year plaque with her name along with all previous Employees of the Year.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mario R. Beas", written in a cursive style.

MARIO R. BEAS
Secretary

MRB:meh

C I T Y P L A N N I N G C O M M I S S I O N M I N U T E S**S E P T E M B E R 1 8 , 2 0 0 8**

The regular meeting of the City Planning Commission and public hearing convened on September 18, 2008, at 5:10pm in the City Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: Leslie Gentile, Phil Saumur, Charles Durnin, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik, Becky Blair

ABSENT: EXCUSED: None

CHAIRMAN: Leslie Gentile

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Beck, Director
Greg Carpenter, Planning Mgr.
Derek Burnham, Zoning Officer
Jill Griffiths, Comprehensive
Jeff Winklepleck, Planner
Scott Kinsey, Planner

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Mais, Deputy City Attorney
Marcia Gold, Minutes Clerk

P L E D G E O F A L L E G I A N C E

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Smith.

D I R E C T O R S R E P O R T

Craig Beck announced that a ribbon-cutting ceremony would be held on this date for Willow Center, which represented a transition on the west side with upgrading and investment in the area. Mr. Beck also said staff was moving forward with the Housing Element, and planned to hold a study session with City Council followed by the Commission and a request for adoption of the Element by both bodies.

S W E A R I N G O F W I T N E S S E S**R E G U L A R A G E N D A****1. Application No. 0808-01**

Applicant: Pat Brown for Michael Dene

Subject Site: 5620 E. 2nd Street (District 3)

Scott Kinsey presented the staff report recommending approval of the request since the project would not involve any physical alteration of the building, and because the existing liquor license is in good standing.

Pat Brown, 5390 E. 8th Street, project consultant, stated that the applicant was upgrading the liquor license to serve the community.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve a Conditional Use Permit and Local Coastal Development Permit for the upgrade of an existing liquor license for beer and wine only (Type 41) to beer, wine and distilled spirits (Type 47) at an existing restaurant. Commissioner Durnin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. STUDY SESSION

Golden Shore Master Plan

Craig Beck presented the staff report outlining the scope of the long-term downtown expansion project.

Jeff Winklepleck detailed the general proposal and explained staff's request that the applicants address pedestrian connectivity, setbacks and the urban context of the project.

Sam Keesal, Keesal, Young & Logan, 400 Oceangate, summarized the history of the site.

John Molina, Molina Healthcare Inc., partner, 200 Oceangate Suite 100, stated he felt the project would become an iconic gateway to the City.

Faramarz Jabbari, ARK Architects, 11855 Sorrento Valley Road, San Diego, project architect, presented artistic renderings of the proposed project and outlined the general concept and design elements. Mr. Jabbari added they were addressing the major concern of the project's isolation from the downtown area by looking into connectivity ideas.

George Medak, Affiliated Development Group, Inc., 6230 Majorca Circle, developer, noted that their second phase of development would include traffic mitigation and transportation connectivity issues.

Derek Burnham added that an in-depth traffic study was planned for the project.

Commissioner Smith lauded the idea that a major employer will occupy the office tower but expressed concern that the above-grade plaza was too auto-oriented and needed better pedestrian access, and that the above-grade parking garage also created a visual barrier. Ms. Smith commented that it is not clear how the green space fronting the project on Ocean would function, and whether it would be used. She further expressed concern that because it is the space through which people entering the site need to travel in order to get to the steps/elevator which take them onto the plaza level, it is an important space that should be inviting and draw visitors into the project.

Mr. Medak stated they did not have an existing context to tie into so they were hoping the plaza would create a community-type pedestrian life for the project.

Mr. Molina added that he felt the quality of the project and its residential, restaurant and entertainment amenities would generate excitement and community.

Commissioner Van Horik agreed that there needed to be connectivity to downtown with a proper pedestrian access and bike paths, and she agreed the plaza could become a great pedestrian area as long as it did not center on the auto drop-off area. Ms. Van Horik suggested that the building be built at grade level so it would appear more accessible from all sides.

