

Karen Highberger, Chair
Irma Hernandez, Vice Chair
Laura H. Brassler, Commissioner
Shannon Carmack, Commissioner



Louise Ivers, Commissioner
Harvey Keller, Commissioner
Vacant, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:33 PM)

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At 5:33 p.m., Chair Highberger called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:33 PM)

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Boardmembers Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Louise Ivers and
Present: Harvey Keller

Boardmembers Laura H. Brassler and Irma Hernandez
Absent:

Also present: Robert Zur Schmiede, Deputy Director; Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer; Linda Trang, Deputy City Attorney; Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator; Angie Zetterquist, Planner; Lynette Ferenczy, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE (5:33 PM)

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Chair Highberger led the flag salute.

MINUTES (5:34 PM)

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11-023CH

Recommendation to receive and file the Cultural Heritage Commission minutes of August 8, 2011.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keller, seconded by Chair Highberger, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

Absent: 2 - Laura H. Brassler and Irma Hernandez

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:35 PM)

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Robert Zur Schmiede, Deputy Director, spoke.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:35 PM)

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Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the evidence you shall give in this Cultural Heritage Commission Meeting shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

CONSENT CALENDAR (5:36 PM)

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1. 11-024CH Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness to add a 391-square-foot one-story addition to the rear of an existing single-story residence located at 3461 Gardenia Avenue within the California Heights Historic District. (District 7) (Application No.: HP11-0234)

A motion was made by Chair Highberger, seconded by Commissioner Ivers, to continue the item regarding 3461 Gardenia Avenue to October 10, 2011. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

Absent: 2 - Laura H. Brassler and Irma Hernandez

see media

2. 11-025CH Recommendation to partially approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior alterations to an existing one-story ranch style home located at 21 Redondo Avenue in the Bluff Park Historic District. (District 3) (Application No.: HP11-0132)

A motion was made by Chair Highberger, seconded by Commissioner Keller, to continue the item regarding 21 Redondo Avenue to October 10, 2011. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

Absent: 2 - Laura H. Brassler and Irma Hernandez

PRESENTATION BY LONG BEACH HERITAGE (5:38 PM)

see media

Mike Burrous, of Long Beach Heritage, spoke.

John Thomas, of Long Beach Heritage, spoke.

Chair Highberger spoke.

REGULAR AGENDA (5:50 PM)

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3. 11-029CH Recommendation to approve the appointment of a trustee to the Navy Memorial Heritage Association.

Chair Highberger spoke.

A motion was made by Chair Highberger, seconded by Commissioner Ivers, to approve the reappointment of William Wynne as a trustee to the Navy Memorial Heritage Association. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack and Louise Ivers

Abstain: 1 - Harvey Keller

Absent: 2 - Laura H. Brassler and Irma Hernandez

see media

4. 11-027CH Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness request to remove, repair and reinstall the roof of the Adelaide Tichenor House, a designated historic landmark, located at 852 E. Ocean Boulevard. (District 2) (Application No. HP11-0238)

Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer, introduced Angie Zetterquist, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Highberger and Keith Jamieson, applicant.

Stan Poe provided public comment.

Angie Zetterquist responded to a query from Commissioner Carmack.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Ivers and Chair Highberger.

Chair Highberger spoke.

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Angie Zetterquist responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Keith Jamieson spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Ivers and Keith Jamieson.

Chair Highberger spoke.

A motion was made by Chair Highberger, seconded by Commissioner Keller, to approve the recommendation with an amendment to add a condition that the terra cotta replacement tiles in the pond area be matched with existing tiles to the satisfaction of staff and that the composition roof materials be replaced to the satisfaction of staff. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

Absent: 2 - Laura H. Brassler and Irma Hernandez

see media

5. 11-026CH

Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness to add a 583-square-foot, one-story addition to the rear of an existing one-story residence located at 3110 Mariquita Avenue within the Bluff Heights Historic District. (District 3) (Application No. HP10-0039)

Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer, introduced Lynette Ferenczy, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Lynette Ferenczy responded to a query from Commissioner Keller.

Kevin Dodd, applicant, spoke.

Kevin Dodd responded to queries from Chair Highberger.

Lynette Ferenczy responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Ivers and Kevin Dodd.

