

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
JEANNE KARATSU, PRESIDENT
AUGUST 6, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 6, 2008, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Islas, F. Phil Infelise, Ahmed Saafir, Douglas Haubert

MEMBER EXCUSED: Jeanne Karatsu

OTHERS PRESENT: Mario R. Beas, Executive Director & Secretary
Herman M. Long, Deputy Director
Melinda George, Employment Services Officer
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant
Salvador Ambriz, Personnel Analyst
Diane Dzodin, Personnel Analyst
Debbie McCluster, Personnel Analyst
Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst
Lourdes Ferrer, Assistant Administrative Analyst
Beverly Nieves, Personnel Analyst, Human Resources

Vice President Mary Islas presided.

MINUTES: It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 30, 2008, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Haubert and carried that suspension hearing 04-S-78 minutes of July 23, 2008, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

ORDER OF LAYOFF: The Secretary presented a communication from Patrick West, City Manager, requesting an Order of Layoff. The Secretary informed the Commission that at their direction staff would prepare the Order of Layoff. After discussion, it was moved by Commission Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried to refer the Order of Layoff to staff, working closely with the Human Resources Department to prepare the Order of Layoff. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**COMMUNICATION REGARDING
ETHICS TRAINING FOR
COMMISSIONS:**

The Secretary presented a communication from the City Clerk's Office regarding Ethics Training for Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees. He informed the Commissioners that it is required that they complete this training by December 31, 2008. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried to receive and file the communication. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

EXAMINATION RESULTS:

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

Civil Engineer – 3 Applied, 2 Qualified
Civil Engineering Assistant – 4 Applied, 4 Qualified
Electrical Engineer – 5 Applied, 1 Qualified
Police Lieutenant – 29 Applied, 12 Qualified
Public Health Nutritionist – 3 Applied, 1 Qualified
Systems Technician – 27 Applied, 22 Qualified
Water Treatment Operator – 8 Applied, 3 Qualified

Diane Dzodin, Personnel Analyst, and Melinda George, Employment Services Officer, provided the Commission with an overview of the examination process for Police Lieutenant. They stated that the process went very well and acknowledged the Police Department staff for their support. Debbie Bonesteel Smith, Personnel Administrator, Police Department, acknowledged that the administration of the examination process was outstanding and that Civil Service staff is an excellent staff that works well together.

**EXTENSION OF EXPIRING
ELIGIBLE LISTS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Haubert and carried that the following eligible lists be extended for an additional six months, with the exception of Assistant Administrative Analyst, to be extended for one month. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Assistant Administrative Analyst (1 month)
General Librarian (2/13/08 & 2/27/08)
Plumber

RETIREMENTS:

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

Terry Ahart/Water Utility Mechanic II/Water
Robert Lopez/Water Treatment Operator IV/Water
Steven Smith/Engineering Technician II/Public Work
Alan Wilson/Police Sergeant/Police
Margaret Yao-Hander/Office Automation Analyst III/Harbor

Vice President Islas congratulated Alan Wilson and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for his thirty years of service to the City and citizens of Long Beach. Lt. Alex Avila was present to speak on Mr. Wilson's behalf.

RESIGNATIONS:

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried that the following resignations be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Granger Knox/Garage Service Attendant I/Public Works
Maria Hernandez/Special Services Officer III/Police
Jina Duvernay/Customer Service Representative
III/Financial Management

**CONSIDERATION OF HEARING
OFFICER'S REPORT:****SUSPENSION HEARING 03-S-56**

The Secretary presented a report prepared by Hearing Officer Robert Kilpatrick, Attorney at Law, to the Commission, regarding the subject hearing which was conducted on July 2, 2008. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the appeal be denied and the hearing officer's report be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

MANAGERS' REPORT:

Melinda George, Employment Services Officer, thanked Diane Dzodin, Personnel Analyst and Debbie Bonesteel-Smith, Personnel Administrator, Police, for the excellent job on the Police Lieutenant examination. She stated that Ms. Bonesteel-Smith was very helpful in coordinating with the Police Department and making sure Police Department staff was present.

