CITY OF LONG BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2009 333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM

Phil Saumur, Chair Melani Smith, Vice-Chair



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

FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:07 PM)

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At 5:07 p.m., Chair Saumur called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:07 PM)

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

Present: Fernald Gentile and Phillip Joseph Saumur

Boardmembers Melani Smith Absent:

Also present: Craig Beck, Director of Development Services; Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer; Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Jeff Winklepleck, Senior Planner; Monica Mendoza, Planner; Cuentin Jackson, Planner; Steven Valdez, Planner; Lynette Ferenczy, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Minutes Clerk

FLAG SALUTE (5:07 PM)

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Commissioner Gentile led the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

09-015PL

Recommendation to approve the Planning Commission minutes for the meeting held June 4, 2009.

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

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

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

Abstain: 1 - Leslie Fernald Gentile

Absent: 1 - Melani Smith

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:12 PM)

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There was no Director's Report given.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (5:12 PM)

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SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:12 PM)

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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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (5:13 PM)

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1. <u>09-013PL</u>

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

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced the item.

Jeff Winklepleck, Project Planner, presented the staff report and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer, presented information with regards to the Environmental Impact Report.

Jeff Winklepleck spoke.

John Horn, applicant, Salvation Army, spoke and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Horn responded to a query from Commissioner Durnin.

Mr. Horn responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Mr. Horn responded to a query from Commissioner Durnin.

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

Craig Beck responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Mr. Horn responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Mr. Horn responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Mr. Horn responded to a query from Chair Saumur.

Mr. Beck responded to a guery from Chair Saumur.

Jill Griffiths introduced consultant Marie Campbell of Sapphos Environmental.

Marie Campbell responded to a query from Chair Saumur.

Mr. Horn and Jeff Winklepleck responded to a query from Chair Saumur.

Dennis Drag, applicant's consultant, and Jill Griffiths responded to a query from Chair Saumur.

Dennis Drag responded to a query from Commissioner Durnin.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Jeff Winklepleck, Jill Griffiths, and Commissioner Fox.

Mr. Horn responded to a query from Commissioner Gentile.

Anna Marie Berry spoke.

Ms. Berry responded to a guery from Commissioner Blair.

Robert Mungo spoke.

Robbie Layva spoke.

Phil Pfeiler spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a comment from Mr. Pfeiler.

John Edmond, Chief of Staff for Councilman Dee Andrews, spoke.

6th District Councilman Dee Andrews spoke.

James Jones spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Mr. Jones and Chair Saumur.

Dave Roseman, City Traffic Engineer, reported on traffic issues associated with the project.

Mr. Roseman responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Mr. Roseman responded to gueries from Commissioner Durnin.

Craig Beck responded to a query from Chair Saumur.

Anna Marie Berry spoke.

Mr. Beck responded to remarks from Ms. Berry.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Commissioner Gentile spoke.

Craig Beck responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Gentile, to certify an Environmental Impact Report and approve a Resolution with a Statement of Overriding Considerations; recommend approval of a General Plan Amendment from Open Space and Park District (LUD #11) to Institutional and School District (LUD #10) and a Zone Change from Park (P) to Institutional (I) and a Site Plan Review for a 170,536 square foot community center that includes an administration/education building, a recreation center, an auditorium and an outdoor recreation area, including the four amendments to Exhibit D, at 1900 Walnut Avenue. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Melani Smith

REGULAR AGENDA (6:48 PM)

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2. 09-008PL

Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit for the construction of a new 40-foot high wireless telecommunications monopole disguised as a clock tower and four ground-mounted equipment cabinets located at 4100 Orange Avenue. (District 7) (Application No. 0812-06)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced the item.

Commissioner Blair recused herself from the item.

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

Mr. Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Durnin.

Mr. Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Gentile.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Monica Mendoza and Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Tim Miller, applicant, spoke.

Derek Burnham spoke.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Ms. Mendoza and Mr. Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

A motion was made by Commissioner Van Horik, seconded by Commissioner Durnin, to approve recommendation with changes to include revised Conditions of Approval as recommended by the Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Donita Van Horik, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin and Phillip

Joseph Saumur

No: 1 - Leslie Fernald Gentile

Abstain: 1 - Becky Blair

Absent: 1 - Melani Smith

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3. 09-009PL

Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit to allow the installation of a roof-mounted telecommunications site consisting of nine panel antennas and six ground-mounted equipment cabinets located at 4540 Orange Avenue within the R-4-N zone. (District 7) (Application No. 0812-08)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced the item.

Cuentin Jackson, Project Planner, presented the staff report and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Tim Miller, applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Melani Smith

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4. <u>09-010PL</u>

Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit to allow an existing used car dealership located at 1760 Long Beach Boulevard to continue operation and comply with newly implemented amendments to PD-29. (District 1) (Application No. 0903-04)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced the item.

Steven Valdez, Project Planner, presented the staff report and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Gentile.

Steven Valdez and Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Thomas Kim, applicant, spoke.

Chair Saumur swore in the applicant, who arrived late.

Mr. Kim responded to a query from Chair Saumur.

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

Yes: 6 - Donita Van Horik, Becky Blair, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin,

Leslie Fernald Gentile and Phillip Joseph Saumur

Absent: 1 - Melani Smith

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5. 09-014PL

Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit request to legalize an existing check cashing business located within a market at 449 W. Anaheim Street, #B. (District 1) (Application No. 0904-13)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced the item.

Lynette Ferenczy, Project Planner, presented the staff report and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Derek Burnham responded to a guery from Commissioner Blair.

Lynette Ferenczy and Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Durnin.

Samuel Yin, applicant, spoke.

Mr. Yin responded to a query from Commissioner Durnin.

Lynette Ferenczy responded to a query from Chair Saumur.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Angelica Lagaste spoke.

A motion was made by Comissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Fox, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Melani Smith

COMMENTS FROM PLANNING COMMISSIONERS (7:23 PM)

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Mr. Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, and Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair Saumur.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Mr. Mais responded to queries from Commissioner Blair.

Mr. Mais responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

A dialogue ensued between staff and the Commission.

Mr. Burnham spoke.

A dialogue ensued between staff and the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT (7:38 PM)

At 7:38 p.m., Chair Saumur adjourned the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - July 16, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

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