Lynette Ferenczy responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Chair Highberger spoke.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Keller, seconded by Commissioner Ivers, to approve the recommendation with an amendment to include Condition No. 21 for the addition of a window on the east elevation and that the window style be approved by staff. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

Absent: 2 - Laura H. Brassler and Irma Hernandez

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6. 11-028CH

Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for an approximately 1,300-square-foot second story addition to a new two-story duplex currently under construction, located at 3039 and 3049 East Ocean Boulevard in the Bluff Park Historic District. (District 3) (Application No. HP 11-0161)

Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer, introduced Lynette Ferenczy, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Jill Griffiths responded to a comment made by Commissioner Ivers.

Jill Griffiths responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Simon Gonzales, applicant, introduced himself.

Denise Gonzales, applicant, provided a presentation on the materials and type of construction being used for the project.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Ivers and Denise and Simon Gonzales.

Denise Gonzales spoke.

Simon Gonzales spoke.

Denise Gonzales spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Highberger and Denise Gonzales.

Simon Gonzales spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Highberger and Simon Gonzales.

Denise Gonzales spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Ivers and Denise Gonzales.

Denise Gonzales spoke.

Sasha Witte, President of the Bluff Park Neighborhood Association, provided public comment.

Allen Ross provided public comment.

Helena Segelhorst provided public comment.

Wendy Harn provided public comment.

Stan Poe provided public comment.

Leanne Zambrano provided public comment.

Jill Griffiths responded to a query from Commissioner Ivers.

Chair Highberger spoke.

Jill Griffiths spoke.

Chair Highberger spoke.

Denise Gonzales spoke.

Chair Highberger responded to a comment made by Denise Gonzales.

Denise Gonzales spoke.

Jill Griffiths responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, spoke.

Denise Gonzales spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Highberger and Denise Gonzales.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Ivers and Chair Highberger.

Commissioner Carmack spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Chair Highberger and Robert Zur Schmiede, Deputy Director, spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keller, seconded by Commissioner Ivers, to deny the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

Absent: 2 - Laura H. Brassler and Irma Hernandez

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (7:38 PM)

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There was no public comment given.

COMMENTS FROM THE CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION (7:38 PM)

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Chair Highberger spoke.

Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer, responded to a query from Commissioner Keller.

ADJOURNMENT (7:40 PM)

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At 7:40 p.m., there being no objection, Chair Highberger adjourned the meeting.

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**CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2011**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Sarah Sangmeister, Vice President, at 9:06 a.m., at Rancho Los Cerritos. George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Present: Sarah Sangmeister, Vice President
Ron Antonette
Simon George, arrived late
Benjamin Goldberg
Albert Guerra
Harry Saltzgaver

Absent: Brett Waterfield, excused

Staff: George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Gladys Kaiser, Manager, Community Recreation Services
Ramon Arevalo, Manager, Maintenance Operations
Sandra Gonzalez, Manager, Planning and Development
Ellen Calomiris, Historic Sites Officer
John Keisler, Manager, Business Operations
Bob Livingstone, Superintendent of Golf Operations and Contract Compliance Officer
Ted Stevens, General Superintendent, Community Recreation Services
Jim Ruggirello, Community Services Supervisor
Ken Campbell, Superintendent of Personnel and Training
Robin Black, Executive Assistant to the Director

Guests: Rita Ellner, Chair, Senior Citizens Advisory Commission
Dale Worsham, Health Department
P.G. Herman, Long Beach Organic
Mary Parsell, Long Beach Audubon

It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Antonette to excuse President Waterfield. The motion carried unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 18, 2011

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It was moved by Commissioner Antonette and seconded by Commissioner Guerra to approve the August 18, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

#11-0901

Recommendation to authorize the Director, or his or her management designee to execute the Personal Services and Instruction Agreements and amend Attachment "A" of the agreements as needed.

Ms. Kaiser stated we are renewing three classes. There is a new class at King Park. We are always trying new classes and continuing to outreach to the community.

It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Antonette to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner George arrived.

#11-0902

Recommendation to authorize the Director, or his or her management designee to execute the Personal Services Agreements for Homeland Cultural Center and amend Attachment "A" of the agreements as needed.

Ms. Kaiser said each year we bring this to you. Jim Ruggirello is here today in case you have any questions.

Mr. Ruggirello stated these are all renewals.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked for a quick update on how the theater is going.