Herman Long, Deputy Director, stated that Debbie McCluster, Personnel Analyst is working on a budget presentation for the Civil Service Department, just in case staff is requested to make one.

The Secretary provided the Commission with handouts from the City Manager's powerpoint presentation on the City's 2009 proposed budget and briefly went over statements pertaining to the Civil Service Department.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Commission, Vice President Islas 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

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
JEANNE KARATSU, PRESIDENT
AUGUST 13, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 13, 2008, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Islas, F. Phil Infelise, Ahmed Saafir, Douglas Haubert

MEMBER EXCUSED: Jeanne Karatsu

OTHERS PRESENT: Mario R. Beas, Executive Director & Secretary
Herman M. Long, Deputy Director
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant
Salvador Ambriz, Personnel Analyst
Diane Dzodin, Personnel Analyst
Debbie McCluster, Personnel Analyst
Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst
Lourdes Ferrer, Assistant Administrative Analyst
Ken Walker, Personnel Operations Manager, Human Resources

Vice President Mary Islas presided.

MINUTES: It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 6, 2008, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REVISED CLASSIFICATION
SPECIFICATION:**

COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER

The Secretary presented a communication from Suzanne Mason, Director of Human Resources, requesting Commission approval to revise the classification specification for Communications Dispatcher by changing the title to Public Safety Dispatcher. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Diane Dzodin, Personnel Analyst. The Secretary indicated that the request was strictly a title change to the classification specification. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried to approve the revised classification specification for Communications Dispatcher, 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 an Order of Layoff to the Commission for the Public Health Professional – Infant Health classification. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Herman Long, Deputy Director. Mr. Long briefed the Commission regarding the layoff, indicating that it was for the Public Health Professional – Infant Health classification, due to the immediate need to take action because of loss of funding for the program. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried to approve the Order of Layoff as prepared and to forward it to the City Manager. The motion carried unanimously.

PROTEST OF WRITTEN EXAMINATION ITEM(S):

PAYROLL SPECIALIST

The Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst regarding the protested question from the Payroll Specialist examination, which was administered on August 1 & 4, 2008. Ms. McDonald briefed the Commission regarding this protest. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried to approve the recommended disposition of the protested item. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

BULLETINS:

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

Animal Control Officer
Clerk Typist

EXAMINATION RESULTS:

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

Aquatics Supervisor – 6 Applied, 1 Qualified
Civil Engineering Assistant – 9 Applied, 9 Qualified
Electrical Engineer – 5 Applied, 3 Qualified
Public Health Professional – 3 Applied, 3 Qualified
Senior Program Manager – Water – 7 Applied, 5 Qualified
Systems Technician – 7 Applied, 6 Qualified

**EXTENSION OF EXPIRING
ELIGIBLE LISTS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Haubert and carried that the following eligible lists be extended for an additional six months. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Airport Public Affairs Assistant
Combination Building Inspector
Office Automation Analyst (2/20/08 & 2/27/08)
Traffic Engineering Associate (2/20/08 & 2/27/08)

RETIREMENT:

CANDACE BURIES/ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE I/WATER

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried that the subject retirement be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

RESIGNATION:

**JULEE MURPHY/ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST
II/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the following resignations be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

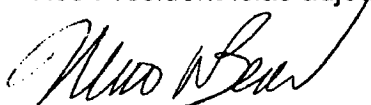
MANAGERS' REPORT:

Herman Long, Deputy Director, indicated that staff is very busy with examination assignments, and that staff continues to work on special assignments such as the order of layoff.

The Secretary informed the Commission that he attended the City Council Budget Workshop on Tuesday, August 12, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT:

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



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**J U N E 5, 2 0 0 8**

The regular meeting of the City Planning Commission and public hearing convened on June 5, 2008, at 5:01pm in the City Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA.

