

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE HARBOR DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT 925 HARBOR PLAZA, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ON MONDAY, MAY 16, 2005, AT 1 P.M.

Present: Commissioners: Hancock, Cordero, Hankla, Topsy-Elvord, Calhoun
Absent: " None

Also present:

R. D. Steinke	Executive Director
G. Knatz	Managing Director
S. B. Rubin	Managing Director
T. Teofilo	Managing Director
G. T. Hein	Executive Officer to the Board
D. A. Thiessen	Chief Harbor Engineer
T. K. Whitesell	Director of Administration
H. C. Morris	Director of Communications
M. J. Slavin	Director of Finance
D. L. Albrecht	Director of Information Management
W. D. Bower	Acting Director of Maintenance
R. G. Kanter	Director of Planning
K. J. McDermott	Director of Properties
C. Perrone	Director of Security
D. B. Snyder	Director of Trade & Maritime Services
C. A. Kemp	Director of Community Relations
D. T. Holzhaus	Principal Deputy City Attorney

PRESIDENT CALHOUN PRESIDED AS CHAIRMAN.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Upon motion by Commissioner Topsy-Elvord, seconded by Commissioner Hankla and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of May 9, 2005, were declared read and approved as read.

CONSENT CALENDAR – ITEMS NOS. 1-5.

Item No. 2 was removed from Consent Calendar for discussion.

1. W. W. STEPHENSON COMPANY, INC. – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE, UPON SATISFACTION OF CERTAIN CONDITIONS BY CONTRACTOR, CONTRACT FOR RADIATION PORTAL MONITORS FOR PIERS A, F, AND G/J UNDER SPECIFICATION NO. HD-S2266 – CITY ATTORNEY

REQUESTED TO PREPARE CONTRACT – DOCUMENT NO. HD-6936 - AMENDMENTS TO THE TASK ORDERS AND CWO NO. HD-625B, SUPPLEMENT NO. 2 - APPROVED.

Communication from D. A. Thiessen, Chief Harbor Engineer, dated May 11, 2005, requesting conditional authorization of a Contract with W. W. Stephenson Company, Inc., for the construction and installation of Radiation Portal Monitors for Piers A, F, and G/J under Specification No. HD-S2266, in the amount of \$1,811,000, approval of amendments to Task Orders, and CWO No. 625B, Supplement No. 2, in the amount of \$1,856,000, was presented to the Board. The request was approved by the Acting Executive Director.

3. LEVEL I HARBOR DEVELOPMENT PERMITS – RECEIVED AND FILED.

Communication from Robert Kanter, Director of Planning, dated May 10, 2005, requesting that the following Level I Harbor Development Permits be received and filed:

HDP #03-072	Port of Long Beach – Changeable Message Sign Installation
HDP #04-110	LA County Department of Public Works – Anaheim Street Bridge Retrofit
HDP #04-111	Baker Commodities – Security Fence Installation
HDP #04-132	Long Beach Container Terminal, Inc. – Gantry Crane Off-Loading
HDP #04-138	United States Sea Launch LTD. – Pier Rehabilitation
HDP #05-018	Total Terminals International – Grading Improvements
HDP #05-026	Shell Pipeline Company, LP – Pipeline Inspection and Repair
HDP #05-028	Port of Long Beach – Storm Water Improvements
EMA #05-030	Shell Pipeline Company, LP – Emergency Pipeline Repair
EMA #05-032	Tidelands Oil Production Company – Emergency Pipeline Repair

was presented to the Board. The request was approved by the Acting Executive Director.

4. HARBOR REVENUE FUND – APPROVAL OF FUND TRANSFER JOURNALS AND AUTHORIZATION OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Communication from Michael J. Slavin, Director of Finance, dated May 11, 2005, submitting the following Fund Transfer Journals received from the Department of Financial Management:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
\$115,670.50	Employee Benefits Fund – Pension obligation bonds for May 2005
156,303.25	General Fund – transfer of the May 2005 estimated City general administration costs
(4,359.00)	General Fund – monthly credit for prior year indirect cost adjustment
123,745.59	Gas, water, and sewer for April 2005
1,060.17	Public Works Department – maintenance of streetlights for April 2005
8,049.83	Technical Systems – financial information system for May 2005

was presented to the Board. The Fund Transfer Journals were approved by the Acting Executive Director.

5. AON RISK SERVICES, INC. – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE PAYMENT OF THE PREMIUM FOR THE EXCESS LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY.