Mr. Ruggirello responded that the theater is going great. We have our first weekly open mike night tonight at 7:00 p.m. We are getting increased calls to use the theater. The theater group is getting going after a hiatus.

It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Antonette to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE President Waterfield, Chair

Vice President Sangmeister reported that the Committee met to discuss the agenda. We also need to discuss that President

Waterfield now has a conflict on the third Thursday of every month. I understand that we could potentially move the meeting.

Mr. Chapjian stated there is nothing in the Charter that precludes you from moving it. You could go to the fourth Thursday or second Thursday.

Commissioner Saltzgaver stated we need to make sure the changes are noted on the City's website.

Mr. Chapjian stated we would have staff make sure it is changed.

Commissioner Saltzgaver made a motion to move the regular Commission meeting to the fourth Thursday of every month. This was seconded by Commissioner Antonette.

Vice President Sangmeister asked for any further discussion.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said we have one conflict on Thanksgiving and he recommended moving the November meeting to the second Thursday or go dark.

Vice President Sangmeister stated we need to check the month of December also.

Mr. Chapjian stated you might also want to think about the second Thursday.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said that might make more sense. He amended his motion to the second Thursday.

Mr. Livingstone said he didn't think a motion was needed to change the meeting but suggested checking with the City Attorney first.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said this is the Commission setting its rule.

Mr. Keisler said he didn't think the Commission needed to vote. As long as we notice the public within enough time that it has been changed we are okay.

Commissioner Saltzgaver stated the way that the other commission meetings are scheduled on the City's website. Therefore, I want us to follow that same pattern for transparencies sake.

Vice President Sangmeister said it is the consensus that we move the meeting to the second Thursday and that at the October meeting we will set the schedule for the rest of 2011.

B. FINANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
Commissioner Saltzgaver, Chair

Commissioner Saltzgaver stated that the Committee met. We talked about the continuing refinement of the vandalism and graffiti report. Starting next month the Department will be in the next budget cycle and we requested that either the Executive Committee or the Finance and Appeals Committee be apprised of the budget process earlier this next year and try and help with priorities. We are moving forward with the appeals process and should have something next month to make a recommendation.

Vice President Sangmeister stated since our last meeting the Council did pass the budget. She asked if this had any different affect on the Department?

Mr. Chapjian responded it is all the same recommended cuts. Nothing has changed. We did cut over \$900,000 in the budget this year and lost 14 and a half positions. We are asking for some add backs for tree trimming and lake dredging. Those are key areas of need. We did give them a list of one-time projects

Vice President Sangmeister asked how about water?

Mr. Chapjian responded we did ask for an increase in water.

Commissioner Saltzgaver stated it might be important to note that the Council said they would talk about one-time expenditures the first week in October. We need to get those in.

C. PARK SAFETY COMMITTEE
Commissioner George, Chair

Commissioner George stated the Committee met last this month and the statistics were in the packet.

Mr. Livingstone stated we asked the City Attorney to prepare the ordinance to take the Commission's recommendation to City Council to allow any non-motorized, recreational designed apparatus with wheels to be allowed in all skate parks. We would probably go second or third week of October.

D. **MARKETING AND CUSTOMER SERVICE COMMITTEE**
Commissioner Guerra, Chair

Commissioner Guerra reported that the Committee met this morning. We had a very productive discussion moving forward and doing community presentations. We looked at a very elaborate PowerPoint presentation. We had a good dialog commenting on things we would like to see in that presentation, like more technical information for maintenance.

E. **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**
Vice President Sangmeister, Chair

Vice President Sangmeister reported that the Committee did not meet this month.

Mr. Chapjian said he would like to give an update on the Belmont Pool. The pool closed on September 3, for about a month for minor and major repair. We are looking at potential leaks. They drained the pool. There is some leaking through the tiles. We will fix those. It really is important to find the source of all the leaks.

Ms. Gonzalez stated we did some high tech sonic testing in the 90 some pipes with audio and cameras. We found a couple of small leaks in the concrete and we hope to get all those fixed before we open in mid-October.

Mr. Chapjian stated that in the meantime, Maintenance Operations is also getting other small items repaired.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked about the summer swimming program. Did we use high school pools like Jordan and Will J. Reid?

Mr. Chapjian responded that we used Will J. Reid and Millikan.

