

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 AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:07 PM)

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

ROLL CALL (5:07 PM)

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

Also present: Craig Beck, Director of Development Services; Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer; Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Lynette Ferenczy, Project Planner; Scott Kinsey, Project Planner; Steven Valdez, Project Planner; Jorge Ramirez, Project Planner; Heidi Eidson, Planning Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE (5:08 PM)

Chair Saumur led the flag salute.

MINUTES (5:09 PM)

09-045PL Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of October 1, 2009.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Van Horik, 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 - Melani Smith

Excused: 1 - Leslie Fernald Gentile

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:09 PM)

There was no Director's Report given.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (5:10 PM)

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:10 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.

REGULAR AGENDA (5:11 PM)

1. 09-046PL Recommendation to certify Mitigated Negative Declaration (ND 08-09) and approve a Local Coastal Development Permit request to perform maintenance dredging in the Cerritos Bahia Marina at 6289 E. Pacific Coast Highway to maintain sufficient water depth for marina operations. (District 3) (Application No. 0909-13)

Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer, introduced the item.

Lynette Ferenczy, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

Rafael Holcombe, applicant's representative, responded to queries from the Commission.

Larry Goodhue, address not given, spoke.

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

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

Excused: 1 - Leslie Fernald Gentile

2. 09-047PL Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit for the construction of a 60-foot-high wireless telecommunications monopole disguised as a pine tree (monopine) located at 3401 N. Studebaker Road. (District 5) (Application No. 0906-17)

(ITEM TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Van Horik, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to continue the item to a date to be renoticed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Leslie Fernald Gentile

3. 09-048PL

Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit for the construction of a new 65-foot-tall co-locatable wireless telecommunications monopole disguised as a pine tree (monopine), to replace an existing 45-foot-tall monopalm, located at 5290 Long Beach Boulevard. (District 9) (Application No. 0807-05)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Gil Gonzalez, applicant's representative, spoke.

Scott Kinsey responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Scott Kinsey responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Fox.

Scott Kinsey responded to a query from Chair Saumur.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Chair Saumur spoke.

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

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

4. 09-049PL

Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit to allow the installation of a roof-mounted telecommunications site consisting of eleven panel antennas and six ground-mounted equipment cabinets located at 330 W. 19th Street within the R-2-N zone. (District 7) (Application No. 0812-10)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced Steven Valdez, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Gil Gonzalez, applicant's representative, spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Derek Burnham and Mr. Gonzalez responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Derek Burnham and Mr. Gonzalez responded to queries from Commissioner Durnin.

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

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

5. 09-050PL

Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit request for a check cashing business located within a Wal-Mart store at 7250 E. Carson Street. (District 5) (Application No. 0907-23)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer spoke.

Jorge Ramirez, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

Brent McManigle, applicant's representative, responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commission Van Horik.

Mr. McManigle and Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair Saumur.

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

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

6. 09-051PL

Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit request for an existing check cashing business located within a multi-tenant commercial building at 4200 Atlantic Avenue. (District 8) (Application No. 0908-04)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced Steven Valdez, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Fox.

Steven Valdez responded to a query from Commissioner Gentile.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Blair.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair Saumur.

Doug Otto, applicant's representative, spoke.

Joy Tezzalino, no address given, spoke.

John Deats, 3600 Pacific Avenue, spoke.

Mr. Otto responded to a query from Chair Saumur.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Gentile.

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

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Durnin.

Mr. Otto responded to a query from Commissioner Durnin.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Mr. Otto responded to comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

A dialogue ensued between the Commission and staff.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Durnin, to approve the recommendation with an amendment to Condition of Approval #12 that the letter height does not exceed 18 inches and that the Cash America name appears rather than the "payday advance" wording. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

No: 1 - Alan L. Fox

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (6:29 PM)

09-052PL Recommendation to approve the nomination for the Chair of the Planning Commission for 2009-2010.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Van Horik, to approve the nomination of Commissioner Smith as Chair of the Planning Commission.

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

09-053PL Recommendation to approve the nomination for the Vice Chair of the Planning Commission for 2009-2010.

A motion was made by Commisisoner Gentile, seconded by Commissioner Blair to approve the nomination of Commissioner Durnin as Vice Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - Charles Durnin

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (6:31 PM)

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Jill Griffiths spoke.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Durnin spoke.

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

ADJOURNMENT (6:44 PM)

At 6:44 p.m., Chair Saumur adjourned the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 5, 2009 - 5:00 P.M., 3rd Floor Large Conference Room

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