# CITY OF LONG BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2011 333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM

Charles Durnin, Chair Donita Van Horik, Vice-Chair



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

#### **FINAL AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES**

# CALL TO ORDER (5:10 PM)

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

ROLL CALL (5:10 PM)

Boardmembers Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie

Present: Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith and Becky Blair

Boardmembers Donita Van Horik

Absent:

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

#### FLAG SALUTE (5:10 PM)

Commissioner Smith led the flag salute.

#### **MINUTES (5:11 PM)**

11-001PL

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of December 2, 2010.

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

Yes: 6 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie

Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith and Becky Blair

Absent: 1 - Donita Van Horik

# DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:12 PM)

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

### **SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:17 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 (5:17 PM)**

#### 1. 11-002PL

Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit request to upgrade a legal nonconforming alcohol license from a Type 42 (beer and wine) to a Type 48 (beer, wine and distilled spirits) at an existing tavern located at 941 E. 4th Street within the Commercial Office (CO) zone. (District 2) (Application No. 1010-04)

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

Jorge Ramirez responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

A dialogue ensued between Erick Verduzco-Vega, applicant, and Commissioner Blair.

Erick Verduzco-Vega responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

A dialogue ensued between Erick Verduzco-Vega and Chair Durnin.

Erick Verduzco-Vega spoke and introduced the other owners of the business.

Erick Verduzco-Vega responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Elizabeth Gallo, owner, spoke.

Brett Gallo, owner, spoke.

Karen Rishikeh LaMantia provided public comment.

Shelby Batalla provided public comment.

Bettie Cervantes provided public comment.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Gentile.

Commissioner Gentile spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur and Commissioner Gentile.

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

Commissioner Blair spoke.

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

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

Yes: 6 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith and Becky Blair

Absent: 1 - Donita Van Horik

### STUDY SESSION - Trucking Amortization (5:55 PM)

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, introduced the study session item.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Chair Durnin.

Steven Valdez, Project Planner, presented the study session.

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Smith, Assistant City Attorney Michael Mais, and Derek Burnham.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Smith and Amy Bodek.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Blair, Chair Durnin and Amy Bodek.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Saumur and Derek Burnham.

Tony Rivera, Chair of the West PAC, spoke.

Derek Burnham spoke.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a comment made by Commissioner Blair.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Chair Durnin spoke.

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (6:51 PM)

There was no public comment given.

# **COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (6:51 PM)**

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, spoke.

ADJOURNMENT (6:52 PM)

At 6:52 p.m., Chair Durnin adjourned the meeting.

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