

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
AHMED SAAFIR, PRESIDENT
FEBRUARY 27, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 27, 2008, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Islas, F. Phil Infelise, Herb Levi, Ahmed Saafir, Jeanne Karatsu

MEMBER EXCUSED:

OTHERS PRESENT: Herman M. Long, Deputy Director, Acting Secretary
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant
Salvador Ambriz, Personnel Analyst
Chris Daclan, Personnel Analyst
Debbie McCluster, Personnel Analyst
Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst
Paola Maldonado, Personnel Analyst
Russell Ficker, Personnel Analyst
Beverly Nieves, Personnel Analyst
Lourdes Ferrer, Assistant Administrative Analyst
Mary Eme, Personnel Analyst, Human Resources

President Ahmed Saafir presided.

MINUTES: It was moved by Commissioner Levi, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 20, 2008, be approved as prepared. The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN EXAMINATION:

MARINE SAFETY SERGEANT - BOAT OPERATOR

The Secretary presented a communication from James Reinheimer, Marine Safety Officer, requesting Commission approval to participate in the Marine Safety Sergeant – Boat Operator examination. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Caprice McDonald. Ms. McDonald addressed the Commission regarding Mr. Reinheimer's request. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Levi to approve Mr. Reinheimer's request to participate in the Marine Safety Sergeant - Boat Operator examination. The motion carried unanimously.

EXAMINATION RESULTS:

It was moved by Commissioner Levi, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the following examination results be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Civil Engineer - 2 Applied, 1 Qualified
Combination Building Inspector – 21 Applied, 5 Qualified
General Librarian – 2 Applied, 2 Qualified
Office Automation Analyst – 11 Applied, 11 Qualified
Office Systems Analyst - 4 Applied, 3 Qualified
Park Ranger – 162 Applied, 14 Qualified
Traffic Engineering Associate – 6 Applied, 5 Qualified

EXTENSION OF EXPIRING ELIGIBLE LISTS:

It was moved by Commissioner Karatsu, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the following eligible lists be extended for an additional six months, except as otherwise noted. The motion carried unanimously.

Customer Service Representative (**2 months**)
Development Project Manager
Gas Construction Worker (9/6/06, 11/8/06 & 5/10/06)
Park Naturalist (9/6/06, 9/20/06 & 11/8/06)
School Guard (**3 months**)

RESIGNATIONS:

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the following resignations be received and filed. The motion carried unanimously.

Lavellie Lemonier/Port Financial Analyst III/Harbor
Daniel Barringer/Combination Building Inspector
Aide I/Community Development

LAYOFF:

DONNA GRIGGS/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ASSISTANT II/FIRE

It was moved by Commissioner Karatsu, second by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the subject layoff be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

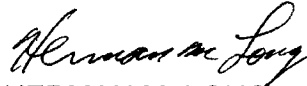
MANAGERS' REPORT:

The Secretary informed the Commission that Chris Daclan is acting as the Employment Services Officer while Melinda George, Employment Services Officer is on vacation. He also informed the Commission that Recruitment will be attending the CSULB Engineering/Hi Tech Job Fair on

Thursday, February 28, 2008, and that representatives from the Harbor, Public Works and Technology Services Departments will also be attending.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herman M. Long", written in a cursive style.

HERMAN M. LONG
Acting Secretary

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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 A N U A R Y 3, 2 0 0 8**

The regular meeting of the City Planning Commission and public hearing convened on January 3, 2008, at 5:05pm in the City Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA.

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

ABSENT: EXCUSED: None

CHAIRMAN: Leslie Gentile

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Beck, Director
Greg Carpenter, Planning Manager
Carolyn Bihn, Zoning Officer
Angela Reynolds, Planning Officer
Jeff Winklepleck, 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.

M I N U T E S

The minutes of November 1, 2007 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Saumur, seconded by Commissioner Durnin and passed unanimously.

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

City Manager Pat West discussed the merger between the Planning and Building Department and the Redevelopment Agency.

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

Greg Carpenter noted a change on the Conditions of Approval to Item 1A.

The Consent Calendar was approved as presented by staff on a motion by Commissioner Greenberg, seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

1A. Case No. 0709-11, Conditional Use Permit, CE 07-238

Applicant: Los Altos Methodist Church
c/o Tim Miller, Trillium Telecom Svcs.
Subject Site: 5950 E. Willow Street (Council District 5)
Description: Request for approval of a Conditional Use Permit for installation of a new 65' tall monopine wireless telecommunications facility and removal of an existing undisguised 45' tall monopole approximately 450' east of the proposed site.

Approved the Conditional Use Permit subject to revised conditions.

