

Dr. Suja Lowenthal, Chair
Patrick O'Donnell, Vice Chair
James Johnson, Member



FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:09 PM)

At 5:09 PM, Chair Lowenthal called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:09 PM)

Councilmembers Lowenthal and Johnson

Present:

Councilmembers O'Donnell

Absent:

Also present: Linda Vu, Deputy City Attorney; Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine; Megan Wiegelman, City Clerk Assistant.

Chair Lowenthal provided opening comments.

1. 13-0257 Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Environmental Committee meeting held Tuesday, November 27, 2012.
A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Chair Lowenthal, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 2 - Lowenthal and Johnson
Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

Chair Lowenthal spoke.

2. 13-0258 Recommendation to approve the proposed changes to Title 6 of the Long Beach Municipal Code regarding the keeping of chickens, goats and bees.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, introduced Theodore

Stevens, Animal Care Services Bureau Manager, who presented a Powerpoint presentation.

Chair Lowenthal spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Councilmember Johnson spoke.

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Councilmember Johnson spoke.

Nelson Kerr, Environmental Health Bureau Manager, spoke.

Councilmember Johnson spoke.

George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, spoke.

Councilmember Johnson spoke.

Theodore Stevens, Animal Care Services Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Councilmember Johnson and Theodore Stevens, Animal Care Services Bureau Manager.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Councilmember Johnson spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Councilmember Johnson and Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services.

Theodore Stevens, Animal Care Services Bureau Manager, spoke.

Councilmember Johnson spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Councilmember Johnson spoke.

Chair Lowenthal spoke.

Theodore Stevens, Animal Care Services Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Lowenthal and Theodore Stevens,

Animal Care Services Bureau Manager.

Linda Vu, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Lowenthal spoke.

Rick Barry, 1st District resident, spoke.

Henry Kurland, President of the Long Beach Beekeepers Club, spoke.

Chair Lowenthal spoke.

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A dialogue ensued between Chair Lowenthal and Henry Kurland,
President of the Long Beach Beekeepers Club.

Paul Buchanan, 3rd District resident, spoke.

Jonathan Sans, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Chair Lowenthal spoke.

Theodore Stevens, Animal Care Services Bureau Manager, spoke.

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Chair Lowenthal spoke.

Ryan Sorano, 1st District resident, spoke.

Heather Morrison, 8th District resident, spoke.

Chair Lowenthal spoke.

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Patrick Morrison, 8th District resident, spoke.

Dick Barnes, member of the Long Beach Beekeepers Club, spoke.

Glenn Paredes, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Chair Lowenthal spoke.

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A dialogue ensued between Chair Lowenthal and Glenn Paredes, Long Beach resident.

Jane Anderson, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Henry Kurland, President of the Long Beach Beekeepers Club, spoke.

Chair Lowenthal spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Lowenthal and Henry Kurland, President of the Long Beach Beekeepers Club.

Steven Pasmore, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Donna Marykas, 2nd District resident, spoke.

Chair Lowenthal spoke.

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Ian Gordon, member of the Long Beach Beekeepers Club, spoke.

Barbara Sinclair, Vice President of the Long Beach Beekeepers Club, spoke.

Leanne Rigoroni, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Laura Selmore, 4th District resident, spoke.

John Mellow, 4th District resident, spoke.

Chair Lowenthal spoke.

Jim Cook, 4th District resident, spoke.

Maya Pasmore, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Annie Vaz, 5th District resident, spoke.

Chair Lowenthal spoke.

Wendy Aragon, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Chair Lowenthal spoke.

Theodore Stevens, Animal Care Services Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Lowenthal and Theodore Stevens, Animal Care Services Bureau Manager.

George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, spoke.

Chair Lowenthal spoke.

Councilmember Johnson spoke.

Chair Lowenthal spoke.

Theodore Stevens, Animal Care Services Bureau Manager, spoke.

Councilmember Johnson spoke.

Chair Lowenthal spoke.

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Chair Lowenthal spoke.

Councilmember Johnson spoke.

Chair Lowenthal spoke.

George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, spoke.

Chair Lowenthal spoke.

Henry Kurland, President of the Long Beach Beekeepers Club, spoke.

Chair Lowenthal spoke.

Linda Vu, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Lowenthal spoke.

A motion was made by Chair Lowenthal, seconded by Member Johnson, to approve recommendation with modifications that would allow up to four bee hives; establish a City sanctuary for rescued bees; allow a setback of ten feet from the property line for the keeping of bees and ten feet from adjacent dwellings for the keeping of goats and chickens; exclude a fee for the ownership of one to four chickens; define enforcement of animal cruelty; provide information about health concerns regarding bees; and forward to the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Lowenthal and Johnson

Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (6:36 PM)

13-0267 Gordana Kajer, a Long Beach resident, spoke; and distributed information regarding Long Beach's \$5 million Beach Path Program.

This Agenda Item was received and filed.

Ryan Sorano, 1st District resident, spoke.

Chair Lowenthal spoke.

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A dialogue ensued between Chair Lowenthal and Ryan Sorano, 1st District resident.

Jim Cook, 4th District resident, spoke.

Chair Lowenthal spoke.

Jim Cook, 4th District resident, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Lowenthal and Jim Cook, 4th District resident.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Chair Lowenthal spoke.

Jim Cook, 4th District resident, spoke.

Chair Lowenthal spoke.

ADJOURNMENT (6:46 PM)

At 6:46 PM, there being no objection, Chair Lowenthal declared the meeting adjourned.

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