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

ABSENT: EXCUSED: Becky Blair

CHAIRMAN: Leslie Gentile

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Beck, Director
Greg Carpenter, Planning Manager
Derek Burnham, Acting Zoning Officer
Jill Griffiths, Acting Comprehensive Officer
Ira Brown, Planner
Angie Zetterquist, Planner
Cuentin Jackson, Planner
Steven Valdez, Planner
Scott Kinsey, Planner

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Mais, Deputy City Attorney
Steve Rubin, Managing Director,
Finance & Administration
Port of Long Beach
Doug Thiessen, Managing Director,
Engineering, Port of Long Beach
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 Van Horik.

M I N U T E S

The minutes of March 20, 2008 and of April 17, 2008 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Saumur, seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved 4-0-2. Commissioners Greenberg and Van Horik abstained; Commissioner Blair was absent.

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

There was no Director's Report.

S W E A R I N G O F W I T N E S S E S

C O N S E N T C A L E N D A R

Item 1 was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion at the request of Commissioner Durnin.

Items 2 and 3 were approved as presented by staff on a motion by Commissioner Saumur, seconded by Commissioner Van Horik and passed 6-0. Commissioner Blair was absent.

1. Application No. 60508-1

Applicant: Circle Audi of Long Beach
 c/o Chris Clevely
Subject Site: 1919 Lakewood Blvd. (Council District 4)

Removed to the Regular Agenda for discussion.

2. Application No. 60508-3

Applicant: Fernando Soriano
Subject Site: 725 Dawson (Council District 2)

Approved finding of conformity with the adopted General Plan for an alley vacation.

3. Application No. 60508-2

Applicant: Steward Bidwell
Subject Site: 4141 Wilton (Council District 4)

Approved the finding of conformity with the adopted General Plan for an alley vacation.

R E G U L A R A G E N D A

1. Application No. 60508-1

Applicant: Circle Audi of Long Beach
 c/o Chris Clevely
Subject Site: 1818 Lakewood Blvd. (Council District 4)

Ira Brown presented the staff report recommending approval of the alley vacation request since it will improve traffic safety and benefit the dealership by allowing for a larger outdoor display area.

Commissioner Durnin asked that an advisory action be added to the motion to require that the final turn radius angle be less than 90 degrees to provide a better transition to Lakewood Blvd.

Commissioner Greenberg expressed opposition to the request, since he felt that giving away the frontage road segment would limit the City's options in the future in dealing with traffic.

Commissioner Durnin moved to approve the finding of conformity with the adopted General Plan for an alley vacation, to include an advisory action that the Department of Public Works consider making the turning radius at the intersection less than 90 degrees. Commissioner Saumur seconded the motion, which passed 5-1 with Commissioner Greenberg dissenting. Commissioner Blair was absent.

Chairman Gentile left the meeting before the Study Sessions.

S T U D Y S E S S I O N

Port of Long Beach Administration and Maintenance Building.

Greg Carpenter explained that the Commission was being asked to review the conceptual plans so their advice could be incorporated into the project.

Angie Zetterquist presented an overview of the project.

Steve Rubin, Managing Director, Financial and Administrative, Port of Long Beach, outlined the overall project and its consolidation into the existing port campus and surrounding community.

Doug Thiessen, Managing Director, Engineering, Port of Long Beach, discussed how the project incorporates sustainable features, and said they were aiming to win gold LEED certification.

Gene Watanabe, Project Architect and Lead Designer, Gensler & Associates Architects, listed the specific design features of the project.

Commissioner Smith announced that she had a conflict of interest with the item and would not be participating in the discussion.

In response to a query from Commissioner Durnin regarding the building height and cost, Mr. Thiessen explained that views and interior light penetration would not be achievable without the conceptual height, and noted that nearby container cranes and the bridge were much taller. Mr. Thiessen also stated that the total estimated cost of \$295 million included landscaping the park, the main building and the separate maintenance facility plus expensive seismic features.

Commissioner Greenberg asked if there would again be a rooftop restaurant, and Mr. Thiessen explained that security concerns prevented them from replicating that feature, but that there would be a public viewing platform at the top. Mr. Thiessen also addressed Mr. Greenberg's question about liquefaction potential, saying that the building was designed beyond existing seismic building codes to allow for its use as a staging facility after a serious earthquake. Mr. Thiessen also promised to address the question of easier public access to the building through better street signage.