Communication from Toni K. Whitesell, Director of Administration, by J. Warszawski, dated May 11, 2005, recommending that the Executive Director be authorized to execute payment of the premium for the Excess Liability Insurance policy to AON Risk Services, Inc., for the period of May 20, 2005, to May 20, 2006, in the amount not-to-exceed \$317,000, was presented to the Board. The recommendation was approved by the Acting Executive Director.

Commissioner Topsy-Elvord moved, seconded by Commissioner Cordero that the communications be received and filed and that Items Nos. 1, and 3-5 be approved as recommended. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Comms:	Hancock,Cordero,Hankla,Topsy-Elvord, Calhoun
NOES:	"	None
ABSENT:	"	None

2. P2S ENGINEERING - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR THE PIER E TERMINAL REDEVELOPMENT - DOCUMENT NO. HD-6840A AND CWO NO. 1197, SUPPLEMENT NO. 16 - APPROVED.

Communication from D. A. Thiessen, Chief Harbor Engineer, dated May 11, 2005, requesting approval of an amendment to Contract with P2S Engineering, for the Pier E Terminal Redevelopment, in the amount of \$180,000 and CWO No. 1197, Supplement No. 16, in the amount of \$220,000, was presented to the Board. The request was approved by the Acting Executive Director.

In response to a question by Commissioner Cordero, Mr. Thiessen stated the vessels that call at the terminal will have to make modifications to their ship and this amendment includes only the designing of the switchgear and electrical cabling on shore, and the dock where vessels would plug into.

In response to a question by Commissioner Cordero regarding meetings with Southern California Edison, Mr. Thiessen stated the meetings with other vendors that were referenced in the memo leaves open another vendor source open for the supply of electrical power.

Commissioner Cordero moved, seconded by Commissioner Hankla that the communication be received and filed, that said amendment to Contract with P2S Engineering and CWO No. 1197, Supplement No. 16 be approved, and that the Executive Director be authorized to execute the amendment. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Comms:	Hancock,Cordero,Hankla,Topsy-Elvord, Calhoun
NOES:	"	None
ABSENT:	"	None

REGULAR AGENDA.

6. RESOLUTION CANCELLING THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 23, 2005 – RESOLUTION NO. HD-2252 - ADOPTED.

Communication from Gustav T. Hein, Executive Officer to the Board, dated May 10, 2005, recommending adoption of a resolution authorizing cancelling of the regular meeting of May 23, 2005, was presented to the Board together with the authorizing resolution therefore. The recommendation was approved by the Executive Director.

Commissioner Topsy-Elvord moved, seconded by Commissioner Cordero that the communication be received and filed and that the resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH SUSPENDING RULE 1(B) AS SET FORTH IN HARBOR DEPARTMENT RESOLUTION NO. HD-519, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS, AND CANCELLING THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 23, 2005," be declared read and adopted as read. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Comms:	Hancock, Cordero, Hankla, Topsy-Elvord, Calhoun
NOES:	"	None
ABSENT:	"	None

7. BILTMORE METAL FABRICATORS, INC. – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE REVOCABLE PERMIT FOR LAND IN THE NORTH HARBOR - DOCUMENT NO. HD-6937 – RESOLUTION NO. HD-2253 - ADOPTED.

Communication from Kathryn McDermott, Director of Properties, dated May 11, 2005, recommending approval of a Revocable Permit with Biltmore Metal Fabricators, Inc., for paved and fenced land located at 1355 West 11th Street in the North Harbor, was presented to the Board together with the authorizing resolution therefore. The recommendation was approved by the Acting Executive Director.

Commissioner Hankla moved, seconded by Commissioner Topsy-Elvord that the communication be received and filed and that the resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A REVOCABLE PERMIT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS, AND BILTMORE METAL FABRICATORS FOR THE USE OF CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE HARBOR DISTRICT, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION RELATING THERETO," be declared read and adopted as read. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Comms:	Hancock, Cordero, Hankla, Topsy-Elvord, Calhoun
NOES:	"	None
ABSENT:	"	None

8. PACIFIC BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY DBA SBC CALIFORNIA - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AND CONDUIT OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF FIBER OPTIC CABLE ON PIER T- DOCUMENT NO. HD-6938 - RESOLUTION NO. HD-2254 - ADOPTED.

Communication from Kathryn McDermott, Director of Properties, dated May 11, 2005, recommending approval of a License and Conduit Occupancy Agreement for the installation of fiber optic cable on Pier T, was presented to the Board together with the authorizing resolution therefore. The recommendation was approved by the Acting Executive Director.

