

## Dionne Bearden

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**From:** SUSAN MILLER <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 17, 2019 3:40 PM  
**To:** Dionne Bearden; Scott Kinsey  
**Subject:** Planning Commission Dec. 19th Agenda re the Belmont Beach & Aquatic Center  
**Attachments:** Exhibit B page 27 on Belmont Pool.pdf; need oversized lane & corners for earthmoving equipment.JPG; oversized beach equipment.JPG; wide corner needed at Bennett & Ocean for earthmoving equipment.JPG; bus lines for Belmont Pool.JPG; beach sweeper and tractor.JPG; emergency response #2.JPG; takes a team for beach emergency responders.JPG; truck traffic at Pool.JPG

*Hello Dionne,*

*Please submit this email to be of record for the Dec. 19th, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting regarding the Belmont Beach and Aquatics listed as agenda Item 1. 19-093PL Please acknowledge receipt and inclusion of attached email.*

Dear Planning Commission: Chair Richard Lewis, Vice-Chair Mark Christoffels, and Commissioners Verduzco-Vega, Cruz, La Farga, Perez and Templin,

I'm concerned the Planning Commission doesn't have all the information. I've lived directly across from Belmont Pool for 26 years on East Ocean Blvd. I have seen some things that might not be known generally.

One example I present to the Planning Commissioner's perusal: Exhibit B, page 27 of 31, see attached PDF of SITE TRAFFIC drawing.

Please note the "loop" drive at Bennett Ave access road at the Pool is 31' wide. That is an impossible turning radius for all the over-sized vehicles that enter this drive daily. From the "road diet" on East Ocean Blvd, the proposed removal of Olympic Plaza and narrowed vehicle staging & drop off at the Pool - **Traffic Issues are substantially negatively impacted in this predominately residential area.** Currently, making the turn into Bennett Ave off of East Ocean Blvd for the beach and pool is difficult for these vehicles. As attached photos show - Over-sized vehicles include semis hauling earth-movers, dump trucks, trash trucks, John Deere tractor with beach sweeper, hook & ladder fire trucks, paramedic trucks, delivery trucks are a daily occurrence on East Ocean Blvd. near the pool.

Over sized vehicles can not turn around in that space let alone when numerous over-sized vehicles are competing for the same space:

1. **Beach Maintenance** brings all their massive earth movers, bulldozers, dump trucks through Bennett off of East Ocean Blvd. to get to the beach for the never ending beach replenishment/flood berm for the Peninsula. The semis never make the turn without multiple tries and running up over the curb/median strip.
2. Calls for **First Responders:** LYPD, Firetrucks and Perimedics on E. Ocean Blvd. is a daily event. Need for First Responders triples during Swim meets to the Pool. Plus East Ocean Blvd is the only street for First Responders to access the Peninsula.
- 3 During **swim meets**, school swim team buses spill over onto East Ocean Blvd. This loop is not large enough of a staging area for these buses.

4. **Food trucks** park in this area during swim meets. Personal vehicles/shuttles drop off to the pool in this inadequate sized road loop at Bennett Ave. Include all pedestrians between parking lot, temp pool, major pool, increased use of motorized scooter, bikes, dogs equates to major congestion. The size of this loop does not work in a real world.
3. Add in all the **film crews** with semis, trailers that are regulars at the pool are and adjoining beach parking lots
4. Consideration for Handicap/ADA parking ease is compromised.

Thank you for including this information.

Susan Miller

**From:** [REDACTED] [Tatum](#); [Scott Kinsey](#); [Council District 2](#); [Council District 3](#); [Council District 4](#); [Council District 5](#); [Council District 6](#); [Council District 7](#); [Council District 8](#); [Council District 9](#); [Mayor](#); [Council District 1](#); [Tom Modica](#); [dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov); [Zach.rehm@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:Zach.rehm@coastal.ca.gov); [Dionne Bearden](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center- Notice of Cancellation Dec 19 Planning Commission Hearing  
**Date:** Monday, December 16, 2019 10:14:04 AM

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Thank you for your response, Christopher. I am confused as to why the cancellation notice was sent out on Friday. You state it was a computer error; Scott says it was because there was a lack of a quorum for the commissioners. I suggest you get your stories straight.

Perhaps the LCP needs to be approved for the CCC to act, but the CCC staff returned the City's application with many questions, including the EIR addendum, which to my knowledge has still not been made public. In fact, as of 5 minutes ago, the staff report for the pool item is still not available on the Planning Commission site.

Ann Cantrell

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Christopher Koontz <Christopher.Koontz@longbeach.gov>  
**To:** [REDACTED]; Linda Tatum <Linda.Tatum@longbeach.gov>; Scott Kinsey <Scott.Kinsey@longbeach.gov>; Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Council District 6 <District6@longbeach.gov>; Council District 7 <District7@longbeach.gov>; Council District 8 <District8@longbeach.gov>; Council District 9 <District9@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; Council District 1 <District1@longbeach.gov>; Heidi.Eidson@longbeach.gov <Heidi.Eidson@longbeach.gov>; Tom Modica <Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov>; dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov <dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov>; Zach.rehm@coastal.ca.gov <Zach.rehm@coastal.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Mon, Dec 16, 2019 10:00 am  
**Subject:** RE: Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center- Notice of Cancellation Dec 19 Planning Commission Hearing

Ann,

Thank you for contacting the City of Long Beach. As you noted a computer error did result in a web posting of a cancelation for some brief period of time. The mailed notices note this week's meeting and staff was here over the weekend correcting the IT error. The website is now correct. The City's local action on the LCP amendment is necessary for the Coastal Commission to act. Thank you again for your interest and we will see you on Thursday.

**Christopher Ira Koontz, AICP**  
*Planning Bureau Manager*

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LBDS Email Signature



**From:** [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Monday, December 16, 2019 9:57 AM

**To:** Linda Tatum <Linda.Tatum@longbeach.gov>; Scott Kinsey <Scott.Kinsey@longbeach.gov>; Christopher Koontz <Christopher.Koontz@longbeach.gov>; Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Council District 6 <District6@longbeach.gov>; Council District 7 <District7@longbeach.gov>; Council District 8 <District8@longbeach.gov>; Council District 9 <District9@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; Council District 1 <District1@longbeach.gov>; Heidi.Eidson@longbeach.gov; Tom Modica <Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov>; dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov; Zach.rehm@coastal.ca.gov

**Subject:** Fwd: Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center- Notice of Cancellation Dec 19 Planning Commission Hearing

Thank you, Kerrie. I called Scott and got only an answering machine. I am beyond livid. On Friday Susan Miller received this cancellation notice:

CITY OF LONG BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA  
Richard Lewis, Chair, Mark Christoffels, Vice Chair, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Commissioner  
Ron Cruz, Commissioner Josh LaFarga, Commissioner Jane Templin, Commissioner  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019 411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD  
NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

The regularly scheduled Planning Commission public hearing for Thursday, December 19, 2019 has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.  
CIVIC CHAMBERS, 5:00 PM

Yesterday, Susan noticed that the agenda was posted on the Planning Commission website with the Belmont Aquatic Center (pools) as Item 1. This e-mail from Scott Kinsey confirms, however, there has been no other communication from the City to this effect.

There are no exhibits included on the Planning Commission site--no plans shown for the revised pool; no addendum for the EIR; no information on why a new LCDP is needed. Not to worry, Scott says this will be available tonight.

I urge that this item be postponed until the Coastal Commission staff has approved the City's application for the revised pool plans. It has been almost 2 years since the first application was submitted. There is no need to speed up this hearing. The public and the Commission need time to study the many changes which have been made to the old plan.

Sincerely,  
Ann Cantrell  
Citizens About Responsible Planning/CARP  
Sierra Club Los Cerritos Wetlands Task Force

-----Original Message-----

From: Kerrie Aley  
To: Ann Cantrell <[anngadfly@aol.com](mailto:anngadfly@aol.com)>  
Sent: Mon, Dec 16, 2019 9:23 am



Subject: Fwd: Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center- Notice of Cancellation Dec 19 Planning Commission Hearing

OK to forward. K

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Scott Kinsey** <[Scott.Kinsey@longbeach.gov](mailto:Scott.Kinsey@longbeach.gov)>

Date: Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 8:37 AM

Subject: RE: Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center- Notice of Cancellation Dec 19 Planning Commission Hearing

To: Kerrie Aley <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>, Jack Cunningham <[Jack.Cunningham@longbeach.gov](mailto:Jack.Cunningham@longbeach.gov)>

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Please let me know if you have any questions, and please address any correspondence on the project directly to me, the project planner.

Sincerely,

**Scott Kinsey, AICP**  
*Planner V*

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**From:** Kerrie Aley <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2019 10:21 PM

**To:** Scott Kinsey <[Scott.Kinsey@longbeach.gov](mailto:Scott.Kinsey@longbeach.gov)>; Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>; Jack Cunningham <[Jack.Cunningham@longbeach.gov](mailto:Jack.Cunningham@longbeach.gov)>

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Please add my email to the list for any notices or project updates on the Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center project.