In response to a query from Acting Chairman Saumur regarding street improvements, Mr. Thiessen said that none were planned since there would not be much impact from the re-siting of the administration building, but that there would be a signalized intersection and a dedicated Queensway Bridge entry to the site.

Mr. Thiessen also explained that the planned Environmental Learning Trail would be a series of sustainable public access trails on their 11-acre site.

Commissioner Greenberg commented that the project was an exciting one, giving the Port of Long Beach a much-needed signature building, and due to its location, he didn't feel its height would affect any residents or commercial concerns.

S T U D Y S E S S I O N

Temple Beth Shalom 65-unit senior citizen housing at 3635 Elm Avenue.

Steve Valdez presented an overview of the project and its low-income element, mentioning that the community meetings showed area support for the idea, but that neighbors had expressed concerns about the building height and impact on street parking and traffic. Mr. Valdez added that staff was seeking Commission

feedback on the building height and zoning density increase so the applicant could adjust the project accordingly.

Jerry Kaufman, President, Temple Beth El, applicant, stated they were planning a non-denominational senior assisted-living facility.

Dean Isaacson, Chief Executive Officer, D.I.D.M. Development Corporation, developer, discussed the project's affordable housing aspect, and claimed to have overwhelming community support.

Bruce Labins, 830 Santa Clara Street, Ventura, architect, reviewed the design elements of the proposed project and its habitable space.

Jerry Overland, Overland Traffic Consultants, project traffic consultant, said they had done a comprehensive study demonstrating that the project would not have any significant parking or traffic impacts.

Isaac Cherovsky, Chief Operating Officer, future facility operator, said there was a demonstrated need to serve the area's growing senior population, and he mentioned that in the average senior facility, only 4% of residents owned a car.

Lisa Specht, land use attorney, said she felt the project enjoyed broad-based non-denominational community support, and she listed the design responses to community input, including truck ingress and unit sizes. Ms. Specht also pointed out the need for a low-income senior housing near amenities, and said an on-site shuttle would serve project residents as well as area seniors.

Jim Hannigan, 3732 Elm Avenue, expressed opposition to the project, saying he objected to a densely-populated, massive building with minimal setbacks.

Odette Perreault, 3695 Linden Avenue, said she was not opposed to the project but objected to the building's height and mass.

Scott Fitzgerald, 3716 Elm Avenue, said he was opposed to the project because he felt it did not fit into the surrounding neighborhood. Mr. Fitzgerald also expressed concern about staff parking, potential noise and traffic effects.

Lori Solomon, President, Accent on Seniors, 17915 Ventura Blvd., Suite 200, Encino, said she felt there was a great need for this project.

Ralph Hampton, Administrator, Grace Brethren Church of Long Beach, 3590 Elm Avenue, nearby church, spoke in support of the project, saying he knew something would be built on the lot, and that this type of facility would be preferable to an apartment building.

Yetta Kane, 3846 Country Club Drive, said she supports the project and hopes to live in it since it's close to all her family and doctors.

Ron Botwin, Linden Avenue property owner, agreed that there was a crucial need for this type of project for seniors needing assistance and wanting to stay in the area.

Commissioner Greenberg expressed concern that the operator would be a for-profit, but saw no practical alternative.

Commissioner Durnin commented that there was a need for senior housing adjacent to houses of worship

Commissioner Van Horik noted that noise could be a problem for the facility's residents, since the facility backed up to a busy car wash. She suggested that the architecture match the adjacent temple to create a more integrated, campus-like appearance from the street.

Commissioner Smith agreed there was a need for this type of facility, and thought it would be a great addition to the City's housing stock, but said it felt like a dense project. Ms. Smith added that the roof articulation didn't do much to break down the massing of the overall structure, and said that the outdoor open space seemed limited.

Commissioner Greenberg expressed concern about the planned tandem parking. Ms. Specht noted that a valet component would be included to handle the tandem parking as well as visitors, and that with the low ratio of resident car owners, they were not expecting any problems with tandem or on-street parking.

