

Becky Blair, Chair
Alan Fox, Vice Chair



Leslie Gentile, Commissioner
Phil Saumur, Commissioner
Melani Smith, Commissioner
Donita Van Horik, Commissioner

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:05 PM)

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At 5:05 p.m., Chair Blair called the Planning Commission meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:05 PM)

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Commissioners Alan L. Fox, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani

Present: Smith and Becky Blair

Commissioners Donita Van Horik

Absent:

Also present: Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator; Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Jeff Winklepleck, Planner; Thelinjoris Roberts, Clerk.

FLAG SALUTE (5:05 PM)

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Commissioner Saumur led the flag salute.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:06 PM)

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

Chair Blair spoke.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:08 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.

REGULAR AGENDA (5:09 PM)

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1. [12-040PL](#) Recommendation to approve the Resolution certifying an Addendum to the Downtown Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (SCH#2009071006) for a proposed six-story, approximately 127,000-square-foot office building that will retain the north and west elevations of the Meeker-Baker Building, a designated local historic landmark. (District 1)

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, introduced Jeff Winklepleck, who presented the staff report.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Smith and Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator.

Chair Blair spoke.

John Molina, Applicant, spoke.

John Molina responded to a query from Vice Chair Fox.

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Robert Ladd, Resident, provided public comment.

Diane McNinch, Resident, provided public comment.

Eric Ray, representing the Downtown Residential Council and Historic Old Pine Avenue, provided public comment.

Nick Edwards, Pine Avenue business owner, provided public comment.

Jim Dano, representing the Willmore City Heritage Association, provided public comment.

Kraig Kojian, representing the Downtown Long Beach Associates, provided public comment.

Cheryl Perry, Resident, provided public comment.

Elliot Gonzalez, Resident, provided public comment.

Bill Pearl, Publisher of Long Beach Report.com, provided public comment.

Amy Bodek responded to comments made by Bill Pearl.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Saumur and Derek Burnham.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gentile and Amy Bodek.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Smith and Derek Burnham.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Gentile.

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

Yes: 5 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith and Becky Blair

Absent: 1 - Donita Van Horik

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (5:54 PM)

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There was no public comment given.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (5:55 PM)

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There were no comments from the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT (5:55 PM)

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At 5:55 p.m., there being no objection, Chair Blair adjourned the meeting.