In response to a question by Commissioner Cordero, Ms. McDermott stated all three SBC offices, Wilmington, Canoga Park, and Alhambra would be noticed.

Commissioner Topsy-Elvord moved, seconded by Commissioner Cordero that the communication be received and filed and that the resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AND CONDUIT OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT WITH PACIFIC BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION REALATING THERETO," be declared read and adopted as read. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Commrs:	Hancock, Cordero, Hankla, Topsy-Elvord, Calhoun
NOES:	"	None
ABSENT:	"	None

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Mr. Hein presented to the Board the award naming the Port of Long Beach the best seaport in North America in 2004, by the readers of Cargonews Asia. In addition, he stated the Port had received this prestigious industry honor for nine of the past 10 years.

Mr. Hein stated the meeting of May 23, 2005, has been cancelled, and with the Memorial Holiday on Monday, the next regular Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 31, 2005.

RECOGNITION.

Mr. Steinke announced that the Annual Report was available and that the Commissioners had one in their packets. Additionally, Mr. Steinke stated this publication is the start of our new ethic in terms of the Green Port Policy, which calls for the Port to promote sustainability.

Commissioner Cordero thanked Ms. Morris and the Communications staff for an excellent Annual Report. He also thanked Dr. Knatz, Dr. Kanter, and all the staff who have worked so hard on the Green Port Policy.

ADJOURNED.

At 2:10 p.m., Commissioner Topsy-Elvord moved, seconded by Commissioner Hankla that the meeting be adjourned sine die. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Comms:	Hancock, Cordero, Hankla, Topsy-Elvord, Calhoun
NOES:	"	None
ABSENT:	"	None

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2005**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chris Kozaites, President, at 9:00 a.m., at the El Dorado Park West Community Center, in the Senior Center Library. Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Present: Chris Kozaites, President
Harry Saltzgaver, Vice President
Bea Antenore
Raymond Chavarria
Simon George
William Marmion
Drew Satariano

Absent: none

Staff: Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Thomas Shippey, Manager, Maintenance Operations Bureau
Dennis Eschen, Manager, Planning and Development Bureau
Janet Day-Anselmo, Manager, Business Operations Bureau
Gwendolyn Parker, Superintendent of Contracts and Revenue Development
Diane Lewis, Manager, Community Enrichment Programs Bureau
Chrissy Marshall, Manager, Community Recreation Programs
Steven Neal, Chief Ranger
Geoff Hall, Special Projects Officer
Robin Black, Executive Secretary to the Director

Guests: Frances Keys
Nallely Vallejo, Cinco de Mayo/Homeland
Curtis Borow
Veronica Servin, 8th Council District Representative
Diane Havron, Resident
Jennifer Hastings, Resident and Supporter of Shane's Inspiration
Derek Barraza, California Sun & Surf
Jorge Polanco, Director of Coaching, CCFC Soccer Club
Trey Sharlin, President, Beach Soccer Club
Robert Lamond, Partners of Parks

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 17, 2005

It was moved by Commissioner Chavarria and seconded by Commissioner Satariano to approve the March 17, 2005 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

III. SAMMY AWARD PRESENTATION – CHRISSEY MARSHALL

Chrissy Marshall requested that the Sammy Award presentation be postponed to the May 19 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

IV. EMPLOYEE-OF-THE-MONTH PRESENTATION FOR APRIL

President Kozaites stated that Vice President Saltzgaver would announce the Employee of the Month.

Vice President Saltzgaver announced Maria Trembley as the April Administrative Employee of the Month, from the Business Operations Bureau. Ms. Gwendolyn Parker stated that Ms. Trembley worked for a time at the Police Department as a 911 operator and came to the Department in April of 2001, as a Clerk Typist in the Reservation/Registration Office. She said that Ms. Trembley is also a certified bilingual employee, which is a tremendous help to the public. Ms. Parker said that this office handles about 200 calls a day and Ms. Trembley's great attitude is an asset to the office.

V. RECOGNITION OF DIXIE SWIFT

Mr. Hester stated that unfortunately Dixie will be retiring in the near future and the Department thought it appropriate for her to be recognized before the Parks and Recreation Commission for her many years of service.

Commissioner Chavarria stated that he met Dixie 20 years ago when he volunteered at Homeland. He and Ms. Nallely Vallejo presented Dixie with a framed photo of herself.

President Kozaites presented Ms. Swift with a framed rendering of the proposed Homeland facility.

Ms. Swift thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission and Partners of Parks for standing behind Homeland's vision for the community. She said that the community uses Homeland and MacArthur Park as a neutral safe space for the neighborhood.