Commissioner Blair stated she felt entertainment access should come from the Pike area instead noting that other Ocean Boulevard office buildings had created their own synergy with ground-level retail, and suggested this project do the same. Ms. Blair also said that top-floor restaurant concept being considered by the developers would create spectacular views to patrons. Commissioner Blair said she felt that the building's height would be balanced with the nearby World Trade Center, creating a grand entrance into the City. She also expressed pleasure with the dramatic architecture and said that landscaping around the parking area can be done creatively to somewhat minimize the size/feel of the parking structure.

Chair Gentile suggested that hotel guests be given an easy walkway to the Convention Center, and objected to the loss of view corridors from the plaza blocked by the residential tower and hotel. Ms. Gentile objected to the internal feel of the

plaza, and said she felt there were many site plan issues that needed to be dealt with. She further commented that there is not an urban design concept in the current plan and that it is too dense and does not really fit. She also commented that she had concerns with the configuration of the office building and the planning of the hotel.

Applicant Medak agreed to address all the issues brought up by the Commission.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Gentile moved to appoint Commissioner Phillip Saumur as Chairman for the year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Van Horik and passed 5-0-1 with Commissioner Saumur abstaining.

Commissioner Gentile moved to appoint Commissioner Melani Smith as Co-Chair for the year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blair and passed 5-0-1 with Commissioner Smith abstaining.

R E P O R T O N O T H E R D E P A R T M E N T M A T T E R S

There were no reports on other Departmental Matters.

M A T T E R S F R O M P L A N N I N G C O M M I S S I O N M E M B E R S

In response to a query from Commissioner Durnin, Greg Carpenter stated that the 2030 Update and Housing Element would be heard in a special Commission Study Session before the October 2, 2008 meeting.

A D J O U R N M E N T

The meeting adjourned at 6:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Gold
Minutes Clerk

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**DECEMBER 4, 2008**

The regular meeting of the City Planning Commission and public hearing convened Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 5:06 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: Philip Saumur, Becky Blair, Charles Durnin, Alan Fox, Leslie Gentile, Melani Smith

ABSENT: EXCUSED: Donita Van Horik

CHAIRMAN: Philip Saumur

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Beck, Director of Development Services
Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer
Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer
Jaime Ustin, Planner
Jorge Ramirez, Planner
Scott Kinsey, Planner
Mark Hungerford, Planner
Steve Valdez, Planner
Heidi Eidson, Minutes Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Mais, Assistant City Attorney
Dennis Eschen, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Fox.

MINUTES

The minutes of September 4, 2008 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Gentile, seconded by Commissioner Durnin and passed 4-0-2. Commissioners Smith and Fox abstained and Commissioner Van Horik was absent.

Commissioner Gentile stated that she felt that the minutes of September 18th did not reflect the breadth of the comments made by the Commission at the Study Session.

Commissioners Blair and Smith also commented that they felt that changes to the minutes were necessary.

The minutes of September 18, 2008 were approved in concept on a motion by Commissioner Blair with the stipulation that changes would be made and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-1. Commissioner Fox abstained and Commissioner Van Horik was absent.

The minutes of October 2, 2008 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Gentile, seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed 5-0-1. Commissioner Fox abstained and Commissioner Van Horik was absent.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Craig Beck reported that the middle block of the Promenade development had opened and he encouraged the Commissioners to visit it.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES

STUDY SESSION

Jaime Ustin gave a brief introduction of the META mixed-use retail/housing development located at Long Beach Boulevard and Anaheim Street.

Mark Wolf, Vice President of META Housing, briefly discussed the components of the project and the funding sources.

Brian Ulaszewski and Michael Bohn, Studio One Eleven, gave a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the plans in depth including mobility components, sustainability, open space, and architectural elements.

In response to a query from Commissioner Smith, Mr. Wolf reiterated that the project qualifies for the infill-infrastructure grant and part of that grant budget is for streetscape improvements at the intersection of Long Beach Boulevard and Anaheim.

In response to a query from Commissioner Durnin, Mr. Bohn stated that he was confident that the development would be certified LEED silver.

In response to a query from Commissioner Fox, Mr. Bohn stated that by minimizing the footprint of the tower, no views would be obstructed.

In response to a query from Commissioner Saumur, Mr. Ulaszewski and Mr. Bohn discussed the layout of the parking areas.