Ms. Gonzalez welcomed everyone to the historic Rancho Los Cerritos. We are almost done with the building and would be happy to give you a tour after the meeting. We are looking at completing the elevator and the arroyo. There is a new entry way and gates. There will be a lot of programming once the docent center is open, which we hope will be in January.

F. SPECIAL EVENTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
Commissioner Saltzgaver, Chair

Commissioner Saltzgaver said the Committee met. We revitalized this committee and spent a good hour talking about the job description for the committee. We are going to try to meet on a monthly basis to help with the Community Recreation Services Bureau's reorganization and renewed emphasis on volunteers. We want to talk about policy on how we handle volunteers and how they are supervised, vetted, etc. We are also going to try to act as sounding board and liaison between Special Events and Filming and the Department. Fortunately, Dave Ashman is very familiar with us. Finally, we want to push forward with getting final approval on the alcohol use policy. We are very pleased to have this committee moving again.

G. JOINT USE COMMITTEE
Commissioner Antonette

Commissioner Antonette stated the Committee met and we had an update or recap on how they used to operate and what they used to have in place with LBUUSD. The staff is working on updating the list of school use of park facilities. I am meeting with Councilmember James Johnson on the 27th to go over what we are doing and to get an idea on what the City's Joint Use Committee is doing and how we will work with them or separately from them.

V. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION**

A. Recommendation to receive and file the Director's monthly highlights report "We Create Community" for August 2011.

Vice President Sangmeister said she loves this version.

Councilmember Saltzgaver said I actually read this one. He asked how the Justin Beiber movie turned out?

Ms. Kaiser responded that it was a successful event. It was nice to see a movie in a new venue and see a lot of new faces in the crowd. Staff did a good job working with CSULB. Staff entertained the crowd and did karaoke of Justin Beiber songs. There were about 350 attendees.

It was moved by Commissioner George and seconded by Commissioner Antonette to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

Vice President Sangmeister reported that there was no correspondence received this month.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Recommendation to approve the establishment of an urban farm, sustainable produce stand and municipal mulch yard encompassing 1.1 acres of the yet to be developed California Gardens project, located near 2712 California Avenue, and recommend City Council approval of a new Lease and any related documents with Long Beach Local, Inc., and/or the City's Office of Sustainability for the development and administration of the same, for a term of two years, with one, one-year renewal option.

Mr. Keisler stated the proposed name is Farm 59. Farm 59 is the nonprofit group that operates this. The new agreement clarifies some of the uses, including selling some of the produce grown on the plot. That money would help offset some of the costs and they would pay for their own utilities. The Department would get one percent of the revenue to help maintain the facilities.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said I thought we originally contracted with Long Beach Organic.

Mr. Livingstone responded yes we did, and Farm 59 is a different group.

Mr. Chapjian stated this land is somewhat contaminated and these are above ground planters.

Mr. Livingstone said there was one question about the water. If the Commission wants to put in, as part of the recommendation, that they pay for utilities, that might help in our negotiations with them.

Vice President Sangmeister asked if there are separate water meters?

Mr. Livingstone said we wanted to make sure this was approved in concept before we go forward with a lot of work. We have not identified whether there are meters there. They would need to install the meters.

Commissioner Guerra asked about hours of operation and how would this produce be sold?

Mr. Livingstone responded they would have an on-site stand and we would ask them to do some kind of a parking area. The hours would be restricted and certainly daytime. We are allowing sales so they can make some money back for setting this up.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said I suspect they might have to go out to the farmers markets, because there is not that much traffic here.

Mr. Chapjian said in the long run, once that park gets developed there would be more people there.

Mr. Livingstone said we discussed that if it is successful we could design the other areas of the park around this area.

Commissioner Guerra asked in reference to signage, would they have to follow City ordinances?

Mr. Livingstone responded yes, similar to the other contractors. Any signage has to be approved by the Director.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said if they open to the public they need health permits, etc.

It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Antonette to approve the recommendation and include the requirement of all costs associated with utilities including water being paid by Farm 59. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Senior Citizens Advisory Commission Report – Ted Stevens

Mr. Stevens said he was not able to attend the meeting this month. Only four Commissioners attended that meeting. He introduced Rita Ellner, the Chair. She has been contacting the Mayor's office and Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal's office requesting that more Commissioners be appointed. She has been told there are applications in and they just need to be processed.