Mr. Labins demonstrated how the applicant felt the roof articulation was sufficient, and noted how the building had been stepped back on Elm to open it up to street. Mr. Labins also noted that as opposed to outdoor open space, seniors prefer the

warmth of the indoors, and need a protected environment with lots of light, so there would be a focus on ample sized indoor recreation and exercise areas with an outdoor promenade element.

In response to Acting Chair Saumur's inquiry about affordable housing, staff noted that six of the units qualified as low-income, and the balance would qualify as special needs housing.

Mr. Saumur added that he felt the 37th Street side of the building was too massive with a short setback.

4. Application No. 0804-25

Applicant: Jose Luis Velarde for Los Compadres
Restaurant
Subject Site: 3229 E. Anaheim Street (Council District 4)

Scott Kinsey presented the staff report recommending approval of the request since the site has adequate parking and the applicant has an existing alcohol license.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the request for a Conditional Use Permit for the relocation and expansion of a service bar into a full bar at a restaurant with an existing Type 47 alcohol license. Commissioner Durnin seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. Commissioner Blair was absent and Chairman Gentile had left the meeting.

5. Application No. 0804-01

Applicant: Nicholas Mlouks c/o Mlouks, LLC
Subject Site: 3316-3320 E. 7th Street (Council District 2)

Steven Valdez presented the staff report recommending approval of the request since there are no changes to the floor plan, and the site is not in a high crime-reporting district.

Commissioner Durnin expressed concern about two letters received regarding the lack of exterior maintenance of the property.

Nicholas Mlouks, 3316-3320 E. 7th Street, applicant, claimed that the property exterior was well-maintained.

Derek Burnham stated that the property owner had done a lot of work and the site was currently well-maintained. Mr. Burnham added that conditions in place would give the City enforceable nuisance-related powers.

As per Acting Chair Saumur's reminder, the applicant promised to ensure that the windows in the main part of the restaurant would be clear and see-through in compliance with the Conditional Use Permit.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit to change an alcohol license type from a Type 42 to a Type 47 to allow a full range of alcohol in conjunction with a new restaurant at 3316 E. 7th Street. Commissioner Van Horik seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. Commissioner Blair was absent and Chairman Gentile had left the meeting.

6. Application No. 0503-13

Applicant: Michael Papadopoulos
Subject Site: 659 Redondo Avenue & 658 Coronado Avenue
(Council District 2)

Angie Zetterquist presented the staff report recommending approval of the request since the proposed plan would not negatively affect the tenant.

Michael Papadopoulos, 659 Redondo Avenue, applicant, explained that the need for the expanded parking was created by the removal of street parking spaces by the City when they installed a turning lane many years ago.

In response to a query from Commissioner Smith regarding impacts on the residential lot to the west, staff suggested granting an easement for now to allow parking to occur as long as both lots were owned by the applicant, which could be recorded as a deed restriction.

Commissioner Greenberg said he could not support an easement, which he thought would be the first wedge along the Redondo corridor to push into the residential area, and that such an action would be precedent-setting.

Commissioner Durnin moved to allow the use of a portion of a residential property to be used as courtesy parking for a dental office with the requirement that the easement revert to the original property upon the sale of either piece of land, with a direction that this condition be prepared to the satisfaction of the City Attorney's office. Commissioner Van Horik seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. Commissioner Gentile had left the meeting, and Commissioner Blair was absent.

7. Application No. 0803-02

Applicant: One Stop Truck Parts, Inc.
Subject Site: 609-665 W. Cowles Street (Council Dist. 1)

Commissioner Smith moved to continue the item to the July 17, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Van Horik seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. Commissioner Gentile had left the meeting, and Commissioner Blair was absent.

8. Application No. 0803-15

Applicant: Jan Van Dijks
Subject Site: 2027 E. 4th Street (Council District 2)

Cuentin Jackson presented the staff report recommending approval of the request since staff feels the use will not be detrimental to the surrounding area, and because the Police Department found no objections upon review of the request.

Commissioner Durnin moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit to establish a 114 square foot wine bar for on-site alcohol sales (Type 42 license). Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. Commissioner Gentile had left the meeting and Commissioner Blair was absent.