In response to a query from Commissioner Saumur, Mr. Wolf stated that with regards to the senior living component, there would be no medical facilities on site.

Commissioner Durnin asked that consideration be given to providing adequate accessibility to disabled seniors traveling from residential units to transportation.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Application No. 0809-04

Applicant: Ramez and Linda Karma
Subject Site: 3020 Woodruff Avenue (District 5)

Jorge Ramirez presented the staff report recommending approval of the Conditional Use Permit request. Mr. Ramirez explained that the lease had expired at the applicants' previous business site and therefore would be transferring their liquor license to the new location.

Erica Odom, Zoning and Land Use Solutions, applicant's consultant, stated that the applicants were asking for the removal of Condition 4H which prohibits the sale of single cans of alcoholic beverages.

In response to a query from Commissioner Fox, Derek Burnham explained that this condition is placed on all new Conditional Use Permit applications at the suggestion of the Police Department.

In response to a query from Commissioner Saumur, Ramez Karma, applicant, stated that many companies produce single-serving sizes of beer and the sales of these items are an important part of his business.

Lorna Lockwood, 2820 Neva Circle, Costa Mesa, building owner, stated that her family had spent money to accommodate this tenant in their facility, but the tenant had stated that they would most likely back out of the prospective lease agreement if this condition was not remedied. She asked that the Commission consider the applicant's request.

Commissioner Blair made a motion to approve a Conditional Use Permit to operate a new liquor store (Type 21 license) with sales of beer, wine and distilled spirits for off-site consumption within an existing 1,500 square foot commercial space with a modification to Condition 4H to restrict sales of single cans of alcoholic beverages to cans above 12 ounces and cans of 7 ounces only.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit and eliminate Condition H. Commissioner Blair withdrew her original motion and seconded Commissioner Fox's motion.

Mr. Beck asked that the Commission consider the possibility that another store could move in and there would no longer be conditions in place on single can sales.

The question was called and the motion failed 2-4.

Commissioner Blair made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit with a modification to Condition 4H to allow the sales of cans in excess of 12 ounces and specialty single cans. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. Commissioner Van Horik was absent.

2. Application No. 0810-08

Applicant: Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market
Subject Site: 1340 E. 7th Street (District 2)

Derek Burnham presented the staff report recommending approval of the Conditional Use Permit request to allow sales of beer and wine at a new Fresh and Easy Market.

Commissioner Blair made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale of beer and wine (Type 20 license) for off-site consumption in conjunction with a full-service market and Commissioner Fox seconded the motion which passed 6-0. Commissioner Van Horik was absent.

3. Application No. 0808-03

Applicant: Donald Bailey
Subject Site: 27 Cerritos Avenue (District 2)

Mark Hungerford presented the staff report recommending approval of the project.

Don Bailey, applicant, stated that the existing home would be torn down to allow for the development of three condominium units and seven on-site parking spaces.

In response to a query from Commissioner Saumur, Mr. Burnham stated that the Historic Preservation Officer did a field visit to the site and had indicated that the existing building does not meet historic criteria and can be removed.

Commissioner Gentile made a motion to approve Tentative Parcel Map No. 70614 and the Local Coastal Development Permit. Commissioner Durnin seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. Commissioner Van Horik was absent.

(Item #7 was taken out of order)

7. Application No. 0810-04

Applicant: City of Long Beach Redevelopment Agency
Subject Site: 1199 E. Artesia Boulevard (District 9)

Scott Kinsey presented the staff report recommending approval of the new 11,080 square foot fire station, 4,632 square foot emergency resource center and 100 foot tall radio antenna. Mr Kinsey also stated that the project will achieve LEED gold status for its environmentally friendly design.

Elvia Delgadillo, Long Beach Redevelopment Agency, gave a brief overview of the project.

Jeffrey Reeb, Deputy Chief of Operations, Long Beach Fire Department, briefly discussed the existing fire station and the need for the new facility.

Mary McGrath, 222 Sutter Street, San Francisco, lead architect, gave a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the building design, materials, landscaping and site plan in depth.

In response to a query from Commissioner Durnin regarding the use of jacaranda trees, Ms. McGrath stated that the tree type was the recommendation of the City Arborist, but added that she would be willing to go back to him for other recommendations.