Kerrie Aley

**From:** [Scott Kinsey](#)  
**To:** "[Gordana Kajer](#)"  
**Cc:** [Mel Nutter](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Planning Commission 12/19/19 Agenda  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2019 9:15:00 AM  
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The Local Coastal Development Permit is a set of findings that say the project is consistent with the Coastal Act and Local Coastal Program. The findings are an attachment to the staff report. There is not a "permit form" as you may be thinking of.

The Local Coastal Program Amendment is the Zoning Code Amendment to PD-2 (which is an implementing ordinance of the Local Coastal Program) and the accompanying Zone Change. There is not a separate text for the LCP Amendment; the LCP Amendment is the Zoning Code Amendment. We will be asking the Planning Commission to recommend that the City Council approve it and forward it to the Coastal Commission to request that they incorporate it into the certified LCP.

**Scott Kinsey, AICP**  
*Planner V*

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**From:** Gordana Kajer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 17, 2019 8:10 AM  
**To:** Scott Kinsey <[Scott.Kinsey@longbeach.gov](mailto:Scott.Kinsey@longbeach.gov)>  
**Cc:** Mel Nutter [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Planning Commission 12/19/19 Agenda

Thanks Scott.

Could you tell me where the Local Coastal Development Permit is attached for the new project?  
And the Local Coastal Program Amendment too?

Thanks.

On 12/16/2019 6:06 PM, Scott Kinsey wrote:

Hello,

The agenda and staff report and all supporting materials should be up now.

Scott Kinsey, AICP  
Planner V

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-----Original Message

From: Gordana Kajer [redacted] >  
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019, 10:05 AM  
To: Scott Kinse [redacted] <[ch.gov](mailto:skinse@ch.gov)>  
Cc: Mel Nutter [redacted]  
Subject: Planni [redacted] Agenda

Good morning, Scott-  
I'm writing about the Notice of Public Hearing on the Belmont Plaza pool and would like to know when the public can expect the Planning Commission's agenda for the 12/19/19 meeting to be posted on Legistar.

Thank you.  
Gordana Kajer

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**GORDANA KAJER**  
Customs Compliance & Duty Drawback  
T: 562.438.9161

**From:** [Scott Kinsey](#)  
**To:** [Jim Clemson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: 4200 E. Ocean Blvd  
**Date:** Monday, December 09, 2019 11:02:00 AM  
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Mr. Clemson,

The agenda will be available on the City's website toward the end of this week, with links to the staff report and all other supporting documents.

<http://longbeach.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

**Scott Kinsey, AICP**  
*Planner V*

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**From:** Jim Clemson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 06, 2019 4:45 PM  
**To:** Scott Kinsey <[Scott.Kinsey@longbeach.gov](mailto:Scott.Kinsey@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: 4200 E. Ocean Blvd

Scott,

I'm looking for information on the Belmont Pool meeting that will take place on December 19. Specifically, the agenda and the supporting documents that will be discussed. The attached notice references an environmental impact report but nothing is available on your website. Please let me know what information is available regarding the content of that meeting.

Thanks,  
Jim

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**From:** **Refugio Torres Campos** <[Refugio.TorresCampos@longbeach.gov](mailto:Refugio.TorresCampos@longbeach.gov)>  
**Date:** Fri, Dec 6, 2019 at 16:30  
**Subject:** 4200 E. Ocean Blvd  
**To:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Hello Jim,

Attached is the Public Hearing Notice. Said Notice shows the project planner as Scott Kinsey. You may contact Scott Kinsey for further information at [Scott.Kinsey@longbeach.gov](mailto:Scott.Kinsey@longbeach.gov) or by phone at (562)570-6461. I don't believe the staff report and studies have been uploaded to our website yet.

Thank you,

**Refugio Torres Campos**

*Planner III*

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**From:** [Scott Kinsey](#)  
**To:** [Kerrie Aley](#)  
**Cc:** [Council District 3](#); [Jack Cunningham](#)  
**Bcc:** [Alexis Oropeza](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center- Notice of Cancellation Dec 19 Planning Commission Hearing  
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**From:** [Christopher Koontz](#)  
**To:** [Kerrie Aley](#); [Linda Tatum](#); [CityAttorney](#); [Mayor](#); [Council District 3](#); [Jack Cunningham](#); [Scott Kinsey](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Planning Commission Meeting Dec. 19  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2019 8:53:16 AM  
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Ms. Aley,

Thank you for contacting the City of Long Beach. The Belmont Pool item is scheduled for Thursday evening at we look forward to seeing you at that hearing. As you reference the online version of the agenda did briefly list that hearing as cancelled but that was corrected by staff who were at City Hall on Saturday resolving the IT issue. The matter was noticed by mail two weeks in advance and the site was posted. Additionally, email reminders went out yesterday. The agenda and supporting documents are available online.

This matter is a modification rather than a new project, and an EIR addendum rather than a new EIR. CEQA Guidelines Section 15088 is not applicable in this case. CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(c) explicitly notes that EIR Addenda need not be publicly circulated. Notwithstanding those facts however the Planning Commission is merely making a recommendation to the City Council which will make a final determination on the project and environmental document. Portions of the project will then be subject to permitting by the California Coastal Commission.

Thank you again for your interest,

**Christopher Ira Koontz, AICP**  
*Planning Bureau Manager*

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**From:** Kerrie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 16, 2019 3:42 PM  
**To:** Linda Tatum <Linda.Tatum@longbeach.gov>; Christopher Koontz <Christopher.Koontz@longbeach.gov>; CityAttorney <CityAttorney@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Jack Cunningham <Jack.Cunningham@longbeach.gov>; Scott Kinsey <Scott.Kinsey@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Planning Commission Meeting Dec. 19

City of Long Beach

It is my understanding that the notification for the December 19 Planning Commission hearing on the *Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center* complied with state law-per CEQA guidelines and California Code, Government Code - GOV § 65091 65092 requiring that the Notice of hearing shall be mailed or delivered at least **10 days** prior to the hearing.

The City of Long Beach then sent out an official notification that the December 19 2019 Planning Commission meeting and hearing had been cancelled.

Soon after this the December 19 Planning Commission agenda was posted on the City's website indicating that the *Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center* hearing had been rescheduled for the original date.

When questioned -the public has been told by Development Services that this Planning Commission meeting was first cancelled due to a lack of a quorum and or a computer glitch.

I believe if the City proceeds with the December 19 *Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center* hearing this will be indirect violation of State law and CEQA guidelines requirement for 10 days noticing. The meeting was scheduled, then cancelled and there has been no 10 day legal noticing that the meeting has been rescheduled for the same date December 19.

While the City of Long Beach may feel that they now have a Planning Commission quorum for their own project... the fact is that the public has been improperly noticed during this holiday season, and our ability to participate has been damaged by the City's own actions. I am also aware that the CA Coastal Commission considers the quality of public participation integral with it's review of the entire project proposal.

Again I request that the December 19 Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center cancelled and a new hearing date be properly noticed 10 days in advance and that the public be given adequate time to review the hearing documents. These documents are still not available nearly 72 prior to this hearing.

I also again request that the City's BelmontPool.com website be modified to reflect the new design, project schedule, and include advance notice of public input meetings and hearing dates.

Kerrie Aley

**From:** [Joshua Hickman](#)  
**To:** [Scott Kinsey](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Belmont Aquatic Center Redesign  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2019 9:08:57 AM  
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Scott,  
See below

**Joshua Hickman**  
*Project Management Officer*

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**From:** Mel Nutter <[REDACTED]>  
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**Cc:** 'Dino D'Emilia' <[ddemilia@ardurra.com](mailto:ddemilia@ardurra.com)>; Eric Lopez <[Eric.Lopez@longbeach.gov](mailto:Eric.Lopez@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Belmont Aquatic Center Redesign

Joshua,

Thank you for providing me with the requested documents. However, I have not yet had a chance to review them with care. Nevertheless, on behalf of Gordana Kajer, I must reserve all rights she may have to object to the adequacy of hearing notices in general and the notice of the local government hearing on Local Coastal Matters in particular. It is unfortunate that the City did not make the applications originally filed on October 2 available until the evening of December 16 after notifying the public that the December 19 Planning Commission had been cancelled and then reversing course and posting an active agenda for that date.

I located proposed findings for the approval of a Local Coastal Development Permit. However, nowhere did I find a document that included an application for such a permit. I wonder if its absence is an implicit admission that approval of such an application would violate the standards set forth in the current certified LCP. Has the City decided to abandon the Local Coastal Development Permit it approved years ago still on appeal with the Coastal Commission?

Regardless of when the Planning Commission hears this matter, further review of the package undoubtedly will raise additional issues that deserve attention.