Commissioner Goldberg said this Commission that has a growing population

Commissioner Saltzgaver said I recommend that you suggest potential nominees.

Commissioner Antonette said the purpose in asking Ted to provide regular reports is to keep in tune with what is going on with the Senior Commission. These monthly updates are valuable to make sure we are kept up to date.

C. Animal Care Services Bureau Report – John Keisler

Mr. Keisler said they just passed the 3,000 mark for cat licenses for the first year. Other important events are that we have hired the City's first veterinarian, Dr. Margaret Lee, who started on September 6. This is important as we transitioned from a strictly law enforcement agency into a health care agency. The next Commission meeting will be at Animal Care Services and we will introduce her at that time. I wanted to provide you with a timeline of where we are with hiring the new Animal Care Services Manager. We have a stack of applications and are reviewing them for interviews. My hope is that next month we will have an update.

Mr. Chapjian stated that Madeline, from the ASPCA, made some phone calls asking for people who might be interested and did not get any takers. I don't know if it is salary or what.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Recommend to the Housing and Neighborhood Committee that the basketball courts being constructed on 14th Street, between Locust Avenue and Pine Avenue, be named "Don Knabe Courts."

Mr. Chapjian reported that Councilmember Garcia has requested this item be delayed until the October meeting.

- B. Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to enter into a new memorandum of understanding with the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services to allow for its administration of the Peace Garden at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, located at 1950 Lemon Avenue, for a period of one year, with subsequent one-year renewal options at the discretion of the Director.

Mr. Livingstone said this is a new ground that the City Attorney asked us to bring back. Last year, the Commission approved this garden under the Health Department's Weed and Seed Program. That program no longer has funding. Since the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine could not pay for that, the Health Department agreed to take this over. Since the Commission already approved this concept, the City Attorney wanted the

Commission to approve this new Memorandum of Understanding. Dale is here from the Health Department to answer any questions.

Commissioner Saltzgaver clarified, it is still our property but we are turning the management of this over to the Health Department, right?

Mr. Livingstone responded that is correct. The neighborhood group could not take on the expense so the Health Department is willing to absorb those expenses.

Commissioner Guerra asked if is this the only park that Health will be managing?

Mr. Livingstone responded yes. The park is adjacent to their building.

It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Antonette to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. **COMMENTS**

A. AUDIENCE

Vice President Sangmeister asked for comments from the audience.

Ms. Rita Ellner said she wants to promote a Health Expo that NBC is putting on at the Convention Center on Saturday and Sunday. It is free and they will have demonstrations on healthy cooking, rock climbing, fitness challenges and it will be fun for the family. It is well worth it. There has not been any publicity in Long Beach.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said NBC did not reach out. There have been no press releases. He did have a vendor who contacted him for publicity.

Ms. Ellner said she has been in contact with the promoter and she has been telling everyone about this event. This is the first year it will be in Long Beach.

Commissioner Goldberg asked that she e-mail the flyer to Ms. Kaiser so she could put it on Facebook and promote it.

Ms. P.G. Herman said she was at the No Smoking Coalition meeting yesterday. They showed us the design of the new signage. We don't have the money for Long Beach to pay for the signs so we are waiting until the old signs are being replaced to put them up. They did get some funding from Los Angeles County Supervisor Knabe. Maybe you can get that agendaized for everyone to see. Changing hats to Long Beach Organic, at Molina Garden we finally got the water in. We will be setting up meetings with the gardeners. We are pretty much full. We will start building the gardens.

Ms. Mary Parsell introduced herself with the El Dorado Audubon and said she wanted to tell the Commission that she saw really great publicity on the front page of the Press Telegram for the Nature Center that was great. I want to remind you that migratory birds are coming through now and they will start using our parks. The last two years there have been Bald Eagles at the Nature Center and in Area III. If this happens again we have a good chance for publicity. These are young birds between one and five. The white feathers are not on their head until they are five years old. They have a large wingspan. This is a chance for publicity and people do come. There is an economic benefit to these people coming. We would like to do some kind of bird festival in the fall to show this off, but with weather in the fall it is hard to do. Maybe in the spring. On Oktoberfest, Marc Gutfeld and I will work on this. They need to slow traffic down for the Heron on Glider Hill. You need to let people know through signs that the park is still open and that the parking is free during that time.