1B. Historic Landmark Designation

Applicant: Stephen and Stephanie Salyer
Subject Site: 4681 N. Virginia Road (Council District 8)
Description: Historic Landmark Designation for the Shaheen Residence at 4681 North Virginia Road.

Recommended that the City Council adopt an ordinance designating the Shaheen Residence as a Long Beach Historic Landmark.

1C. Case No. 0703-10, Conditional Use Permit, CE 07-030

Applicant: Southern California Association of
Philadelphia Seventh Day Adventists
c/o Don Tran
Subject Site: 2640 Santa Fe Avenue (Council District 7)
Description: Request for approval of a Conditional Use Permit to expand an existing church with a first and second story addition.

Approved the request for a Conditional Use Permit, subject to conditions.

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

**2. Case No. 0602-14, Site Plan Review, FEIR 37-03
SCH#200309112 - Certified**

Applicant: Christine Edwards, Airport Director

City of Long Beach

Subject Site: 4100 Donald Douglas Dr. (Council District 5)
Description: Site Plan Review of the parking structure associated with the Long Beach Terminal Area Improvement Project.

Jeff Winklepleck presented the staff report recommending approval of the requests since the project is consistent with the intent of the Land Use Element of the General Plan by providing a design to save time and energy in transportation and communications; since it simplifies and shortens transactions of goods and services while maximizing the safety and security of passengers, visitors and tenants, and maintains and enhances the current character of the airport while serving parking demands, eliminating dependence on off-airport resources.

Mr. Winklepleck listed previous Commission concerns about the structure that included its large size, lacked architectural elements and overshadowing of the historic terminal. Mr. Winklepleck also listed project changes made since the last hearing that included substantial setbacks along Douglas Drive and increased landscaping.

Christine Anderson, Airport Director, gave a brief history of the project, explaining that current tenants, specific parking lots and rental car locations had to be accommodated in the plan.

Phillip Balmeo, Senior Civil Engineer, Department of Public Works, City of Long Beach, outlined the evolution of the design elements.

Ernest Cirangle, Design Director, HOK Architects, 9530 Jefferson Blvd., Culver City, described the incorporation of previous Commission comments into the design, and showed a video demonstrating lines-of-sight, passenger routes in and out of the parking structure; taxi and bus areas and a potential remote check-in station.

Commissioner Durnin expressed concern about the long walk from parking to the terminal, suggesting this would be a good opportunity to make transportation options better and easier for passengers. Mr. Durnin suggested that a shuttle bus be designed into the new structure, and suggested the rental car areas be moved to the proposed garage to accommodate the public in the existing garage.

Ms. Anderson noted that the Long Beach Transit Service already had a location near the entrance to the current parking structure, with an option to provide closer transit stops. She mentioned that additional handicapped parking could be added to the closer, existing structure but contended that it was important to have the rental car offices stay in their current locations, but the rental cars themselves could be relocated to the new structure.

Michelle Wendler, Principal, Watry Design, 1700 Seaport Blvd, Suite 210, Redwood City, 94063, in response to queries from Chairman Gentile about building materials and signage, showed samples of framed glass from the planned entry, and stated that accent trees would indicate the left turn into the garage.

Chairman Gentile added that she liked the 'campus' idea, and thought all pieces should be designed to work together.

Commissioner Greenberg suggested that corridors for trolleys be included to transport passengers from the garage to the terminal, and Ms. Anderson noted the design could accommodate both trolleys and pedestrian-oriented vehicles, with the final need to be determined by customer surveys.

Darren Nutter, electrical contractor, ARB, 25391 Commerce Center Drive Suite 115, Lake Forest, 92630, in response to a question from Commissioner Greenberg regarding the use of solar energy, stated that the cost of such a system would run seven to ten million dollars just to supply the necessary 100 amps of power per day.

In response to a query from Commissioner Greenberg regarding a monument or signage at Lakewood to indicate the airport entrance, Ms. Wendler said it had not yet been designed.

Stanley Karz, 1628-1724 E. Ocean Blvd., asked how hotel guests staying nearby would be transported to the airport, and Ms. Anderson explained that hotels would have their own shuttles.

Commissioner Durnin moved to accept the staff recommendation to approve the Site Plan Review with additional conditions to incorporate transit design comments from the Long Beach Transit Authority; to move rental cars into the new structure; and that consideration be given to establishing a trolley service or walkway for passengers and trolleys to the terminal.
Commissioner Saumur seconded the motion.

Chairman Gentile remarked that she thought the glass wall material should be more unique, and Ms. Anderson noted that their architect would be involved in the final texture selections.

The question was called, and the motion passed 4-0, with Commissioner Smith having recused herself.