Mel

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**Subject:** RE: Belmont Aquatic Center Redesign

Mel,

A computer error did result in a web posting of a cancelation for some brief period of time last week. The notices that were previously provided as well as mailed do accurately reflect this week's meeting. Staff was here over the weekend correcting the IT error and the website is now correct (i.e. meeting is not cancelled). Attached is the agenda with links to all relevant documents. Let me know if you have any additional questions. Thanks for your interest in the project.

**Joshua Hickman**  
*Project Management Officer*

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**From:** Mel Nutter <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 16, 2019 10:54 AM  
**To:** Tom Modica <[Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov](mailto:Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov)>  
**Cc:** 'Dino D'Emilia' <[REDACTED]> <[\[REDACTED\]@longbeach.gov](mailto:[REDACTED]@longbeach.gov)>; Joshua Hickman <[Joshua.Hickman@longbeach.gov](mailto:Joshua.Hickman@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Belmont Aquatic Center Redesign

Tom,

I was copied on the same set of messages you were concerning Thursday's rescheduled hearing. A public notice that there would be no hearing was issued last week, and then a new agenda notice was posted less than ten days before December 19. I wish to remind you that the seven pool applications were filed on October 2, but have not been available for review in spite of requests that they be released to the public. I suggest you confer with the City Attorney concerning notice and other legal requirements.

The Coastal Act provides in part:

**“Section 30006 Legislative findings and declarations; public participation**

The Legislature further finds and declares that the public has a right to fully participate in decisions affecting coastal planning, conservation and development; that achievement of sound coastal conservation and development is dependent upon public understanding and support; and that the continuing planning and implementation of programs for coastal conservation and development should include the widest opportunity for public participation.”

This policy is not restricted to matters before the Coastal Commission

Mel

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**From:** Tom Modica [<mailto:Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 16, 2019 6:16 AM  
**To:** Mel Nutter  
**Cc:** 'Dino D'Emilia'; Joshua Hickman  
**Subject:** RE: Belmont Aquatic Center Redesign

Good morning Mel, Josh will be sending you a response today.

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**From:** Mel Nutter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2019 2:43 PM  
**To:** Tom Modica <[Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov](mailto:Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov)>  
**Cc:** 'Dino D'Emilia' [REDACTED]; Joshua Hickman <[Joshua.Hickman@longbeach.gov](mailto:Joshua.Hickman@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Belmont Aquatic Center Redesign

Tom,

Your team has not yet responded to my request. However, since you told me “the team would be in touch” the City issued an agenda notice that the December 19 Planning Commission has been cancelled and thereafter posted a proposed agenda for that date. This has created confusion and raised potential legal issues. In addition, I note that none of the material I requested appears accessible with the new agenda or elsewhere. Let me know the status of this matter as soon as possible.

Thanks,  
Mel

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**From:** Tom Modica [<mailto:Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 06, 2019 7:53 AM  
**To:** Mel Nutter  
**Cc:** 'Dino D'Emilia'; Joshua Hickman  
**Subject:** RE: Belmont Aquatic Center Redesign

Thanks, the team will be in touch on your request.

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**From:** Mel Nutter [redacted] <[redacted]@longbeach.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 5, 2019 10:44 AM  
**To:** Tom Modica <[Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov](mailto:Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov)> [redacted]; Joshua Hickman <[Joshua.Hickman@longbeach.gov](mailto:Joshua.Hickman@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Belmont Aquatic Center Redesign

Tom,

Thank you for sending me a copy of your December 3 memo to the City Council. That memo, together with the undated, but just released notice of a Planning Commission hearing December 19 for the application dated October 2, is helpful. During the two-month period that elapsed since you filed the application, I would have liked the opportunity to review the material carefully.

Although the Notice references seven requested approvals and suggests that the referenced items may be available on the City's website, I have been unable to locate them. Because they are all included in the application as noticed, I assume that all the material is available. The Notice only referred to the availability of the EIR Addendum and I failed to find it on the City's website. I would appreciate learning how I can access relevant documents for all seven of the requested actions. Perhaps you can provide me with copies. In addition, I would appreciate knowing if the City intends to abandon its earlier appealed Local CDP approval for the project.

Thanks,  
Mel

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**From:** Tom Modica [<mailto:Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 5:32 PM  
**To:** Mel Nutter  
**Cc:** Dino D'Emilia; Joshua Hickman  
**Subject:** RE: Belmont Aquatic Center Redesign

Hi Mel. As promised, the revised design is available and I'm sending that to you. Attached is a memo with the latest project update.

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**From:** Tom Modica  
**Sent:** Friday, August 30, 2019 6:10 AM  
**To:** Mel Nutter [redacted] >  
**Subject:** RE: Belmont Aquatic Center Redesign

Hi Mel, thanks for the reminder, sorry I hadn't responded yet. Thank you for clearing that up, that helps our understanding.

Attached is the latest on the project. This is what we shared with the Stakeholder Committee and shared with the group who filed the lawsuit. The current direction we are working on is to design an outdoor facility (with a building to house locker rooms, etc), but to no longer pursue an indoor natatorium. The height is significantly lower with the absence of the roof over the indoor pool, the temporary pool would remain, the restaurant would be removed, and the site plan would be moved back so the facility is out of the 2100 sea level rise zone in addition to maximum wave uprush. The pool would have enhanced recreational features for youth, and we would have enhanced programs to connect disadvantaged communities. The actual design is still being developed, and has not been shared yet. When it is ready we will provide it to stakeholders.

If you have comments on the general direction or the document provided, we would be happy to look at those.

-Tom

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**From:** Mel Nutter [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 18, 2019 11:22 AM  
**To:** Tom Modica <[Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov](mailto:Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Belmont Aquatic Center Redesign

Tom,

Thanks for your timely reply. I agree with you that there has been some confusion. Your comments illustrate the point. I hope future communications will reduce the misinformation we both are experiencing.

First, Gordana Kajer is not a party to the ongoing pool litigation and is not a member of the group represented by Doug Carstens. Your assumption that Doug Carstens represent her helps me understand your earlier reference to the City Attorney's Office and current reference to Rutan and Tucker. Ms. Kajer is in no position to discuss the potential settlement of an appeal to which she is not a party. On the other hand, I am Ms. Kajer's representative in connection with her appeal to the Coastal Commission of the City's approval of its original Coastal Development Permit.

Second, I did not intend to suggest that my understanding was that the City had developed a final revised pool design. However, I was aware of press reports stating that you had met with pool stakeholders with an alternative plan. Various local publications have reported on elements of the alternative plan.

Regardless of Ms. Kajer's appeal to the Coastal Commission, as long as the City proposes that the aquatic project include an area subject to the Coastal Commission's original permit jurisdiction, the project will need Commission approval. Without reaching any conclusions about the matter, my purpose in reaching out to the City on behalf of Ms. Kajer was to encourage the City to have the benefit of her input. My hope is that the City will welcome her involvement.

Mel

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**From:** Tom Modica [<mailto:Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 18, 2019 8:03 AM  
**To:** Mel Nutter  
**Subject:** RE: Belmont Aquatic Center Redesign

Hi Mel, think there has been some confusion. We have not published any designs – we have shared information about our intent to scale the project down to both meet cost issues and the Coastal Commission input. We have not shared any revised designs yet with the press or stakeholders, those are still under development.

In response to your request, I asked our attorney Kathy Jensen from Rutan and Tucker to reach out to Gordana’s attorney Doug Carstens to discuss the same information we reviewed with the Stakeholder Committee and to go over the concept of a smaller building and reduced footprint. That occurred on July 25. The direction we got back from the client was that she was not interested in a settlement that involves design changes, that only an alternative location is desirable to your client.

If any of the that is incorrect and your client wants to discuss a settlement to the appeal, let us know and we can revive discussions.

We continue to work on submitting our Coastal Development Application and this project will be in front of the Coastal Commission for everyone to review the project and provide their input.

-Tom

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**From:** Mel Nutter [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2019 10:29 AM  
**To:** Tom Modica <[Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov](mailto:Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Belmont Aquatic Center Redesign

Tom,

Now that Pat West is leaving, you may have even more on your plate. Nevertheless, I wanted to follow-up on our brief exchange of a few weeks ago concerning the Belmont Aquatic Center and the proposed redesign.

Although I am an attorney and have a client who appealed the City’s original CDP approval to the Coastal Commission, in light of the City’s redesign effort and your reference to “stakeholders,” (that could have included the entire community because of the nature of the proposal), my initial message was sent in the hope that meaningful community participation and consultation would be



possible. In short, at this stage neither my client nor I were thinking about engaging in the legal maneuvering that would require the participation of the City Attorney's office.

After our exchange, and somewhat to my surprise, the news media published tentative redesign plans privately developed by the City and some "stakeholders." I have no idea how the City intends to proceed, but once again, I would remind you that in my initial message I suggested that as the design of the reconfigured project is refined, it might be useful to consult with those, including my client, who raised concerns about the original design. Under the circumstances, and well before you seek further formal approvals, we request the opportunity to meet with your planning staff concerning this matter.

