CITY OF LONG BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Melani Smith, Chair Charles Durnin, Vice-Chair



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2009 333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM

Becky Blair, Commissioner Alan Fox, Commissioner Leslie Gentile, Commissioner Phil Saumur, Commissioner Donita Van Horik, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:06 PM)

At 5:06 p.m., Vice Chair Durnin called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:06 PM)

Boardmembers Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Donita Van

Present: Horik and Becky Blair

Boardmembers Leslie Fernald Gentile and Melani Smith

Absent:

Also present: Craig Beck, Director of Development Services; Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer; Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer; Rich Anthony, Deputy City Attorney; Jeff Winklepleck, Project Planner; Heidi Eidson, Planning Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE (5:06 PM)

Commissioner Saumur led the flag salute.

MINUTES (5:07 PM)

09-058PL

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of November 5, 2009.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saumur, 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

Absent: 2 - Leslie Fernald Gentile and Melani Smith

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:08 PM)

There was no Director's Report given.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (5:08 PM)

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:09 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 (5:10 PM)

1. 09-061PL

Recommendation to deny the appeals and uphold the Zoning Administrator's decision to approve a Local Coastal Development Permit to allow the import of 1,000 cubic yards of soil to re-establish and maintain the cap over the existing landfill at 6400 Loynes Drive in response to California Coastal Commission Emergency Permit 5-09-068-6. Also approved was weed abatement to comply with a Fire Department order. (District 3) (Application No. 0904-15)

Craig Beck, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

Jeff Winklepleck responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Derek Burnham spoke.

Craig Beck responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Vice Chair Durnin.

Richard Anthony, Deputy City Attorney, responded to queries from Commissioner Fox.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Sandie Van Horn, appellant, representing Our Town-Long Beach, spoke.

Mary Parsell, appellant, representing the El Dorado Audubon Society, spoke.

Brenda McMillan, appellant, representing Our Town-Long Beach, spoke.

Heather Altman, appellant, spoke.

Pat Towner, appellant, representing Our Town-Long Beach, spoke.

Elizabeth Lambe, appellant, representing Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust, spoke.

Joan Hawley McGrath, appellant, representing Our Town-Long Beach, spoke.

Cindy Crawford, appellant, representing Our Town-Long Beach, spoke.

Mary Suttie, appellant, spoke.

Thomas Marchese, appellant, spoke.

Thomas Marchese responded to queries from Vice Chair Durnin.

Granada Cage, 235 Loma Avenue, spoke.

Anne Cantrell, address on file, spoke.

Mike Ruehle, 160 La Verne Avenue, spoke.

Larry Goodhue, address on file, spoke.

Kerrie Aley, address on file, spoke.

Monsignor Sean Flannagan, 252 Granada Avenue, spoke.

Charles Hoganson, applicant's representative, spoke.

Ty Garrison, biologist representing the applicant, spoke.

Charles Hoganson, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Charles Hoganson and Vice Chair Durnin.

Ty Garrison responded to a query from Vice Chair Durnin.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Charles Hoganson responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Charles Hoganson responded to queries from Commissioner Fox.

Charles Hoganson responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Elizabeth Lambe responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Charles Hoganson responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Richard Anthony, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Heather Altman spoke.

Craig Beck spoke.

Richard Anthony and Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

A dialogue ensued between staff and Commissioner Blair.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Fox and Richard Anthony.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Vice Chair Durnin spoke.

Craig Beck spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Van Horik, seconded by Commissioner Saumur, to approve the recommendation with an amendment that a condition of approval be included requesting that staff work on a remediation plan for the property and bring it back to the Commission within a period of 90 days. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Leslie Fernald Gentile and Melani Smith

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (8:04 PM)

There were no comments from the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT (8:04 PM)

At 8:04 p.m., Vice Chair Durnin adjourned the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: December 17, 2009 - 5:00 P.M.

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