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CITY OF LONG BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2009 COUNCIL CHAMBER 333 W. OCEAN BLVD., 5:00 PM

Phil Saumur, Chair Melani Smith, Vice-Chair



Becky Blair, Commissioner Charles Durnin, Commissioner Alan Fox, Commissioner Leslie Gentile, Commissioner Donita Van Horik, Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Saumur called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Boardmembers Donita Van Horik, Becky Blair, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Phillip

Present: Joseph Saumur and Melani Smith

Boardmembers Leslie Fernald Gentile

Absent:

Also present: Craig Beck, Director of Development Services; Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer; Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Monica Mendoza, Planner; Scott Kinsey, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Minutes Clerk

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Smith led the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, responded to a query from Chair Saumur.

Chair Saumur spoke.

Craig Beck, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Craig Beck responded to Commissioner Fox.

A motion was made by Commissioner Van Horik, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to approve minutes for February 19, March 5, March 19, April 2, April 16, May 7, and May 21, 2009. The motion carried by the following vote:

Boardmembers Donita Van Horik, Becky Blair, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Phillip

Present: Joseph Saumur and Melani Smith

Boardmembers Leslie Fernald Gentile

Absent:

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Craig Beck, Director of Development Services, presented the report.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Saumur and Mr. Beck.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the public are invited to address the Planning Commission on items of interest to the public within the Commission's jurisdiction. Each speaker will be limited to two minutes unless that time is extended by the Chair.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES

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

1. 09-011PL

Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit request to allow the relocation of an existing check cashing use from 6425 E. Spring Street to 6537 E. Spring Street within the same commercial shopping center. (District 5)(Application No. 0903-05)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced the item.

Monica Mendoza, Project Planner, presented the staff report and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Derek Burnham and Craig Beck responded to queries from Commissioner Blair.

Monica Mendoza responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Sean Scully, applicant, spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Chair Saumur, to approve a Conditional Use Permit request to allow the relocation of an existing check cashing use from 6425 E. Spring Street to 6537 E. Spring Street within the same commercial shopping center. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Donita Van Horik, Becky Blair, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Phillip Joseph Saumur and Melani Smith

Absent: 1 - Leslie Fernald Gentile

2. 09-012PL

Recommendation to approve a Site Plan Review for development at 290

Bay Street; recommend that City Council approve an amendment to the Downtown Shoreline Planned Development District (PD-6); recommend that City Council approve an amendment to the Local Coastal Program incorporating the requested changes to PD-6; and certify Environmental Impact Report Addendum EIR 01-09, for the proposed project at 290 Bay Street. (District 2) (Application No. 0812-04)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced the item.

Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

Derek Burnham spoke.

Chris Gebert, applicant, spoke and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Jeff Krehbiel, project architect, spoke.

Mr. Krehbiel responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Chair Saumur spoke.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to Commissioner Smith's comments.

A dialogue ensued between Derek Burnham and Commissioner Blair.

Derek Burnham responded to gueries from Commissioner Durnin.

Craig Beck, Director of Development Services, responded to a query from Commissioner Durnin.

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Commissioner Smith spoke.

Mr. Krehbiel responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

Mr. Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Fox and Derek Burnham.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Saumur and Derek Burnham.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Rachel Torres, Research Analyst for Unite Here - Local 11, 464 Lucas Avenue, spoke.

Commissioner Durnin spoke.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Chair Saumur spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, responded to a query from Chair Saumur.

Michael Mais and Craig Beck responded to queries from Commissioner Fox.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Van Horik, to approve a Site Plan Review for development at 290 Bay Street; recommend that City Council approve an amendment to the Downtown Shoreline Planned Development district (PD-6); recommend that City Council approve an amendment to the Local Coast Program incorporating the requested changes to PD-6; and certify Environmental Impact Report Addendum EIR 01-09, for the proposed project at 290 Bay Street. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Donita Van Horik, Becky Blair, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Phillip Joseph Saumur and Melani Smith

Absent: 1 - Leslie Fernald Gentile

3. 09-013PL

Recommendation to certify an Environmental Impact Report and approve a Resolution with a Statement of Overriding Considerations; recommend approval of a General Plan Amendment from Open Space and Park District (LUD#11) to Institutional and School District (LUD#10) and a Zone Change from Park (P) to Institutional (I) and approve a Site Plan Review for a 170,536 square foot community center that includes an administration/education building, a recreation center, an auditorium and an outdoor recreation area at 1900 Walnut Avenue. (District 6) (Application No. 0710-10)

Craig Beck spoke.

Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Van Horik, to continue the item to the hearing of June 18, 2009. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Donita Van Horik, Becky Blair, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Phillip Joseph Saumur and Melani Smith

Absent: 1 - Leslie Fernald Gentile

COMMENTS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Smith and Craig Beck.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Commissioner Blair spoke.

Craig Beck responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

A dialogue ensued between Craig Beck, Chair Saumur, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Van Horik, Michael Mais, and Commissioner Blair.

Craig Beck and Michael Mais responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Saumur adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - June 18, 2009 - 5:00 p.m.