Mel

Melvin L. Nutter  
Attorney at Law

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**From:** Tom Modica [<mailto:Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 01, 2019 6:31 AM  
**To:** Mel Nutter  
**Cc:** Jenson, Kathy  
**Subject:** RE: Belmont Aquatic Center Redesign

Hi Mel, pardon the late reply, I was out of the office last week. Yes, we will reach out through our Attorney to have a discussion about the potential design changes.

-Tom

Tom Modica  
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**From:** Mel Nutter <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 25, 2019 12:02 PM  
**To:** Tom Modica <[Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov](mailto:Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** Belmont Aquatic Center Redesign

Tom,

As you may know, I represent Gordana Kajer one of the Coastal Commission appellants in connection with the Belmont Aquatic Center. The recent press reports concerning the redesign efforts indicate that the City has consulted with both Coastal Commission staff and some of the stakeholders. As you proceed to refine the design of the reconfigured project, it might be useful to consult with those, including my client, who raised concerns about the original design. Please let me know if you believe such consultation would be helpful at this stage.

Mel

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**From:** [Scott Kinsey](#)  
**To:** [Melinda Cotton](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Belmont Pool EIR Addendum  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 5:15:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
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[image006.png](#)

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Melinda,

The EIR Addendum is not yet available—it will be available when the staff report is available. Please look for the agenda to be posted, which will have a link to the staff report. This will probably be Thursday or Friday of next week (12/12 or 12/13).

I have you on our notice list for this project and have your address as the below. You should have received the notice; if not, I'll look into it to make sure it went out to you.

Melinda Cotton, [REDACTED]

**Scott Kinsey, AICP**  
*Planner V*

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**From:** Melinda Cotton <[mbcotton@hotmail.com](mailto:mbcotton@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 1:04 PM  
**To:** Scott Kinsey <[Scott.Kinsey@longbeach.gov](mailto:Scott.Kinsey@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** Request for document

Hi Scott,

Hope you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving.

I did not receive a copy of the above notice, but it was shared with me.

The Notice states that "An EIR Addendum (EIRA-3-19) was prepared for this project." (See excerpt below) And states it will be made available prior to the public hearing. Since the EIR Addendum has already been prepared, I would like to receive it today. By e-mail would be fine. Please let me know if I need to make an additional request? Or put in a Public Record Request? My phone number is 562.433.2795.

Thanks for your help. Melinda Cotton

impacts. An EIR Addendum (EIRA-03-19) was prepared for this project. The EIR Addendum will be available prior to the public hearing at the City of Long Beach Development Services Department, Planning Bureau, 411 West Ocean Blvd., 2nd Floor, Long Beach, CA, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., as well as the City's website at:

## Dionne Bearden

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**To:** Melinda Cotton  
**Subject:** RE: Concerns re Planning Commission Dec. 19th Agenda re the Belmont Beach & Aquatic Center

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**From:** Melinda Cotton [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, December 09, 2019 4:59 PM  
**To:** Dionne Bearden <Dionne.Bearden@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Concerns re Planning Commission Dec. 19th Agenda re the Belmont Beach & Aquatic Center

Hello Dionne,

Since we will be out of town and unable to attend or prepare for the Dec. 19th Planning Commission Meeting regarding Application Number 1910-05 (GPA19-001, ZCA 19-010, ZCHG19-005, SPR19-027, LCPA 19-5005, LCDP19-023, EIRA-03-19, I am submitting my comments early. Please send this e-mail on to the Planning Commissioners when you receive it, as this time of year just before Christmas is very busy.

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Dear Planning Commission Chair Richard Lewis, Vice-Chair Mark Christoffels, and Commissioners Verduzco-Vega, Cruz, La Farga, Perez and Templin,

I'm concerned that the Planning Commission doesn't have all the information it needs to consider this important matter, as the Notice of this Dec 19th hearing regarding the BBAC was issued several days prior to the California Coastal Commission Staff letter with its "Notice of Incomplete Application" (attached). Please read this Coastal Commission Notice, as it contains more than four pages of needed details before Coastal Staff will be able to determine if the BBAC Application is complete.

Unfortunately, you are being asked to approve seven (7) complex documents without having the benefit of the BBAC's Complete Application to Coastal, and without the City's responses needed for this newly redesigned, environmentally sensitive, \$85 million dollar project. The last time the City received an Incomplete Application Notice for the BBAC (September of 2018), it took the City until November 6, 2019 (14 months) to reply (with what is now also considered an Incomplete Application). Among the many critical concerns, Sea Level rise and Climate Change are moving faster than expected, according to experts who spoke at the Aquarium of the Pacific's "Coping with Sea Level Rise With a Focus on Long Beach's Peninsula and Belmont Shore". The October 7, 2019 event, with more such seminars to follow, is cosponsored by the Aquarium (CEO Dr. Jerry Schubel ) and The Nature Conservancy.

Surely the Planning Commission will want all the latest information about the scope and impacts of the proposed project. Since it will likely be some months before the City resubmits its Application to the City, and the City says it's at least \$25 million sort of the funds needed to begin the project, one has to ask: What's the rush?

I respectfully ask the Planning Commission to request the above items be delayed, and brought back after the City fully answers Coastal's many important questions.

The letter below I submitted to Coastal Staff in late November. I believe it contains additional information that is pertinent to the decisions before you.

Sincerest thanks for your attention, Melinda Cotton

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**From:** Melinda Cotton <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 29, 2019 6:07 PM  
**To:** Ziff, Dani@Coastal <[dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov)>; [zach.rehm@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:zach.rehm@coastal.ca.gov) <[zach.rehm@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:zach.rehm@coastal.ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Concerns re latest Belmont Pool Application

Dear Dani and Zach,

I find it troubling that the City of Long Beach (and/or Coastal Commission) has not notified the many appellants of the original Belmont Pool Application of the filing of a much revised/new Application on Nov. 6th. Several of us contacted Long Beach Coastal Commission staff regularly, asking the status of the City's Application, and as a courtesy Dani Ziff notified several of us of the Nov. 6th submission. But there has been no official Public Notice so far, or official notice to the 17 Appellants - which include Coastal Commission Chair Dayna Bochco and Commissioner Effie Turnbull-Sanders. All of the appellants (see attached City document listing appellants) had numerous concerns about the original design, and surely would wish to be aware of and make comments on the much revised/new project plan, as well as the public at large.

Chair Dayne Bochco, in her 6/8/2017 Appeal Submission (see attached) noted that this "...constitutes a new development that is not coastal dependent and would result in potential adverse impacts to existing public access and recreation opportunities in conflict with the public access and recreation policies of both the certified LCP and the Coastal Act." Certainly open air swimming pools are not 'coastal dependent' as the open ocean and sandy beach are just a couple of hundred feet away. The City's existing 'temporary' Olympic size pool has ably served the area for six years for recreational swimming, lessons, water polo, etc. Since the City plans to retain the 'temporary pool', additional new pools should be located in an area such as the downtown "Elephant Lot" which has close access and easy transportation to under-served communities.

Chair Bochco also noted that ..."the City should more fully evaluate relocating the facility to an area that would not be affected by sea level rise/wave action for the expected life of the development..." The new Application states that the new design is expected to have a life of 75 years (as noted in the Moffitt & Nichol document). However Climate Change and Sea Level Rise are increasing at an advanced rate, according to experts who spoke at the Aquarium of the Pacific's "Coping with Sea Level Rise With a Focus on Long Beach's Peninsula and Belmont Shore". The October 7, 2019 event, with more such seminars to follow, is cosponsored by the Aquarium (CEO Dr. Jerry Schubel ) and The Nature Conservancy. We've seen that sea level rise combined with King Tides and heavy rainfall already affect coastal beaches, vehicle access, parking lots, homes and businesses, etc. Putting a new eighty million dollar open pool structure on the coast seems foolhardy.

What seems a major omission from the Application are plans to rebuild the Belmont Pier for the 2028 Olympic Games, which the Olympic Committee has designated as a "centerpiece and viewing area" for the Olympic Sailing Events. Since the Belmont Pier is in very poor shape, the Mayor, City Management and Council have focused on rebuilding the Belmont Pier. At the Feb. 6, 2018 Long Beach City Council Meeting, the Council approved moving forward with what was called the "8 by 28 Plan" (see attached City Memo, additional details are available in the Minutes and Video of the Council's Feb. 6, 2018 meeting Item R-13). At the top of that list was rebuilding the Belmont Pier. The Belmont Pool was listed, **not as a venue** but to "... showcase Olympic history" ...and "...used for city exhibitions and events."

(Interestingly - the Olympic Committee's artist conception of the Belmont Pier area showed the existing, tree covered Olympic Plaza Park - not a new Belmont Pool structure (see below):



Certainly the vital project of rebuilding the Belmont Pier for the Olympics (only a hundred yards or so from the Belmont Pool) will have to go through an extensive planning process, including Coastal Commission approval. And coastal access, traffic and parking needs, sea level rise, all the impacts and issues raised in the Belmont Pool EIR will need to be worked out. These two projects are interdependent, and should be evaluated together. The Application before you should not go forward without these issues sorted out, and should be addressed by a new EIR.

