

Becky Blair, Chair
Alan Fox, Vice Chair



Charles Durnin, Commissioner
Leslie Gentile, Commissioner
Phil Saumur, Commissioner
Melani Smith, Commissioner
Donita Van Horik, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:05 PM)

At 5:05 p.m., Chair Blair called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:05 PM)

Boardmembers Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Phillip Joseph
Present: Saumur, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

Also present: Robert Zur Schmiede, Deputy Director; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Steve Gerhardt, Planner; Cuentin Jackson, Planner; Angie Zetterquist, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE (5:06 PM)

Commissioner Durnin led the flag salute.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:06 PM)

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.

MINUTES (5:06 PM)

11-075PL Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of November 10, 2011.

A motion was made by Commissioner Van Horik, seconded by Commissioner Durnin, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

Abstain: 1 - Leslie Fernald Gentile

Excused: 1 - Melani Smith

11-077PL Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of November 17, 2011.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saumur, seconded by Commissioner Gentile, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Melani Smith

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:10 PM)

Robert Zur Schmiede, Deputy Director, presented the Director's Report.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Blair spoke.

(Commissioner Smith arrived at 5:10 p.m.)

REGULAR AGENDA (5:12 PM)

1. 11-078PL Recommendation to approve a modification that would upgrade a previously approved Conditional Use Permit that allows alcohol sales for off-premises consumption from a Type 20 License (beer and wine only) to a Type 21 License (beer, wine and distilled spirits) in conjunction with an existing convenience market and accessory deli located at 443 Pine Avenue within the Downtown Planned Development District (PD-30) zone. (District 1) (Application No. 1109-09)

Robert Zur Schmiede, Deputy Director, introduced Angie Zetterquist, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Robert Zur Schmiede responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Angie Zetterquist responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Angie Zetterquist responded to a query from Commissioner Durnin.

Javier Ortiz, applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Durnin spoke.

Javier Ortiz responded to a comment from Commissioner Durnin.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Fox and Javier Ortiz.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Javier Ortiz spoke.

Commissioner Durnin spoke.

Commissioner Gentile spoke.

Steve Gerhardt, Senior Planner, and Robert Zur Schmiede responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Tony Peresey, representing the Kress Lofts Homeowners Association and the North Pine Neighborhood Alliance, provided public comment.

Kristopher Larsen, Vice President of the Downtown Long Beach Associates, provided public comment.

Kristopher Larsen responded to a query from Chair Blair.

Eric Ray, representing the Residents' Council and HOPA, provided public comment.

Kirk Salen, owner of Pine Avenue Studio Kirk Salen Photography, provided public comment.

Logan Crowe, representing Long Beach Cinematheque, provided public comment.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Michael Mais responded to comments made by Commissioner Van Horik.

Commissioner Van Horik responded to a query from Chair Blair.

Robert Zur Schmiede responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

Commissioner Durnin spoke.

Robert Zur Schmiede responded to a query from Chair Blair.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

A dialogue ensued between the Commission and staff.

Commissioner Durnin spoke.

Commissioner Gentile responded to a query from Chair Blair.

Commissioner Durnin spoke.

Chair Blair spoke.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Durnin and Commissioner Fox.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Chair Blair spoke.

Robert Zur Schmiede responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Chair Blair spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Durnin, seconded by Commissioner Saumur, to approve the recommendation with an amendment to allow the sale of larger sized craft beers. The permit would be reviewed by staff after one year. If a problem with loitering and/or consumption of alcohol outside of the market were found to exist, then a prohibition on the sale of distilled spirits in sizes smaller than 375 mls. would be imposed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

2. 11-079PL

Recommendation to approve a Site Plan Review for the construction of three new industrial buildings of 131,423 square feet, 168,271 square feet, and 106,275 square feet located at 3788 Conant Street in the

Douglas Park South Planned Development District (PD-32). (District 5)
(Application No. 1109-11)

Chair Blair recused herself from the item. Vice Chair Fox chaired the item.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Robert Zur Schmiede, Deputy Director, introduced Cuentin Jackson, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Steve Gerhardt, Senior Planner, responded to a query from Commissioner Durnin.

Steve Gerhardt responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Commissioner Durnin spoke.

Steve Gerhardt spoke.

Patrick Russell, applicant, spoke.

Cuentin Jackson responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

A motion was made by Commissioner Durnin, seconded by Commissioner Van Horik, to approve the recommendation with an amendment to remove the first sentence of Condition No. 7. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Becky Blair

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (6:05 PM)

There was no public comment given.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (6:05 PM)

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Chair Blair spoke.

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

Michael Mais responded to a query from Chair Blair.

Commissioner Durnin spoke.

Chair Blair spoke.

Steve Gerhardt, Senior Planner, spoke.

Steve Gerhardt responded to a query from Chair Blair.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Steve Gerhardt spoke.

Chair Blair spoke.

Commissioner Durnin spoke.

Chair Blair spoke.

Steve Gerhardt responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

ADJOURNMENT (6:16 PM)

At 6:16 p.m., Chair Blair adjourned the meeting.

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