In response to another query from Commissioner Durnin, Ms. McGrath stated that as a public safety facility, the City's communications tower has been designed for different objectives than a cellsite and it has been integrated into the project's architecture as a design element of the facility to prevent negative visual impacts that could result from a plain steel-lattice tower at this height.

Gene Snyder, 6105 Lemon, stated that the fire station was much needed, but asked why the location was selected as opposed to a site across the street.

Mr. Beck responded that the chosen site was better suited for the needs of the fire station and would have less impact on residents.

Shirley Rayhill, 6636 Orange Avenue, #101, stated that she was concerned about the decrease of her property value caused by having a fire station located so close to her condominium. She also expressed concern about the loud noise associated with the use.

Robert Rayhill, 6636 Orange Avenue, #101, stated that he was concerned that the quality of life and character of the neighborhood would be disturbed by this project.

Mark Bonham, P.O. Box 91922, stated that he has a rental property in the area and also was concerned about the noise levels.

In response to a query from Commissioner Durnin, Deputy Chief Reeb commented that foliage on the walls would absorb some of the noise. He further stated that the California Department of Transportation requires that the siren sound continuously and that the warning lights be displayed, but the tone and intensity of the siren can be varied based upon traffic safety needs.

Commissioner Blair made a motion to approve the Site Plan Review, Lot Merger and Standards Variances, make a finding of General Plan Conformity for alley vacation, recommend City Council approve a General Plan Amendment to change Land Use District designation from 1 and 8a to 10, and a Zone Change from CCA and R-1-N to I (Institutional) and certify Negative Declaration 14-08. Commissioner Saumur seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioners Gentile and Smith had recused themselves and Commissioner Van Horik was absent.

4. Application No. 0810-13

Applicant: City of Long Beach
Department of Development Services
Subject Site: Citywide

Steven Valdez presented the staff report and gave a brief description of check cashing uses.

In response to a query from Commissioner Fox, Mr. Beck stated that the City Council moratorium came in response to a proliferation of check cashing and payday advance businesses downtown and the fact that a majority of the businesses were unlicensed. Having the proposed regulations in place would help with business license enforcement.

In response to a query from Commissioner Smith, Mr. Mais stated that check cashing and payday advance businesses are being lumped together because the enforcement issues and the safety issues are the same between these two types of businesses.

In response to another query from Commissioner Smith, Mr. Mais stated that these regulations are based on California State Law.

Ray Pok, representative from the 7th District Council office, stated that their office had a concern with the restriction of payday advance

businesses not being located within 500' of banking institutions. He commented that payday advance businesses require a customer to have a bank account to use their service and they are therefore frequently located next door to banks.

Alan Fisher, California Reinvestment Coalition, San Francisco, stated that he was in support of the regulations as an important way to protect citizens from predatory lending practices.

Adama Iwu, Advance America, stated that her organization adheres to practices aimed at protecting customers and which allow them to operate in a way which adheres to all applicable laws. She commented that her organization took issue with the distance requirements outlined in the proposed regulations and with the general tone of the comments made about payday advance businesses in the staff report.

Sergio Carillo, Community Financial Services Association of America, advised that State law regulates payday advance businesses differently than check cashing businesses and that payday advance businesses were regulated by the same organization that regulates banks. He commented that his organization takes issue with the restriction of not being located within 500' of banking institutions as payday advance businesses work closely with banks, even giving customers vouchers to cash at banks rather than keeping large quantities of cash onsite.

Mr. Carillo also commented that his organization feels that the issue at hand was proliferation of these types of establishments not crime or competition with financial institutions and that a requirement of a 500' radius between check cashing and payday advance businesses would address the concerns brought forth by City Council.

In response to a query from Commissioner Fox, Mr. Valdez commented that these regulations are modeled after Oakland's ordinance, but Oakland requires a 1000' separation between uses.

Mr. Burnham added that these types of regulations are an emerging trend in other jurisdictions.

In response to a query from Commissioner Durnin regarding existing unlicensed check cashing businesses, Mr. Beck stated that business license enforcement will take place and those businesses will be required to conform to the new regulations.