The Long Beach 'Beachcomber' news article below dated Nov. 28, 2018 stated:

"The city's first major infrastructure project on the list is rebuilding the Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier, Garcia said, noting that the existing pier is "nearing the end of its life" and is in "terrible shape." He said the

new pier will be rebuilt in its “original location” where Belmont Brewing Co. (BBC) is currently located and will become the “centerpiece of the sailing competition.”

"Another major project is building the new Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center pool facility, which, if completed in time for the Olympics, will be used for exhibitions and activities but not for swimming or diving competitions."

<https://beachcomber.news/content/mayor-gives-update-2028-olympic-projects>

And the Belmont Shore based 'Grunion Gazette' also addressed the Belmont Pier.

[http://www.gazettes.com/news/business/first-look-at-by-olympic-projects-in-long-beach/article\\_fc2cc366-9f55-11e8-b99a-0705a6fb4fdd.html](http://www.gazettes.com/news/business/first-look-at-by-olympic-projects-in-long-beach/article_fc2cc366-9f55-11e8-b99a-0705a6fb4fdd.html)

[First Look At 8 by '28 Olympic Projects In Long Beach | Business | gazettes.com](http://www.gazettes.com/news/business/first-look-at-by-olympic-projects-in-long-beach/article_fc2cc366-9f55-11e8-b99a-0705a6fb4fdd.html)

Last February, after it had been announced that Long Beach is a large part of plans for Los Angeles to host the 2028 Olympic Games, Mayor Robert Garcia unveiled his "8 by 28" plan for capital ...

[www.gazettes.com](http://www.gazettes.com)

Traffic and parking problems for coastal visitors near the Belmont Pier area will be heavily impacted by construction of either of these projects, much less both of them. And long-term impacts will be intense, as prior studies are totally out of date. The original EIR was submitted in April 2016. It includes an undated Traffic Study and 'Traffic volume' data for a few intersections that were collected in February 2016. Since then, for example, Ocean Blvd. from Termino to Bayshore was narrowed from two lanes to one in each direction starting in 2017. And the large Olympix Health Club has opened (February 2017) increasing traffic and utilizing street and beach parking lots as Olympix has no parking of its own. And of course usage of the beach and ocean has increased immeasurably, due to hotter weather, climate change, bike riding and pedestrian usage, dog beach, volley ball and kite surfers, etc. etc.

We ask your attention to these many complications and concerns, and ask the City of Long Beach to respond.

Sincerely, Melinda Cotton

35 year Belmont Shore resident



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December 6, 2019

City of Long Beach  
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Long Beach, CA 90802

**Re: NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE APPLICATION**  
City of Long Beach; Applicant  
**Coastal Development Permit Application No. 5-18-0788**

Mr. Lopez,

Thank you for the information provided November 26, 2019 in response to the September 7, 2018 Notice of Incomplete Application. However, as discussed in our coordination meeting with City of Long Beach staff on November 19, 2019, additional information is required to identify the scope of the proposed project—construction of the Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center—and potential impacts to coastal resources. Coastal Commission staff have determined that the following information is required in order to file the CDP application pursuant to the Commission's regulations (14 CCR Section 13056):

- I. **100' Radius and Interested Parties.** The revised project plans include a new transformer, trash enclosure, and public restrooms that extend beyond the project limit shown in Revised Attachments 3 and 4. Please update the 100' radius to encompass the additional parcel and expand the project noticing radius accordingly. In addition, the 100-foot radius should not include roads. Thus, please adjust the northwest corner of the delineated project limit and 100' radius at the terminus of Termino Avenue and Allin Street. Any additional stamped and addressed envelopes required as a result of these revisions and the submitted revised interested parties list should be submitted. Please also note that the City should continue to update this Interested Parties list as additional interested parties are identified.
- II. **Project Description.** Please clarify the proportion of time that the proposed aquatic center would be available for public use verses unavailable for public use due to events, swim meets, and other exclusive activities. As proposed, would private businesses such as private swim, diving, or SCUBA instruction organizations, be allowed to operate at the aquatic swim center? Please also provide more specificity regarding the proposed fee schedule. Please provide a comparison of current fee schedules for regional, state, and national aquatic facilities of the same size and scope. How much will the existing Long Beach fee schedule described change, compared to the pre-existing Belmont Pool or the temporary pool?
- III. **Project Plans.**



- a. *Architectural Plans.* We note that the CDP for the temporary Belmont Pool facility will expire December 19, 2022 (with two possible one-year time extensions). The temporary pool was not designed to be a permanent facility. Are there any required measures to address potential leaking or other structural issues that may arise as the temporary pool nears its anticipated end-of-life? If so, please provide a list of such measures and/or best management practices to ensure the temporary pool may operate on a permanent basis without adversely impacting coastal resources. Please also provide site plans and a clear description of any changes to the temporary pool and associated accessory structures, including, but not limited to, the fencing, ticket booth, showers, and restrooms.
- b. *Landscaping Plan.* Please clarify the Open Space and Green Space calculations identified in the revised project description and plans, which appear to be different than the calculations included in the provided CEQA documents (page 3-25 of the Draft EIR).
- c. *Drainage Plan.* Was the drainage plan (Sheet 28 of the revised project plans) developed taking into consideration potential flooding, pool over-topping, and potential leakage that might result from large storm events and/or seismic activity? If so, please describe the function of the drainage system in such circumstances. If not, please provide a drainage plan that protects water quality in the event of such occurrences.
- d. *Detailed Foundation Plan.* Revised plan Sheets 23 and 24 include some details regarding the proposed foundations. Please clarify the total number of piles proposed and the depth to which they will extend, and provide elevations of each foundation element called out on Sheet 23 that is not included in Sheet 24. Please also depict or describe current groundwater levels and anticipated changes to the water table as sea levels rise during the life of the development. Has an updated geotechnical evaluation been conducted for the revised project? Are there alternatives that would lessen the amount of landform alteration? Please submit a copy of each relevant geotechnical report and foundation plan.
- e. *Lighting Plan.* Please provide elevations of the proposed lighting pole with the maximum height of each structure. Please call out the extent of proposed light output in lumens, foot candles, other standard that can be compared to lights of a similar type (e.g. stadium lights, parking lot lights, street lights, house lights). The Commission has generally required that lighting adjacent to beaches and habitat areas minimize impacts to wildlife and habitat, and avoid light spillover effects. Please describe how the proposed lighting plan minimizes impacts to coastal resources.

#### **IV. Parking and Traffic Details.**

- a. *Non-automobile transportation elements.* Please clarify any temporary and/or permanent changes to each existing and proposed bike path, and the number and location of new bike parking spaces proposed. Are there new Electric Vehicle charging stations and designated parking spaces proposed? Are new bus routes proposed to be created?
- b. *Parking analysis.* Please provide calculations showing the net gain in parking availability described by City staff during the November 19, 2019 coordination meeting. Please ensure that the elimination of the parking along Olympic Plaza is taken into consideration along with the identified gain in public parking spaces as a result of parking lot restriping and addition of spaces along Ocean Boulevard, and loss of

parking for the conversion of the temporary pool to a permanent pool. Was the parking analysis that was provided based on a parking utilization study or other data source(s)? If so, please provide the data used.

- c. *Construction impacts.* Will the proposed construction impact access along Ocean Boulevard, at Olympic Plaza, to Belmont Pier, to available public parking areas, or along the existing bike paths? How are such impacts minimized? Please provide a description of any proposed traffic mitigation measures and plans with any proposed signage to ensure that public access to the beach and along the regional bike and pedestrian route remains open, to the greatest extent feasible, during construction.

- V. **Updated Sea Level Rise Analysis.** As depicted in the updated sea level rise analysis, portions of the proposed development, including the open green space areas, the vehicle turnaround area, and the existing temporary pool, would be inundated under the medium-high risk scenario which the consultant analyzed and mapped. Please describe the feasibility of removal of threatened structures and any adaptation measures that would be implemented if/when wave uprush, sea levels, and/or significant flooding approaches the project site. Please also describe how the pool facilities will be accessed if the nearby roads, parking lots, and beach pedestrian and bike path are temporarily or permanently inundated.
- VI. **Updated Alternatives Analysis.** Please provide a more detailed alternatives analysis that, at a minimum, includes an in-depth discussion of the feasibility of alternative project locations including, but not limited to, the Elephant Lot and a location outside the coastal zone closer to the communities that are intended to benefit from the proposed City-wide and Underserved Programming.
- VII. **Updated Biological Surveys.** The biological survey submitted on November 6, 2019 is inadequate because it was conducted outside of nesting season. Please submit a report prepared by a qualified biologist that anticipates potential impacts to bird breeding and nesting in the areas immediately adjacent to the proposed aquatics center based on the trends in the nesting data (sourced from previous biological surveys and reports conducted by the City and local bird monitoring groups) over a time period that includes the construction and operation of the existing temporary pool.
- VIII. **Visual Analysis.** Please compile and submit a visual analysis that includes views of the proposed development from the beach and water and along Ocean Boulevard. Ocean Boulevard is designated as a scenic route in the City's certified LCP, which also requires buildings in this area be located and designed to provide a maximum amount of unobstructed views through their sites to the beach and recreational facilities. As proposed, the transformer, trash enclosure, and restrooms are located in an area that currently contains beach and blue water views. Please address the view impacts of these structures from Ocean Boulevard and Termino Avenue in the visual analysis.