B. STAFF

Vice President Sangmeister asked for comments from staff.

Mr. Livingstone said the Oktoberfest setup is being done this next week and hopefully it will be a successful event.

Ms. Gonzalez said we anticipate the skate park to be done within the next three weeks. We will ask the 6th District Councilmember if he wants to do a soft opening and then a later opening for the building and mini park. We should have some dates on that soon. Orizaba Park is now in its 90-day maintenance and we are anticipating a January opening. We will then probably go right into the construction of the new community center at Orizaba Park. You are going to see some activity at the California Gardens site for the development of the passive area off of the Orange Avenue entry.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked the status of the grant application process?

Ms. Gonzalez responded that we submitted several grants for the State's Prop 84 second and last round. We found out this week that all four grants that were submitted are getting site visits. They will be here for the tour on the 29th of September.

Mr. Arevalo said regarding Ms. Herman's comment on the "No Smoking" signs, we have been in contact with the Health Department. We asked them that if they were going to go out and get money to pay for the signs, could they also get money to help us install them too? Unfortunately, they were not able to get help from the County. We will start replacing the signs that we just can't read anymore and also the signs in critical areas. He thanked Mary Parsell, who is a great help to maintenance. She has been a team player in tree trimming in the marinas and helping us to move forward in working with environmental groups. We left certain trees in certain areas untrimmed for one year to allow the birds to roost. Next year we will do those trees and leave other trees. This was a good idea. Maintenance has also been going through El Dorado East Regional Park by painting and steam cleaning the picnic areas.

Ms. Kaiser said our parks and programs were very busy this summer. With the passing of the budget, our Community Recreation Services Bureau will be restructured to be able to continue to serve the community. We will bring that to the Commission to show you what that will look like.

Mr. Keisler said we are doing year-end closing. October 1 is the start of the new fiscal year and we will be managing the transition with cuts and changes. Our staff is doing a tremendous job. Our estimate to close will be right on target. As we move into fiscal year 2012, a lot of money is gone.

Mr. Chapjian acknowledged all the work that the bureau managers have done with the budget process. They came up with the recommended cuts and reorganization. They own this budget. It was difficult times. Second is the Alamos Bay rebuild groundbreaking. I know this does not have anything to do with what you do, but the groundbreaking is on Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

Commissioner Goldberg commented that this project has been set up to pay for itself. It is exciting.

Ms. Kaiser introduced Sarah, an intern from Fresno State, who is working for the Department in Community Recreation Services. She is working on several projects.

C. COMMISSIONERS

Vice President Sangmeister asked for comments from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Goldberg said he keeps getting approached on the Harvey Milk Promenade naming. He said he was approached by a person who told him about Tap Nixon and that Tap was very instrumental in the Pan American Park area, especially with the basketball courts and the gym. They said instead of naming a park or a gym after someone who has never set foot in Long Beach, what about people like Tap Nixon? I would like to know how to answer this. How can we recommend this? It was a Police Department person who suggested this.

Vice President Sangmeister said we could find out history of Pan American Park. I am loath to rename a park and seeing what can happen with that. There are people in the community who become attached to the current name. We can discuss a little bit more. Naming of parks has become a popular issue with this Commission.

Commissioner Saltzgaver stated if Tap Nixon is alive then this would be unlikely.

Vice President Sangmeister said in the Charter and under direction of the City Attorney's Office, you should be dead for a year or have made a significant contribution to Long Beach.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said there is indeed a process and they should go to their Councilperson to start the process.

Vice President Sangmeister said this Commission needs to take naming a park extremely seriously.

Commissioner Goldberg said fall baseball is starting up again. Groups are coming up to him and saying the Department is charging \$10 per person now and they are also paying for lights now. Fall ball is 10 weeks and regular season is 45 weeks. The Department is still charging \$10 per person. Was there any consideration made when the original fee was introduced to be consistent, whether it would be 10 weeks or 20 weeks it would still

be \$10 per person for registration? How about considering a reduction in cost for this?

Commissioner Saltzgaver said I was the one that was there when it was being considered and it was decided at that time it would be the same fee no matter the length of the season. That doesn't mean it can't come back. But you would have a hard time convincing anyone to give back revenue. It was discussed with the little leagues and adults at the time.