Commissioner Durnin asked that staff provide a map of where check cashing businesses would be allowed, what the density would be and a number tally of current licensed check cashing businesses.

In response to a query from Commissioner Smith, Mr. Mais commented that several Councilmembers articulated concerns that the

proliferation of check cashing businesses would inhibit banks from locating in the community.

Commissioner Durnin stated that he felt that it was important to have a better Ordinance in place which would allow for reputable businesses to operate in a controlled manner, but he felt that he needed more data to make an informed decision.

Commissioner Saumur made a motion to continue the item to a date to be renoticed and ask that City Council extend the current moratorium 6 months. Commissioner Gentile seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. Commissioner Van Horik was absent.

5. Application No. 0705-14

Applicant: Sam Kim
Subject Site: 1100 E. 10th Street (District 1)

Jaime Ustin presented the staff report recommending denial of the Conditional Use Permit request to legalize a check cashing use at an existing market. Ms. Ustin clarified that the application had been submitted prior to the City Council moratorium on check cashing uses and that the market sold beer and wine only, not liquor.

Desiree Koze, representative for the applicant, stated that the applicant offered check cashing as a service to his existing clientele, charging only a 1% fee, and that there was no signage advertising this service. She further commented that the market had existed for 40 years and had been offering check cashing services for 17 years.

Ms. Koze reiterated that the application had been filed prior to the Council moratorium on check cashing and cited a section of the City Council Resolution stating that no pending applications should be affected by the moratorium.

In response to a query from Commissioner Durnin, Mr. Burnham stated that under the current regulations if the applicant was charging a fee of \$2.00 or less then it would not fall under the City's definition of check cashing and would not require a Conditional Use Permit.

Mr. Burnham suggested that the Planning Commission continue the item until the Zoning Regulations governing check cashing uses were adopted.

Commissioner Durnin made a motion to continue the item to a date uncertain with renoticing of the application hearing and Commissioner

Gentile seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. Commissioner Van Horik was absent.

6. Application No. 0809-10

Applicant: City of Long Beach Department of Parks,
Recreation and Marine

Subject Site: 2125 Santa Fe Avenue (District 7)

Steven Valdez presented the staff report recommending approval of the park expansion and asked for the deletion of Condition of Approval #2 requiring the park to close at dusk.

In response to a query from Commissioner Fox, Mr. Valdez stated that 21st Street must be vacated to allow for a contiguous parcel.

Dennis Eschen, Manager of Planning and Development, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, stated that the project includes development of three acres of land to be used as passive park as well as renovation of the existing park by adding lighting, converting a baseball field into an additional soccer field, and adding a new ADA compliant playground.

In response to a query from Commissioner Durnin, Mr. Eschen stated that security lighting is on from dusk until dawn and the sport lighting is turned off at various times depending on the game schedules, but always off no later than 9:45 p.m. He further commented that the lighting is focused down onto the field with very little spillage beyond the actual playing field.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to certify Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 13-08 and recommend that the City Council approve Zone Changes from Commercial Automobile Oriented (CCA) to Park (P) and recommend that the City Council approve the amendments to the General Plan from LUD #3A (Townhome) to LUD #11 (Open Space and Park) and approve the Site Plan Review, Lot Merger and General Plan Conformity Finding, subject to conditions. Commissioner Blair seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioners Gentile and Smith recused themselves and Commissioner Van Horik was absent.

(Item re-opened)

5. Application No. 0705-14

Applicant: Sam Kim

Subject Site: 1100 E. 10th Street (District 1)

Commissioner Smith asked that the item be re-opened for consideration since the applicant had indicated that they would be willing to cap the service fee charged to 1%.

Commissioner Smith then made a motion to re-open agenda item 5 and Commissioner Gentile seconded the motion which passed 6-0. Commissioner Van Horik was absent.

Commissioner Blair made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit and directed staff to prepare positive findings, with a limitation of 1% for fees charged for check cashing services, for adoption at the next Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner Gentile seconded the motion which passed 5-1, with Commissioner Durnin dissenting. Commissioner Van Horik was absent.

MATTERS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

There were no matters from the Planning Commission.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Eidson
Minutes Clerk