In addition, in response to elements included in the revised plans provided November 6, 2019, which were not included in the plans submitted with the original City-approved CDP/appeal, please respond to the following:

1. Please describe how the proposed vehicle entrance and turnaround area is designed to accommodate larger vehicles including buses, firetrucks, and construction equipment. Please clarify whether the area will be used for parking of large vehicles or storage only.

2. Please expand on the ADA access site plan and provide a description of ADA accessibility to and use of the pool facilities.
3. Please depict and describe the proposed function and mechanics of the proposed moveable floor.
4. During the November coordination meeting, the curved retaining wall was described as crossing stairs. Please clarify the function of the sunset lawn and retaining wall/crossing stairs. Please describe how deep below grade the retaining wall will be constructed.
5. Please provide a written description of the Utilities Plan. Please highlight new utilities or utility extensions, any changes to sewer system capacity, and proposed placement of any new utility-related structures (like the proposed fire hydrant).
6. General Recommendation 4 of the City's certified General Strand Policies requires a definite priority listing of capital improvements be made for long-term capital development of beach facilities. Please describe how the proposed project affects the City's capital improvement priorities. Please also provide the priority list.

Finally, we understand a hearing notice has been sent out for Planning Commission action on a number of items relating to the proposed project including a new LCDP and LCP amendment.

- Please clarify whether the proposed LCDP, if approved, would replace the previously approved LCDP (1405-01) or would be supplemental to the City-approved 2017 LCDP for the newly proposed project elements?
- Please also describe any public outreach efforts conducted by the City in visioning the revised project design, preparing the proposed LCP amendment, and involving the public in local processes. Please include any outreach to communities expected to benefit from the proposed City-wide and Underserved Programs.

Upon receipt of the requested materials we will proceed with determining the completeness of your application. Please do not limit your submittal to the above mentioned items. You may submit any information which you feel may help Commission staff gain a clear understanding of the scope of your project.

If you have additional questions, feel free to contact me at (562) 590-5071.

Sincerely,



Dani Ziff  
Coastal Program Analyst

**CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION**

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**CORRECTED  
COMMISSION NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL**

June 22, 2017

To: Mark Hungerford  
City of Long Beach, Dept. of Development Services  
333 W. Ocean Blvd.  
Long Beach, CA 90802

From: Charles Posner

Re: **Commission Appeal No. A-5-LOB-17-0032**

Please be advised that the coastal development permit decision described below has been appealed to the California Coastal Commission pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 30603 and 30625. Therefore, the decision has been stayed pending Commission action on the appeal pursuant to the Public Resources Code Section 30623.

LOCAL PERMIT #: **1405-01**

APPLICANT: **City of Long Beach**

DESCRIPTION: Appeal of Local Coastal Development Permit for construction and operation of an indoor/outdoor pool facility with adjacent café and restroom buildings (Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center)

LOCATION: 4000 E. Olympic Plaza, Long Beach, CA 90803

LOCAL DECISION: Approval with Special Conditions

APPELLANTS: CA Coastal Commissioners: Bochco and Turnbull-Sanders, CARP: Ann Cantrell, Corliss Lee, Joe Weinstein, Laurie Angel, Melinda Cotton, Rae Gabelich, Renee Lawler, Susan Miller, Channel Law Group, LLP: Jamie Hall, El Dorado Audubon Society, Long Beach Area Peace Network: Anna Christensen, Long Beach Citizens for Fair Development, Inc.: Warren Blesofsky, Gordana Kajer, James Hines, Jeff Miller, Melinda Cotton, and Susan K. Miller

DATE APPEAL FILED: 06/06/2017, 06/07/2017, 06/08/2017, and 06/09/2017

The Commission appeal number assigned to this appeal is A-5-LOB-17-0032. The Commission hearing date has not been scheduled at this time. Within 5 working days of receipt of this Commission Notification of Appeal, copies of all relevant documents and materials used in the City of Long Beach's consideration of this coastal development permit must be delivered to the South Coast District Office of the Coastal Commission (California Administrative Code Section 13112).

## COMMISSION NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL

Please include copies of plans, relevant photographs, staff reports and related documents, findings (if not already forwarded), all correspondence, and a list, with addresses, of all who provided verbal testimony.

A Commission staff report and notice of the hearing will be forwarded to you prior to the hearing. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Posner at the South Coast District Office.

cc: City of Long Beach

Melvin L. Nutter, Attorney At Law

CA Coastal Commission, Effie Turnbull-Sanders

CA Coastal Commission, Dayna Bochco

CARP, Attn: Ann Cantrell

CARP, Attn: Corliss Lee

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Long Beach Aquatic Capitol Foundation

Surfrider Foundation, Long Beach Chapter

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APPEAL FROM COASTAL PERMIT  
DECISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Received at Commission Meeting

JUN 08 2017

SECTION I. Appellant(s)

Name, mailing address and telephone number of appellant(s):

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Coastal Commissioners: Bachco

200 Oceangate, Suite 1000

Long Beach, CA 90802

(562) 590-5071

SECTION II. Decision Being Appealed

1. Name of local/port government: City of Long Beach
2. Brief description of development being appealed: Construction and operation of the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center, an indoor/outdoor pool facility with adjacent café and restroom buildings.
3. Development's location (street address, assessor's parcel no., cross street, etc.): 4000 E. Olympic Plaza, City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County.
4. Description of decision being appealed:
  - a. Approval; no special conditions: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Approval with special conditions: XX
  - c. Denial: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** For jurisdictions with a total LCP, denial decisions by a local government cannot be appealed unless the development is a major energy or public works project. Denial decisions by port governments are not appealable.

TO BE COMPLETED BY COMMISSION:

APPEAL NO: A-5-LOB-17-0032

DATE FILED: June 9, 2017

DISTRICT: South Coast



5. Decision being appealed was made by (check one):
- a. Planning Director/Zoning Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. City Council/Board of Supervisors:   X
  - c. Planning Commission: \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Other: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Date of local government's decision:   May 16, 2017
7. Local government's file number:   1405-01

**SECTION III.**

**Identification of Other Interested Persons**

Give the names and addresses of the following parties.  
(Use additional paper as necessary.)

1. Name and mailing address of permit applicant:  
  City of Long Beach    
  333 West Ocean Boulevard, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor    
  Long Beach, CA 90802
2. Names and mailing addresses as available of those who testified (either verbally or in writing) at the city/county/port hearing(s). Include other parties which you know to be interested and should receive notice of this appeal.
- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - b. \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - c. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION IV. Reasons Supporting This Appeal**

The proposed project, as approved by the City, raises several substantial issues in regards to consistency with the certified LCP and the public access and recreation policies of the Coastal Act.

The approved 125,500 sq. ft. swimming pool complex, café, and 55,745 sq. ft. park on a 5.8-acre beachfront site in the Belmont Shore area of Long Beach constitutes new development that is not coastal dependent and would result in potential adverse impacts to existing public access and recreation opportunities in conflict with the public access and recreation policies of both the certified LCP and the Coastal Act. In addition, the project does not comply with the height restrictions for new development in the area and would result in potential adverse impacts to public views and visual resources in conflict with the policies and provisions of the City's LCP.

The primary issue raised by the project is that although the beach is currently wide enough that the structure would most likely be safe from wave action in the immediate future, given sea level rise, the new pool facility is expected to be directly subject to wave action and shoreline erosion during the structure's expected life. The project appears to be designed to likely ensure the structure's stability (from an engineering perspective) once the area of the beach where the seaward portion of the structure is located becomes inundated due to sea level rise; however, this would be achieved by utilizing a substantial foundation that would both extend not only below the expected scour level of the beach but would also be built up relatively high in elevation. This foundation itself would act effectively as a seawall in that it would fix the back of the beach (no landward migration of the sandy beach would be possible because the structure would "fix" the back of the beach and; thus, the seaward portion of the structure would eventually be expected to be located in the water with little or no sandy beach seaward of the pool facility) which, in the long run, could adversely impact public access along the beach inconsistent with the public access/recreation policies of the City's certified LCP, as well as the Coastal Act.

