



Director's Report

Planning Commission

April 2, 2020

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The Department and City is Open for Business

- Staff are working, many remotely, but working on a daily basis.
- Zoning hotline is being answered, appointments are happening via Webex.
- Entitlements applications are being accepted digitally.
- Plancheck is occurring:
 - All paperwork plans are being completed imminently and carefully returned to customers through outdoor no-contact pickup.
 - All resubmittals and new projects are being filed through electronic plancheck.
- Even in a tragedy, there are accomplishments, the Department is moving rapidly to improve technology and update its operations.

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Other operations will change but continue

- Inspections are occurring with proper precautions.
- Most outreach activities were temporarily postponed or cancelled but will be relaunched in May in digital formats.
- Certain items were deferred from PC and City Council during March but most items will be heard going forward.
- We do not currently have estimates for how long virtual meetings will go on and any future “in person” meetings will likely be done under different circumstances and procedures than they were in the past.

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The Commission's work continues as well

- Tonight's items face deadlines under the Permit Streamlining Act and state reporting statutes. Similar items will continue to be heard.
- As the Department ramps-up its digital outreach, deferred items of great importance, such as the Uplan Phase I zone changes for North Long Beach will return (targeted for May).
- Housing Element work remains underway with an associated need for zoning code changes. Staff will provide an overview soon, likely in May.
- Grant-funded work for North Long Beach, Anaheim Street, PCH and other areas continues and staff will report back progress to the commission soon.

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Look-ahead to April 16th

- Two economic resiliency items related to: 1) entitlement expiration dates; and 2) parking requirements when a non-conforming structure changes use.
- Interim housing solutions ordinance addressing shelters, transitional housing, safe parking, social services and other homeless crisis responses.
- Motel conversion ordinance update.

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- Questions for staff



Thank you

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