**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**

There were no matters from the Planning Commission.

A D J O U R N M E N T

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Gold
Minutes Clerk

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**JUNE 19, 2008**

The regular meeting of the City Planning Commission and public hearing convened Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 5:04 pm in the City Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: Philip Saumur, Charles Greenberg, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik, Becky Blair

ABSENT: EXCUSED: Leslie Gentile, Charles Durnin

CHAIRMAN: Philip Saumur

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Beck, Director
Derek Burnham, Acting Zoning Officer
Jill Griffiths, Acting Comprehensive Planning Officer
Mark Hungerford, Planner
Steve Valdez, Planner
Steve Gerhardt, Planner

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney
Dennis Eschen, Dept. of Parks, Rec & Marine
Marcia Gold, Minutes Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Blair.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was no Director's Report given.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES**STUDY SESSION****Colorado Lagoon EIR**

With a PowerPoint presentation, Jill Griffiths outlined the scope and progress of the Colorado Lagoon Restoration Project.

Eric Lopez, Analyst, Community Development Department, Project Development Bureau, gave a history of the wetlands area, noting that its low level has led to severe degradation and contamination.

Mona DeLeon, LSA Associates, added that the proposed project would result in an overall improvement in area environmental quality and resources. She also described mitigation measures proposed to alleviate construction impacts on neighbors.

Kim Garvey, Moffat & Nichol Engineering, 3860 Kilroy Airport Way, Project Engineer, in response to a query from Commissioner Greenberg, stated that the previously healthy cherrystone clam population no longer existed in the lagoon, and that although the planned dredging would impact local organisms, they would most likely return in a healthier state once the project was completed.

In response to a query from Chairman Saumur regarding the closing of the North Beach, Dennis Eschen, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, explained that since it was lightly used, it was a unique and ideal location for habitat restoration.

In response to a query from Commissioner Van Horik regarding regular cleaning access, Kim Garvey said that water quality was measured by the tidal volume, which was limited by the culvert, so regular cleaning wouldn't make a difference.

(Item #5 was taken out of order)

5. Negative Declaration 33-07

Applicant: Long Beach Redevelopment Agency
Subject Site: Districts 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9

Commissioner Blair moved to continue the item to the July 17, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Van Horik seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. Commissioners Gentile and Durnin were absent.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Application No. 0805-10

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

Mark Hungerford presented the staff report recommending approval of the request since the proposed amendments were developed by staff and the surrounding community in response to concerns about recent remodels.

Commissioner Greenberg contended that the proposed language was too broadly worded and needed further clarification to avoid future misuse and misunderstanding of the new amendments.

City Attorney Mike Mais noted the amendments would be further clarified when written in the language of the Code.

In response to a query from Mr. Greenberg asking why a rezoning to R-2-S wouldn't take care of the problem, Mr. Hungerford stated it was an option but staff anticipated future consolidation of lots, which an R-4 zoning designation would allow.

Commissioner Greenberg then asked why applicants couldn't just seek administratively-granted height and setback variances, and Mr. Hungerford stated that staff felt the new amendments would eliminate the ambiguity of the original ones.

Warren Sextro, 130 Corona, area resident, spoke against the staff recommendation, stating that with existing height and setback limits, overall height would remain the same, no matter how many stories were proposed in a remodel.

Jeff Miller, Belmont Shore, spoke in support of the staff recommendation, saying that this had been an ongoing problem that needed clarification.

Terrance Anderson, 122-1/2 Argonne Avenue, representing Belmont Shore Residents' Association, expressed support for the staff recommendation, noting the community's support of the proposal.

Caroline Russell, 20 Covina, said she supported the staff recommendation, and she felt it would preserve the aesthetics and proportions of area homes, maintaining inherent charm, while overly large homes impacted light, air, and views of neighbors.

Mike Ruehle, President, Belmont Shore Residents' Association, outlined the community's support of the proposed amendments, noting long-time efforts on the part of residents and staff to move the issue forward.

Commissioner Greenberg stated that he felt height limits were more significant than the number of stories, but did feel that it was important to state when story poles were to be used and said that if the residents thought this would help, he'd support it.