3. Case No. 0510-40, Site Plan Review, Tentative Tract Map, Local Coastal Development Permit, ND 21-06

Applicant: Dr. Stanley Karz
Subject Site: 1628-1724 E. Ocean Blvd. (Council Dist. 2)
Description: Request for certification of a Negative Declaration (ND 21-06) and approval of a Local Coastal Development Permit, Site Plan Review and a Tentative Tract Map to allow the construction of a four-story, 51-unit condominium complex with 36 new motel rooms.

Jeff Winklepleck presented the staff report recommending approval of the requests since the proposal is consistent with PD-5; will provide increased home ownership opportunities while replacing the visitor-serving use currently on-site; is attractively designed, and has no anticipated negative impacts.

In response to a query from Commissioner Saumur regarding traffic impacts, Mr. Winklepleck explained that the City's Traffic Engineer felt that the current layout could handle the project and no further study was indicated.

Stanley Karz, 1628-1724 E. Ocean Blvd., applicant, said he felt his project would be of great value to the area.

Dan Whithee, Whithee Malcolm Architects, project architect, enumerated the ways the project had addressed concerns put forth by the Commission, the 2nd District Advisory Committee and the Alamitos Beach Homeowners Association.

Michael Pauls, 203 Argonne Avenue, #141, applicant representative, stated they were in agreement with all Conditions of Approval except for the one disallowing phasing of the project which he declared was necessary to make room for construction staging areas.

Mr. Carpenter explained that the City specifically required that existing hotel uses on Ocean Blvd. were to be maintained, but that one option would be to allow the Director of Planning and

Building to approve a construction phasing plan to assure the hotel would be constructed.

Ray Kaiser, 444 W. Ocean Blvd., #900, stated he was speaking against the project on behalf of the adjacent Hamilton Condominium Association. Mr. Kaiser claimed that the applicant's community outreach did not include his association and they feared further parking impacts and motel balconies infringing on their privacy. Mr. Kaiser suggested the applicant create more parking for his building and adjoining neighbors.

Morton Stuhlbarg, 1700 Bluff Place, adjacent neighbor, also spoke against the project saying it did not meet requirements for provision of moderate to low-income housing, and agreeing it would negatively impact area parking. Mr. Stuhlbarg also suggested the applicant add an entrance on 11th Place for easier access, and said he felt construction equipment should only be stored on site, not on the street.

Cynthia Taylor, 1700 E. Ocean Blvd., #1, current resident, expressed concern that the forced relocation would lead her to lose her home. Mr. Carpenter explained the City's housing services and suggested she talk to staff about potential relocation benefits.

Ernesten Coup, 16 - 12th Place, adjacent resident, expressed support for the project but shared a concern that the project would have a huge shadow impact on single family homes in the area, and wondered how the motel would be operated.

Charla Shelton, 1500 Ocean, agreed that the project would have a negative impact on area parking and asked if beach access would be restricted by the construction.

Roberto Curiel, 1745 E. Ocean Blvd., agreed with Ms. Shelton.

Craig Beck suggested a continuation of the item to address concerns about public outreach issues of construction phasing and the overall project.

Laura Greco, 1616 E. Ocean Blvd., spoke against the project, citing concerns about lighting, privacy, parking impacts, and incompatible architecture.

Paula Rowan, 1750 E. Ocean Blvd., added that area construction already was negatively impacting residents' quality of life, and that the project would also restrict their ocean views. Ms.

Rowan voiced concern about the transient nature of the motel use, and said she thought that overall the project would negatively affect their property values.

Tom La Fortune, 1635 E. Ocean Blvd., agreed with the previous speakers about the parking and view impacts, and said the increased density would negatively affect his property value.

Mr. Pauls contended that the elimination of existing driveways would create more street parking in the area.

Commissioner Greenberg moved to continue the item to the February 21, 2008 meeting. Chairman Gentile seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

M A T T E R S F R O M T H E A U D I E N C E

There were no matters from the audience.

M A T T E R S F R O M T H E D E P A R T M E N T O F P L A N N I N G A N D B U I L D I N G

Mr. Carpenter announced that the City Council had agreed with the Commission's recommendation on condo conversions to clarify and enhance the noticing procedures and improve payment of relocation benefits, but they did not act on the moratorium on condominium conversions or on lifetime leases for disabled or senior tenants of buildings being converted.

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

There were no matters from the Planning Commission.