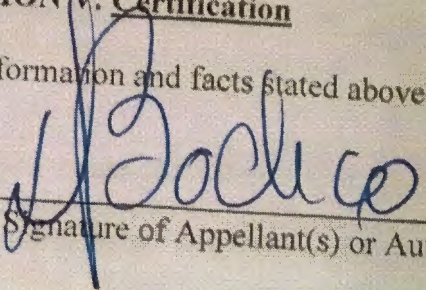
Commission staff has previously informed the City in multiple meeting, phone calls, and letters that the City should more fully evaluate relocating the facility to an area that would not be affected by sea level rise/wave action for the expected life of the development, consistent with the public access/recreation policies of the City's LCP and the Coastal Act, the Commission's Sea Level Rise Guidance Document, and with Section 30235 of the Coastal Act which the Commission interprets to mean that new development should be sited and designed to not require shoreline protective devices (or in the case, where the structure itself has been designed in a manner that the structure itself would effectively function as a shoreline protective device with the same potential impacts to the beach and public access).

In addition, the height of the 78 ft. high structure significantly exceeds the 25 ft. height limit for development on site pursuant to the City's LCP; thus, as approved by the City, the project would be inconsistent with the height limits for new development in this area and would result in potential adverse effects to visual resources along the coast inconsistent with the visual resource protection policies of the City's certified LCP.



**SECTION V. Certification**

The information and facts stated above are correct to the best of my/our knowledge.

  
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Signature of Appellant(s) or Authorized Agent

6/8/2017  
Date

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Signature of Appellant(s) or Authorized Agent

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Date

## Dionne Bearden

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**From:** Linda Scholl [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 17, 2019 11:53 AM  
**To:** Dionne Bearden  
**Cc:** Scott Kinsey; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Request for delay of December 19 Planning Commission Hearing re Belmont Aquatic Center to comply with for 10 day notice and public inspection of documents

Dear Ms. Bearden:

Please forward this to the Planning Commission members:

Dear City Officials and Staff:

The public has been improperly noticed during this holiday season, and our ability to participate in the Belmont Aquatic Center decision has been damaged by the City's own actions. The December 19 Belmont Aquatic Planning Commission meeting was scheduled, then cancelled, and then rescheduled without the required 10 day legal noticing that the meeting has been rescheduled for the same date of [December 19](#).

It is my understanding that to proceed with the [December 19 Belmont and Aquatic Center](#) hearing violates State law and CEQA guidelines requirements for 10 days noticing.

Whether or not due to error or computer glitch, the City of Long Beach must comply with state law-per CEQA guidelines and California Code, Government Code - GOV § 65091 65092 requiring that the Notice of hearing shall be mailed or delivered at least **10 days** prior to the hearing.

The CA Coastal Commission considers the quality of public participation integral with it's review of the entire project proposal.

Therefore, I request that:

- A. The [December 19](#) Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center Planning Commission hearing be cancelled
- B. A new hearing date be properly noticed 10 days in advance, and that
- C. The public be given adequate 10 days of time to review the hearing documents.

**Further, I urge that this item be postponed until the Coastal Commission staff has approved the City's application for the revised pool plans.** *It has been almost 2 years since the first application was submitted.* There is no need to speed up this hearing. The public and the Commission need time to study the many changes which have been made to the old plan. City's [BelmontPool.com](#) website be modified to reflect the new design, project schedule, and include advance notice of public input meetings and hearing dates.

Respectfully,

Linda Scholl, DCH  
Long Beach, CA

**From:** [Scott Kinsey](#)  
**To:** [SUSAN MILLER](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Appeal form PDF needed Re: Belmont Pool item on Planning Commission Dec 19 agenda  
**Date:** Friday, December 06, 2019 4:12:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Appeal form.pdf](#)  
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[image002.png](#)

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Thank you for your email. For your convenience, please find attached the Appeal form.

**Scott Kinsey, AICP**  
*Planner V*

**Long Beach Development Services | Planning Bureau**  
411 W. Ocean Blvd., 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl. | Long Beach, CA 90802  
Office: 562-570-6461



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**From:** SUSAN MILLER [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 05, 2019 4:02 PM  
**To:** Scott Kinsey <[Scott.Kinsey@longbeach.gov](mailto:Scott.Kinsey@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** Appeal form PDF needed Re: Belmont Pool item on Planning Commission Dec 19 agenda

Hi Scott,

Thank you for responding. I'm still not finding the appropriate Appeal form online so I would appreciate if you could send the PDF of the Appeal form to me.

Susan

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**From:** Scott Kinsey <[Scott.Kinsey@longbeach.gov](mailto:Scott.Kinsey@longbeach.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 5, 2019 2:00 PM  
**To:** SUSAN MILLER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Commission Dec 19 agenda

Susan,

For project correspondence, send everything to me, as the project planner. I am responsible for the record and I will deliver your comments to the Planning Commission prior to the hearing, typically as soon as received.

The agenda, staff report, and all supporting materials will likely be posted to the City's website next Thursday or Friday, 12/12 or 12/13.

You will have 10 calendar days from the hearing date to file an appeal, which will be extended to 4:30 pm the next Monday if the last day falls on a weekend. You will need to pay the \$100 fee at the time. Your appeal can be submitted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of City Hall. The appeal form can be found on this page under "Planning Forms." <http://longbeach.gov/lbds/forms/>

**Scott Kinsey, AICP**

*Planner V*

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**From:** SUSAN MILLER [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 05, 2019 12:10 PM  
**To:** Scott Kinsey <[Scott.Kinsey@longbeach.gov](mailto:Scott.Kinsey@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** Belmont Pool item on Planning Commission Dec 19 agenda

Hi Scott,

I did receive Notice of Public Hearing about the Pool being on the Planning Commission Dec. 19, 2019 meeting agenda at 5 PM. As of today, nothing can be found online <http://longbeach.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> about the Dec. 19 meeting with accompanying items or exhibits i.e. the EIR Addendum. This gives very little time to write testimony concerning the Pool Application 1910-05 and mail. It will be necessary for us to know how to email all necessary parties our comments about this item so it is in the records.

1. Please provide me the names and email addresses of all parties I need to email my comments about this Pool item so it this will be properly on record to meet aggrieved status.
2. Please send me a PDF of the Appeal form - it is confusing to find the Appeal form online.
3. I understand the appeal must be filed within 10 calendar days of the Dec 19 Planning Commission meeting so the appeal must be filed before Dec. 29th.
4. Before Dec. 29th, do I bring the completed Appeal form with my \$100. check to the 3rd floor of 411 West Ocean Blvd to properly file the Appeal?

Thank you in advance for responding.

Regards,  
Susan Miller





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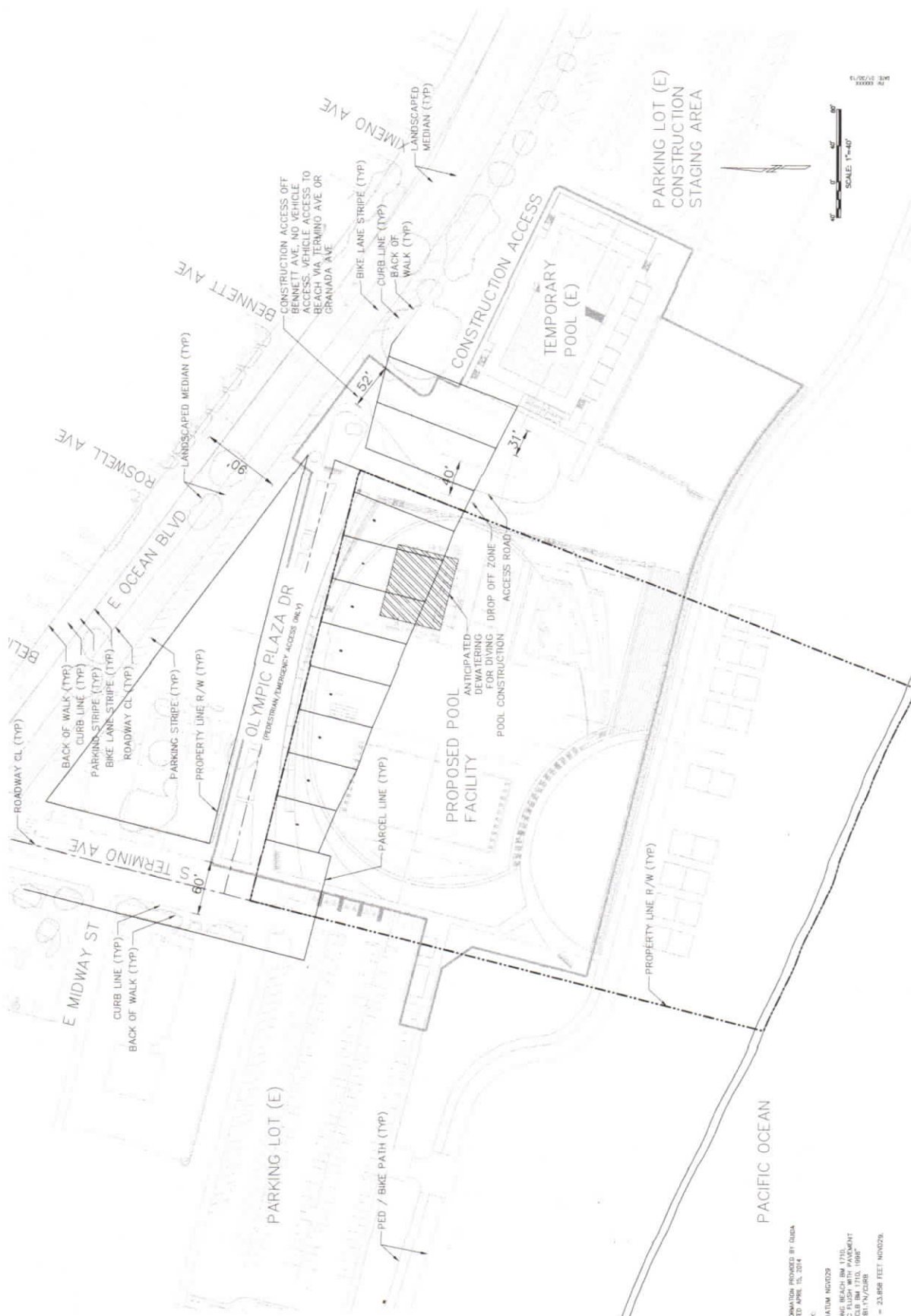
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## Dionne Bearden