Commissioner Smith said she also had some reservations about the ultimate effect of the proposed amendments, but thought it might help residents psychologically.

Commissioner Greenberg then moved to recommend that the City Council approve the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding story limitations, side yard setbacks, story poles and re-noticing requirements. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. Commissioners Gentile and Durnin were absent.

2. Application No. 0712-07

Applicant: T-Mobile USA, Inc.
c/o Tim Miller, Trillium Consulting, Inc.
Subject Site: 3340 Los Coyotes Diagonal (District 5)

Steven Valdez presented the staff report recommending approval of the request since it would result in the removal of an obviously artificial monopalm and replace it with a well-camouflaged monopine that supports two different carriers.

Commissioner Greenberg said he thought the conditions of approval should specifically require co-location.

Tim Miller, Trillium Consulting, 5912 Bolsa Avenue, Suite 202, Huntington Beach, applicant, stated that T-Mobile required the coverage that this project would bring, and that they agreed with all conditions of approval.

In response to a query from Commissioner Smith as to the future of the large, adjoining empty lot, Mr. Valdez stated that it was zoned for commercial use and if development were to occur, the pole would be relocated.

Mr. Miller noted that the proposed pole was in the far corner of the lot and would not be in the way of any future development.

Commissioner Van Horik moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the construction of a new 65' high wireless telecommunications monopole disguised as a pine tree (monopine) to consolidate the two existing monopoles on the site. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. Commissioners Gentile and Durnin were absent.

3. Application No. 0709-11A

Applicant: T-Mobile USA, Inc.
c/o Tim Miller, Trillium Consulting, Inc.
Subject Site: 1329 Gladys Avenue (District 4)

Steven Valdez presented the staff report recommending approval of the request since the revised applicant plan indicates that the new camouflaged monopine will achieve staff goals to co-locate multiple

carriers on one monopole, preventing negative visual impacts for the neighborhood.

Tim Miller, Trillium Consulting, 5912 Bolsa Avenue, Suite 202, Huntington Beach, applicant, said this was another situation where they found they could co-locate while improving the location for customer service.

Commissioner Blair pointed out that the landscaping on the site was dilapidated, and Mr. Miller said he would notify the landlord of the situation.

Commissioner Blair moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit to construct and maintain a new 50' high wireless telecommunications monopole disguised as a pine tree (monopine) on a site with an existing single-story industrial building. Commissioner Van Horik seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. Commissioners Gentile and Durnin were absent.

4. Street Name Change

Applicant: City of Long Beach
Subject Site: 4400 Block of Cerritos Drive (District 8)

Steve Gerhardt presented the staff report recommending approval of the request, since this would resolve the years-long confusion created by the similarly-named Cerritos Drive and Cerritos Avenue.

In response to a query from Commissioner Van Horik about the change process, Mr. Gerhardt explained that the residents and 911 would receive notification of the change; the City Engineer would order new signs; residents would get change-of-address packets; and a six-month grace period would follow for the post office.

Tajji Samone, 4401 Cerritos Drive, said she felt that their quality of life and property values would be negatively affected by the suggested extension of the Banner name because of the bad reputation of the existing Banner Drive.

Tracy Wickham, manager of 70 units on Cerritos Drive, agreed that the affiliation with Banner Drive would be a drawback, and that the street should be named "La Parque" instead.

In response to a query from Commissioner Greenberg about the other street's negative reputation, Ms. Samone stated that her side of Orange Avenue had a better neighborhood watch program and more community involvement than Banner Drive had.

City Attorney Mais said that staff would work with the community to come up with a more acceptable street name.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the street name change of the 4400 block of Cerritos Drive between San Antonio Drive and Orange Avenue to a name to be determined. Commissioner Blair seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. Commissioners Gentile and Durnin were absent.

4. Negative Declaration 33-07.

(Taken out of order at the beginning of the agenda)

REPORT ON OTHER DEPARTMENT MATTERS

There were no reports on other Departmental matters.

MATTERS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

There were no matters from the Planning Commission.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Gold
Minutes Clerk