A D J O U R N

The meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Gold
Minutes Clerk

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 A N U A R Y 1 7, 2 0 0 8**

The regular meeting of the City Planning Commission and public hearing convened on January 17, 2008, at 5:05pm in the City Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: Phil Saumur, Charles Durnin, Melani Smith

ABSENT: EXCUSED: Leslie Gentile, Charles Greenberg

ACTING CHAIRMAN: Phil Saumur

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Beck, Director
Greg Carpenter, Planning Manager
Carolyn Bihn, Zoning Officer
Angela Reynolds, Planning Officer
Jaime Ustin, Planner

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Mais, Deputy City Attorney
Pat Garrow, Advance Planning
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 Durnin.

M I N U T E S

The minutes of October 18, 2007 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Durnin and passed 3-0. Commissioners Gentile and Greenberg were absent.

The minutes of December 6, 2007 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Durnin, seconded by Chairman Saumur and passed 2-0-1. Commissioner Smith abstained, and Commissioners Gentile and Greenberg were absent.

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

Craig Beck announced the grand opening of the Ocean West Towers and urged the Commissioners to attend.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Case No. 0707-04, CE 07-195

Applicant: Studio One Eleven c/o Brian Ulaszewski
Subject Site: 845 Pacific Avenue (Council District 1)
Description: Request for approval of a Site Plan Review, Tentative Tract Map, and Standards Variance for the adaptive reuse of a single-story commercial building into six dwelling units and construction of four new units. The Standards Variance request deals with the number of guest parking spaces and parking configuration.

Jaime Ustin presented the staff report recommending approval of the requests since the project was attractively designed, would result in the reuse of a commercial building, and would add ten quality dwelling units to the downtown housing stock, increasing home ownership opportunities.

Brian Ulaszewski, 762 Toledo Walk, applicant, outlined the design criteria and sustainability aspects of the building, noting it would activate the alley.

In response to queries from Acting Chairman Saumur, Mr. Ulaszewski explained that there were multiple street entrances to give residents more options, and that the third floor of the lofts was designed for use as a family or entertainment area.

Shirley Buchanan, 840 Seaton #20, expressed support for the project, citing the blighted nature of the current commercial structure, and said it would benefit the neighborhood. Ms. Buchanan said she was Chair of the West End Community Association, which also supported the project.

Ned Basson, 853-7 Pacific Avenue, adjacent property owner, expressed concern about the roof view for his tenants and the size of the planned parking spaces.

Mr. Ulaszewski explained how the backup radius for resident parking would be large enough, and said all roof equipment would be screened.

Don Darnauer, 801 Pine Avenue, representing the Pine Plaza Homeowners Association and the North Pine Neighborhood Association, expressed support for the project and said it was good to have an environmentally sound, upscale recycling of the current use.

Ernest Villa, 1255 North Loma Vista Drive, representing the Willmore City Historical Association, also expressed enthusiastic support for the project.

Commissioner Durnin expressed support for the project, saying he hoped buyers would understand the parking situation and only have one car.

Commissioner Smith echoed his sentiments and said she felt the project was a creative response to the parking problem.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Site Plan Review, Standards Variance and Tentative Tract Map, subject to conditions. Commissioner Durnin seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. Commissioners Gentile and Greenberg were absent.

2. Open Space Element Annual Report

Applicant: Craig Beck, Director of Planning &
Building
Subject Site: Citywide
Description: Annual Report on General Plan Open Space and
Recreational Element.

Pat Garrow reported the progress the City has made in implementing the programs outlined in the Open Space and Recreation Element.

Commissioner Durnin asked if mangrove trees could be used along the rivers to clean the brackish waters. Ms. Garrow said that based on his suggestion at the last meeting, staff could research that idea.

Commissioner Smith contended that using the Citywide ratio of people to open space was an old-fashioned way to measure progress, and suggested that newer measurements be used instead, such as total parkland and its distance from the population.

Mr. Beck stated that a current analysis of park locations indicated that most were on the east side of town, which had led to the strategic goal to aggressively acquire park property in more population-dense areas.

Acting Chairman Saumur asked about status of the Edison offer to sell the right-of-way on north side of City. Greg Carpenter said

that Edison had discontinued those discussions and the City has encouraged a master-plan approach for Edison right of ways.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the report and instructed staff to forward it to the City Council for review. Commissioner Durnin seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. Commissioners Gentile and Greenberg were absent.

3. Green Ribbon Committee Recommendations

Description: Review and discussion of recommendations to encourage sustainable construction practices.

Mr. Carpenter stated that since a 45-minute presentation had been prepared, he preferred the item be held over for additional participation by the Commission.

Commissioner Smith moved to continue the item to the February 7, 2007 meeting. Commissioner Durnin seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. Commissioners Gentile and Greenberg were absent.

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 6:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Gold
Minutes Clerk