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**From:** Anna Christensen <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 17, 2019 4:22 PM  
**To:** Dionne Bearden; Tom Modica; Suzie Price; Editor Gazettes  
**Cc:** Ann Cantrell <[REDACTED]>, dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov, dani.ziff@coastal.ca.gov, Jordan Sanchez  
**Subject:** regarding today's notice of a "revised" Planning Commission meeting

Dear Ms. Bearden, With all due respect, the fact that the revision you emailed is dated 12/19/19 means that it is too little, too late, to be legal. A 10 day notice is required for public hearings and this is a notice/agenda for a Planning Commission meeting that was previously cancelled and that is now back on two days from now. LBDS has not only confused the public regarding notification, it has failed to consider the consequences of asking the Planning Commission to hear and possibly approve projects without giving the public the required legal notice.

While this may not be within your power to address, I would also point out the Mr. Tom Modica is being quoted in last week's Grunion Gazette as stating that the BBAC Project as now revised will be acceptable to the Coastal Commission staff. However, the Coastal Commission staff recently rejected the revised BBAC project submitted by LBDS and heavily conditioned any new submission before they will consider even reviewing it. We have confirmed that the City has yet to resubmit the BBAC Project to Coastal Commission staff and, given the short time line and no information on additional revisions, it is logical to conclude that the BBAC Project that is being put before the Planning Commission this Thursday. has already been rejected by Coastal Commission staff.

Either our City Manager and LBDS are misleading the Planning Commission and the general public, or Harry got it wrong and needs to be informed so that he can set the public record straight. Please clarify if the project that is being presented to the Planning Commission this Thursday is the same one that has been reviewed, and rejected, by Coastal Commission staff. If not, please explain what changes have been made and describe how they address the conditions set by Coastal Commission staff - not only to this writer, but to Harry, and most importantly to the Planning Commission. If LBDS allows the Planning Commission to believe that Coastal Commission staff will approve a project it has already rejected this is unacceptable and very possibly criminal behavior. Also, please inform us, the general public, and most importantly, the Planning Commission as to the additional conditions that the Coastal Commission staff is requiring of the City, including that two alternative sites be considered and one of these must be outside of the Coastal zone.

At this time, it would be best to either cancel (re-cancel) this Thursday's Planning Commission meeting, or, at the very least, reschedule the BBAC agenda item and take no actions on any other matters before the Commission.

Anna Christensen, Long Beach Area Peace Network, Sierra Club Los Cerritos Wetlands Task Force

RE: 12.19.19 Planning Commission Agenda - Revised Dec 17 at 9:20 AM PrintRaw message

Dionne Bearden <dionne.bearden@longbeach.gov>  
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Good morning,

My apologies for the delayed response. The December 19th Planning Commission meeting is not cancelled. Please see the attached agenda.

All the best,

~Dionne

Dionne M. Bearden  
Planning Bureau Secretary

Long Beach Development Services | Planning Bureau  
411 W. Ocean Blvd., 3rd Fl. | Long Beach, CA 90802

## Dionne Bearden

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**From:** Jeff Miller <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 11, 2019 1:32 PM  
**To:** Dionne Bearden  
**Subject:** December 19 planning commission meeting, BBAC application

Hello Dionne,

I am unable to attend the December 19 Planning Commission meeting; therefore would you please forward these comments to the Planning Commissioners:

Dear Planning Commission Chair Richard Lewis, Vice-Chair Mark Christoffels, and Commissioners Verduzco-Vega, Cruz, La Farga, Perez and Templin,

Regarding Application Number 1910-05 (GPA19-001, ZCA 19-010, ZCHG19-005, SPR19-027, LCPA 19-5005, LCDP19-023, EIRA-03-19:

I ask that you deny all items in this application. There has been insufficient public notice, outreach, and participation by the city regarding these items. Because of this lack of information, it is not possible for the Commission members to be adequately knowledgeable about this issue and to receive appropriate input from the public.

These are some of the serious flaws in this revised BBAC project the city is proposing that must be addressed before any approvals are granted:

1. The differences between the original BBAC plan proposed by the city and this plan are so extensive and substantial that a completely new analysis, EIR, and public outreach should be required and completed. For example, the city has acknowledged that the visual analysis of this new proposal has not been made; that is only one example. Another example is the plan to keep the temporary pool as a permanent component of this new plan. No analysis of this major change has been presented.
2. The existing conditions at the project site have changed dramatically since the original proposal. These changes in traffic and parking access, increased use of the surrounding beach area, and the addition of the new Olympix sports business require that a new analysis be conducted.
3. The changed height limits proposed are not appropriate for this area. Even with increased height limits, the BBAC would require a variance because, at 60 feet in height, the structure would exceed the limit. The city's narrative states the height as 48 feet, but the drawings submitted by them show a height of 60 feet.
4. Alternate locations for the BBAC have not been properly analyzed.
5. Last, but not least, the city has not given proper consideration to the very real threat of sea level rise. This concern is real and a true consideration of the effects will dictate that the BBAC project must be located elsewhere, out of the reach of the encroaching ocean.

Finally, please consider this: the California Coastal Commission, in its December 6 response to the city's application, noted these deficiencies and many more that must be answered by the city before any consideration of approval is given.

Therefore, I request the Planning Commission to deny the city's application, or postpone consideration until proper attention, outreach, and responses are provided by the city.

Regards,

Jeff Miller

## Dionne Bearden

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**From:** Renee Lawler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 18, 2019 11:02 AM  
**To:** Dionne Bearden; Scott Kinsey  
**Subject:** Planning Commission Dec 19th Agenda re: Belmont Beach & Aquatic Center - Street Right-of-Way Vacation decision and impact  
**Attachments:** 4101 Olympix alley vacated.pdf

Dear Ms. Bearden:

Please submit this e-mail comment with attachment for the Planning Commission Dec 19th Agenda re: Belmont Beach & Aquatic Center, listed as Agenda Item 1.19-093PL and please acknowledge receipt of this and its' inclusion for record of the Planning Commission meeting.

The planning commission does not have this information. The City of Long Beach gave away, "vacated", a critical road/alley/right of way that served as a direct line from Ocean to the entrance of the proposed pool on Olympix Plaza. The right of way that was "vacated/deeded to a private owner" is located next to 4101 E Olympix Plaza and was not critical to that business owner/operator who privatized/encroached on that alley. It was and is however, due to limited street access in the area, and it's direct straight line proximity to the entrance to the proposed pool structure, critical for access to the location for EMS services and general ingress-egress to the area from Ocean Blvd. Why the City would remove public street-right-of-way, as well as narrow streets in the vicinity with "road diet" all the while proposing a public facility of this magnitude? The elimination of this specific street/alley/access when the vicinity has limited access to begin with, shows a lack of consideration for the cumulative negative impacts this project and related decisions such as the street removal/vacation have and will create. This project should not be allowed to go forward without additional EIR review due to this street alley removal/vacation - as well as the many other points brought to your attention today by fellow advocates.

The decision to vacate this specific alley/right-of-way in the City of Long Beach exemplifies the inconsistent policy and steps the City takes with regard to public right of ways, encroachments and the criteria used. It is one of several examples of street/right of way vacation where the City of Long Beach based its' decision on favoritism with a specific property owner/business owner instead of consistency in determining whether the right of way will have critical necessity for current or future public use or whether it is truly not necessary for public use or has never been used and therefore viable to be released to the adjacent private property/business owner.

This street right of way removal/reduction directly in front of the pool entrance may seem small, but it was a critical north south connector in a location where there are few, and it's removal needs to be considered in the re-review of the overall proposed cumulative negative impacts for the project at this site specific location. This street vacation action has and will create substantial negative impact for first responders to access the facility with expediency and dramatically compromises their efficiency.

Sincerely,  
Renee Lawler





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Street Alley - critical for  
ems services, direct access  
to pool entrance was  
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business owner.