

Charles Durnin, Chair  
Donita Van Horik, Vice-Chair



Becky Blair, Commissioner  
Alan Fox, Commissioner  
Leslie Gentile, Commissioner  
Phil Saumur, Commissioner  
Melani Smith, Commissioner

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## FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER (5:35 PM)

At 5:35 p.m., Vice Chair Van Horik called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL (5:35 PM)

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**Boardmembers Present:** Alan L. Fox, Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

**Boardmembers Absent:** Charles Durnin and Leslie Fernald Gentile

Also present: Amy J. Bodek, Director of Development Services; Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator; Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Steve Gerhardt, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

### FLAG SALUTE (5:36 PM)

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Commissioner Fox led the flag salute.

### MINUTES (5:36 PM)

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#### 11-065PL

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of October 20, 2011.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

**Absent:** 2 - Charles Durnin and Leslie Fernald Gentile

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:38 PM)**

[see media](#)

Amy J. Bodek, Director of Development Services, provided the Director's Report.

**SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:38 PM)**

[see media](#)

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 (5:39 PM)**

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1. [11-066PL](#)

Recommendation to:

1) Adopt a Resolution with Findings of Fact, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program certifying a Final Program Environmental Impact Report;

2) Recommend that the City Council approve a General Plan Amendment to designate all property within the Downtown Plan project area to Land Use Designation (LUD) #7, Mixed Uses; and

3) Recommend that the City Council adopt the Downtown Plan as presented. (Districts 1, 2, and 6)

Amy J. Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, presented the staff report.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Vice Chair Van Horik spoke.

Gary Shelton provided public comment.

Susan Ahn, representing the Long Beach Unified School District, provided public comment.

Jim Anderson, representing the Downtown Long Beach Associates, provided public comment.

Evangelina Ramirez, representing Housing Long Beach, provided public comment.

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

Evangelina Ramirez spoke.

Michael Mais responded to a comment from Evangelina Ramirez.

Zahirah Mann, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, provided public comment.

Susanne Browne, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, provided public comment.

Malcolm Carson, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, provided public comment.

Adrian Martinez, Natural Resource Defense Council, provided public comment.

Nora Lake Brown, David Paul Rosen & Associates, provided public comment.

Frances Emily Dawson Harris provided public comment.

Dianne McNinch provided public comment.

Patty Lund provided public comment.

Kim Hu provided public comment.

Cecilia Lynch provided public comment.

Joshua Jimenez provided public comment.

Michael Micelli, President of the East Village Association, provided public comment.

Melinda Roney, President of Long Beach Heritage, provided public comment.

Wendy Harn, representing Long Beach Heritage as Vice President of Advocacy, provided public comment.

Matt Cercia provided public comment.

Jocelyn Vivar Ramirez, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice, provided public comment.

Erika Olvera provided public comment.

Tom Crow, representing CSULB School of Social Work and St. Luke's Episcopal Church, provided public comment.

Kayla Crow, representing CSULB's Political Science Student Association, provided public comment.

Nicole, member of the Coalition for Good Jobs and a Healthy Community, provided public comment.

Ladean Chang provided public comment.

Kamrak Choi provided public comment.

Michelle Munis provided public comment.

Kevin Keo provided public comment.

Vince Zeratti provided public comment.

Cameron Pon provided public comment.

Sam T. Kelly provided public comment.

Peter Johnson provided public comment.

Erik Kenney provided public comment.

Don Darnauer provided public comment.

Mike Dunphy provided public comment.

Laura Catabona provided public comment.

Joe Gannon provided public comment.

Larry Goodhue provided public comment.

Michael Vanderbeek provided public comment.

Marta Cota provided public comment.

Yolanda Lopez provided public comment.

Estelle Lovalia provided public comment.

Eva Judia provided public comment.

Caesario Ojeda provided public comment.

Sandra Krall provided public comment.

David Bosanich provided public comment.

Christopher Covington provided public comment.

Ernie Villa provided public comment.

Marisol Barajas provided public comment.

Alicia Carrera, representing the Community Partners Council, provided public comment.

Janice McConnell provided public comment.

Cindy Soto provided public comment.

Amy Bodek spoke.

Michael Mais spoke.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Vice Chair Van Horik.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Blair, Michael Mais and Commissioner Fox.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Saumur, to continue the matter to November 17, 2011. The motion carried unanimously. Chair Durnin and Commissioner Gentile were absent.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Van Horik and Commissioner Fox.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Blair and Commissioner Fox.

The matter was re-opened for further consideration.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Vice Chair Van Horik.

Michael Mais responded to queries from Commissioner Blair.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Saumur, to reconsider the date for continuing the matter. The motion carried unanimously. Chair Durnin and Commissioner Gentile were absent.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Vice Chair Van Horik.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Saumur, to conclude the public hearing and continue the matter to December 1, 2011. The motion carried unanimously. Chair Durnin and Commissioner Gentile were absent.

A dialogue ensued between Frances Emily Dawson Harris and Vice Chair Van Horik.

Michael Mais spoke.

Susanne Browne provided public comment.

Amy Bodek spoke.

Cecilia Lynch provided public comment.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Cecilia Lynch.

Commissioner Saumur responded to a query from Vice Chair Van Horik.

Gary Shelton provided public comment.

Amy Bodek responded to a comment from Gary Shelton.

Larry Goodhue provided public comment.

Allison Bost provided public comment.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

Michael Mais spoke.

Frances Emily Dawson Harris provided public comment.

Angelo Logan provided public comment.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Vice Chair Van Horik spoke.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

A vote was retaken on the motion made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Saumur, to conclude the public hearing and continue the matter to December 1, 2011.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Saumur, to conclude the public hearing and continue the matter to December 1, 2011. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

**Absent:** 2 - Charles Durnin and Leslie Fernald Gentile

1. [11-067PL](#) Recommendation to adopt a Resolution with Findings of Fact, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program certifying a Final Program Environmental Impact Report. (Districts 1, 2, and 6) (1)

**This PL-Agenda Item was laid over.**

1. [11-068PL](#) Recommendation to recommend that the City Council approve a General Plan Amendment to designate all property within the Downtown Plan project area to Land Use Designation (LUD) #7, Mixed Uses. (Districts 1, 2, and 6) (2)

**This PL-Agenda Item was laid over.**

1. [11-069PL](#) Recommendation to recommend that the City Council adopt the Downtown Plan as presented. (Districts 1, 2, and 6) (3)

**This PL-Agenda Item was laid over.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (8:45 PM)**

[see media](#)

Larry Goodhue provided public comment.

Susanne Browne, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, provided public comment.

A dialogue ensued between Don Darnauer, Michael Mais, and Amy Bodek.

Frances Emily Dawson Harris provided public comment.

Josh Asir provided public comment.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Zahirah Mann.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Zahirah Mann.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (8:45 PM)**

[see media](#)

There were no comments from the Planning Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT (8:45 PM)**

At 8:45 p.m., Vice Chair Van Horik adjourned the meeting.

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