Commission Goldberg stated he missed last month's meeting because Long Beach Whaley Pony made it to the World Series for the third time in five years. The boys did a great job and it was a great experience.

Commissioner Antonette said he agrees that once you name a park, you name a park. Thank you for a great 100 Days of Summer. All the events my family attended were outstanding. It was great to see how during the summer time we are able to provide those great free events in the city.

Commissioner George stated that the Director's Report is nicely done and I see the photo of Billie Jean King with Cathy Jacobson Guzy. You know Cathy is running three places, Billie Jean King, El Dorado, and Seal Beach.

Mr. Chapjian stated she also provides contract classes to some of our other locations as well.

Commissioner George said she is doing a great job.

Mr. Chapjian stated Jane has done a great job consolidating what was before and making it readable.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said meeting at this Rancho is fantastic. The Rancho Los Alamitos is in the middle of major construction and they also expect to be done shortly after the first of the year. 2012 will be very significant and we should act as such. Both the City properties are under our department. This is a good thing. I am amazed how we continue to find incredible people to step up and fill the leadership positions in this department and we continue to be the best in the nation.

X. NEXT MEETING

Vice President Sangmeister stated that the next meeting would be held at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, October 13, 2011, at Animal Care Services, in the Auditorium, 7700 East Spring Street, Long Beach, California.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Sangmeister adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Black
Executive Assistant to the Director

c: George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Charles Durnin, Chair
Donita Van Horik, Vice-Chair



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

FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:03 PM)

[see media](#)

At 5:03 p.m., Chair Durnin called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:03 PM)

[see media](#)

Boardmembers Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Phillip Joseph

Present: Saumur, Melani Smith and Donita Van Horik

Boardmembers Becky Blair

Absent:

Also present: Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator; Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer; Amy Burton, Deputy City Attorney; Scott Kinsey, Planner; Cuentin Jackson, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE (5:03 PM)

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Commissioner Smith led the flag salute.

MINUTES (5:04 PM)

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11-048PL

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of August 18, 2011.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Becky Blair

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:05 PM)

see media

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, provided the Director's Report.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:06 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.

DEMONSTRATION OF ELECTRONIC BILLBOARDS - City Hall Plaza (5:06 PM)

see media

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, spoke.

The Commission and staff adjourned to the City Hall Plaza for a demonstration of an electronic billboard provided by Optek Displays.

The Commission reconvened in the Council Chamber.

Chair Durnin spoke.

Derek Burnham spoke.

REGULAR AGENDA (5:31 PM)

see media

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1. 11-049PL Recommendation to approve a Parcel Map to create three parcels of the following sizes: 1.735 acres, 2.012 acres and 4.857 acres; a Site Plan Review for the construction of four new industrial buildings with the following square footages: 103,469 square feet, 87,112 square feet, 42,831 square feet and 35,272 square feet; and a Standards Variance request to allow the installation of two 40-foot-wide curb cuts for vehicular entry, instead of not more than 30-foot-wide at Cover Street, between McGowen Street and Schaufele Avenue in Subarea 3 of the PD-32 Douglas Park North Planned Development District (PD-32). (District 5) (Application No. 1105-13)

Commissioner Smith recused herself from the item.

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, introduced Cuentin Jackson, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Cuentin Jackson responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Gentile.

Monica Schafer, applicant, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Durnin, Monica Schafer, and Carrie Hoshino, Architect.

Monica Schafer responded to a query from Commissioner Gentile.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Derek Burnham.

Monica Schafer responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Fox and Derek Burnham.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Chair Durnin spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Van Horik, seconded by Commissioner Fox, to approve the recommendation with an amendment clarifying that one curb cut is on McGowen Street and one curb cut is on Schaufele Avenue and that a waiver be granted for the setback of five feet between buildings.

Yes: 5 - Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Phillip Joseph Saumur and Donita Van Horik

Abstain: 1 - Melani Smith

Absent: 1 - Becky Blair

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (6:05 PM)

see media

Melinda Cotton provided public comment.

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, responded to public comment.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (6:06 PM)

see media

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, responded to a query from Chair Durnin.

Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer, and Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Gentile.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

ADJOURNMENT (6:11 PM)

At 6:11 p.m., there being no objection, Chair Durnin adjourned the meeting.

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