

CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2010
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD,
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM

Charles Durnin, Chair
Donita Van Horik, Vice-Chair



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

FINAL AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:09 PM)

At 5:09 p.m., Chair Durnin called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:09 PM)

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

Also present: Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer; Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Ira Brown, Planner; Lynette Ferenczy, Planner; Steve Gerhardt, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE (5:09 PM)

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Commissioner Van Horik led the flag salute.

MINUTES (5:10 PM)

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10-070PL

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of November 4, 2010.

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

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

Abstain: 1 - Alan L. Fox

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:10 PM)

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

Chair Durnin spoke.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (5:15 PM)

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There was no public comment given at this time.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:15 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 (5:16 PM)

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1. 10-074PL Recommendation to approve findings of conformity with the General Plan for the vacations of 16th, 15th, Cowles, and 14th Streets between San Francisco Avenue and the Los Angeles River. (District 1) (Application No. 1010-06)

Commissioner Blair recused herself from the item.

Ira Brown, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Chair Durnin spoke.

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

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

Excused: 1 - Becky Blair

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2. 10-073PL

Recommendation to deny a request for a Conditional Use Permit to establish a teen (18 years and under) counseling center to include tutoring, substance abuse and general counseling services in an existing legal nonforming commercial building located at 420 Grand Avenue within the R-3-T residential zone. (District 3) (Application No. 1004-04)

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, introduced Lynette Ferenczy, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Cristyl Meyers, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Ilbert A. Philips, representing the applicant, spoke.

Ilbert Philips responded to queries from Commissioner Blair.

Cristyl Meyers responded to comments made by Ilbert Philips.

Cristyl Meyers responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Ilbert Philips responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Chair Durnin swore in the applicant.

Gloria Calixto, applicant, responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Ilbert Philips responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Juanita Antiporda, representing the applicant, responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

Julee Campbell, representing Dream Home Care, provided public comment.

Julee Campbell responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Julee Campbell responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Diane Sundstrom, President of Belmont Heights Community Association, provided public comment.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Diane Sundstrom.

Barbara Brady provided public comment.

Barbara Brady responded to queries from Commissioner Fox.

Chair Durnin swore in a member of the public wishing to speak.

Peter Fajardo, Board Member for Glorious Manor, Inc., provided public comment.

Jonathan Sloey, representing Alamos Belmont Rehabilitation Hospital, provided public comment.

Paul Foreman provided public comment.

Juanita Antiporda provided public comment.

Juanita Antiporda responded to queries from Commissioner Gentile.

Julee Campbell responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Tom Kollick provided public comment.

Frank Goodman provided public comment.

Chair Durnin swore in a member of the public wishing to speak.

Craig Starnes provided public comment.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Blair.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Fox, Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, Cristyl Meyers, and Amy Bodek.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Gentile.

Commissioner Gentile spoke.

Chair Durnin spoke.

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

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

STUDY SESSION (7:04 PM)

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3 10-072PL

Recommendation to conduct a study session on Long Beach 2030 Create Long Beach Cultural Arts Master Plan.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, introduced the study session item.

Steve Gerhardt, Project Planner, presented the study session item.

Antonio Ruiz, Create Long Beach, spoke.

Craig Watson, Executive Director of the Arts Council for Long Beach, spoke.

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Chair Durnin spoke.

Antonio Ruiz and Craig Watson responded to comments made by Chair Durnin.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Saumur and Craig Watson.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Commissioner Gentile spoke.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to comments made by Commissioner Blair.

Craig Watson spoke.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Craig Watson, Commissioner Van Horik and Antonio Ruiz.

Antonio Ruiz responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Steve Gerhardt responded to a query from Commissionr Van Horik.

Commissioner Gentile responded to a query from Chair Durnin.

Craig Watson spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gentile and Craig Watson.

Bob Ladd provided public comment.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (8:01 PM)

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Commissioner Smith spoke.

ADJOURNMENT (8:02 PM)

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At 8:02 p.m., Chair Durnin adjourned the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: January 6, 2011 - 5:00 p.m.

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