Commissioner Marmion stated that he knew Dixie Stallings, way back when, in school. He said that we all have certain people that we look up to and admire and he thinks of Dixie as a treasure of Long Beach.

VI. **COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS**

#05-0401

PERSONAL SERVICES/INSTRUCTION AGREEMENTS-MONTHLY APPROVAL

It was moved by Vice President Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Antenore to authorize the Community Recreation Programs Bureau manager or his or her management designee to execute the Personal Services and Instruction Agreements and amend Attachment "A" of the agreements as needed. The motion carried unanimously.

#05-0402

MEMORIAL BENCH FOR WILLIAM CLEVELAND

Mr. Shippey stated that the letter identifies Mr. Cleveland and the reason for the memorial bench. He said that this is replacing an existing bench, which is beneficial to the Department.

It was moved by Commissioner Satariano and seconded by Commissioner Chavarria to approve the placement and installation of the memorial bench for Mr. William Cleveland. The motion carried unanimously.

#05-0403

REQUEST BY THE CALIFORNIA SUN & SURF INTERNATIONAL SOCCER TOURNAMENT FOR WAIVER OF CONCESSION AND FIELD PERMIT FEES

Mr. Hester stated that Derek Barraza called him a few minutes ago and will try to attend the Commission meeting. He said that this is a tournament that has been in existence for a number of years. He said that the Parks and Recreation Commission historically waives the fees and the organization will, in turn, works with Maintenance Operations to provide funding for the maintenance of soccer fields.

Vice President Saltzgaver stated that his only concern is about the organization waiting to pay the bill a year after the event. He said he would like to see that resolved in the future.

It was moved by Commissioner Chavarria and seconded by Commissioner Marmion to approve the request by the California Sun & Surf International Soccer Tournament for the waiver of concession and field permit fees with the aforementioned "Conditions of Use." The motion carried unanimously.

#05-0404

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2004

Mr. Hester stated that even though the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission is not under the purview of the Parks and Recreation Commission, he thought it would be *appropriate for the Commission to see their annual report.*

Commissioner Chavarria stated that he really liked the community outreach by the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Chavarria and seconded by Vice President Saltzgaver to receive and file the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission Annual Report for 2004. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
President Kozaites, Chair

President Kozaites stated that the Committee met last week and they discussed the FY 2006 budget, and he thanked Mr. Hester for including them in the process. He said that last year they voted to keep this issue in the Executive Committee, and as issues develop, they will move them over to the Finance and Appeals Committee.

Vice President Saltzgaver stated that the City has announced their budget *schedule and there would be a budget workshop on May 3, and then a Neighborhood Resources Center meeting on May 16.*

Mr. Hester stated that there is also going to be a budget summit scheduled on a Saturday. He said that he would send a copy of that schedule and mark those meetings that might be of interest to the Commission.

B. FINANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
Commissioner Satariano, Chair

Commissioner Satariano stated that the report is included in the packet and the Department is 50 percent through the fiscal year.

C. PARK SAFETY COMMITTEE
Commissioner Marmion, Chair

Commissioner Marmion stated that the Committee met on Monday and information is included in the packet. They discussed episodes at the skate parks and would like to make it an agenda item for a future meeting, such as in May or June.

Commissioner Marmion said that there is a park ranger who just returned from service with the National Guard in Iraq and they would like to honor him for that service at a future meeting.

Commissioner Antenore bought up the graffiti at Houghton Skate Park that was supposedly put there as a memorial to a youth that was killed. She said that if this is allowed to remain, it sets a precedent for other memorials in the city because of some gang killing, and she is concerned about how this will be handled.

Mr. Hester stated that this was the same time that the youth was killed at Cabrillo High School, and it was thought that the individual's friends put the graffiti at Houghton Skate Park. He said that this is a very sensitive issue and we cannot remove memorials. He stated that Alvin Bernstein became personally involved to intervene. He stated that the Department is planning to hold another meeting with the youth, and if the Commission is planning to do anything related to the skate parks, the original youths who were involved in planning the skate parks should be notified. Mr. Hester stated that Department staff from Homeland are working on a project to put a mural in the Houghton Skate Park bowl, which hopefully will eliminate graffiti there.

D. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND CUSTOMER SATISFACTION
COMMITTEE
Commissioner Chavarria, Chair

Commissioner Chavarria stated that there was no meeting this month, the Committee would meet next month.

E. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS COMMITTEE
Vice President Saltzgaver, Chair

Vice President Saltzgaver stated that the Committee held a joint meeting last month with the Citizens Advisory Commission on Disabilities and have come up with a recommendation. He said that they would like to start out with El Dorado Park's playground by the band shell, and they would need to prioritize the others. He said that they are also recommending that any future playground upgrades or new parks be considered for universally accessible playground designs. There are seven separate recommendations they would like to forward to the City Council. He said that the biggest issue is how to get the money and the priorities, after the El Dorado site.

Mr. Geoff Hall stated that the issue of the first park was one that could be thought of as a regional draw. He said that El Dorado Park could be the first site for a fund raising effort and that seed money is needed for design and some sort of staff support for fundraising.

Ms. Diane Havron stated that she is trying to work with Shane's Inspiration Company and the Department and has offered her fund raising services by going to the community, schools, churches, and other organizations to notify them of the benefits. She said that it is a great idea and it has to start somewhere.

Commissioner Satariano asked the amount of seed money needed. Mr. Hall responded that it depends on the infrastructure needed for a particular site. He said that Shane's Inspiration Company has stated that the amount is about 20 percent of the project cost, which could be \$200,000 for the first site.

It was moved by Vice President Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Satariano to adopt the joint recommendations of the CIP Committee and the CACOD Youth Committee, and request staff to communicate these recommendations to the City Council and that we maintain vigilance over this process. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Marmion stated that he just attended a meeting with Long Beach City College Foundation at the Pacific Coast Campus this morning. He suggested that staff contact Farley Herzik at that campus, because they dispose of scrap from their aviation program and they may have some stuff that goes to scrap that staff could use in a park.

President Kozaites thanked the Commissioners, the public, and staff who worked on this project.

F. CITY SCHOOLS/JOINT COMMITTEE
Commissioner Antenore, Chair

1. "WILD ABOUT NATURE" SUMMER PROGRAM PRESENTATION –
JODI METZ

Commissioner Antenore stated that the meeting this afternoon was cancelled and Jodi Metz had to postpone and be added to the May Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

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

A. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH 2005

Commissioner Chavarria congratulated Maintenance Operations, who continue to do a lot of work.

Commissioner Satariano commented that the amount of debris removed from the beach is huge.

Commissioner George stated that on page 6, under Tennis, he would like to congratulate staff on the refurbished courts at the Billie Jean King Tennis Center.

Commissioner Marmion stated that he attended the Chavez Day on May 1, with Commissioner Antenore, and the rededication of Rancho Los Alamitos on May 3.

Commissioner Antenore stated that she was intrigued by the money management class for children ages 5-12.

Vice President Saltzgaver stated that despite the fact that staff pulled 400 tons of debris off the beach, there is a letter in the paper saying that the peninsula residents had their trash picked up first off the beach.

Vice President Saltzgaver stated that the lake on the 14th hole at El Dorado Golf Course is almost completely covered with scum and the Colorado Lagoon is about half covered. He said that staff should watch the water areas for stagnant water. Mr. Hester stated that the Colorado Lagoon is another issue, but he would check into the El Dorado Golf Course lake issue.

Commissioner Marmion stated that it might be a good idea for the City to put up a sign for renovations to tell people how projects are being funded, particularly the renovation of the parking lot and curbs on Eliot. He said that citizens wonder why this is being worked on when there are streets that need to be repaired. Commissioner Marmion stated that this is an ADA project and is not being funded by the City. He said that there needs to be some kind of public information at a work site that says what it is, why, and who is funding it. Mr. Hester stated that he could talk to Public Works about this issue.

Commissioner Chavarria stated that Mr. Barraza has arrived.

Vice President Saltzgaver stated that it is important to check the many water areas for standing water. Mr. Hester agreed that it is important to check the lakes.

President Kozaites stated that a few weeks ago he attended the opening of the first new dock at the Shoreline Marina and it is beautiful.

Commissioner Chavarria stated that the yacht club is also very nice.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

A. THANK YOU LETTERS FROM TUCKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

President Kozaites stated that he went to the class and their entire classroom wall was covered in park issues and the class was trying to determine what was

the best park and why, by doing an analysis. He said they were very enthusiastic and it was a lot of fun.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Kozaites stated that there was no unfinished business.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. RIVERLINK STUDY – LONG BEACH RIVERLINK PLAN

Mr. Eschen stated that this is the same study that has been brought to the Parks and Recreation Commission previously; it is just a reprint after editing.

It was moved by Commissioner Marmion and seconded by Commissioner Antenore to adopt the RiverLink Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

XII. COMMENTS

A. AUDIENCE

Ms. Vallejo stated that this is the first time she has been to a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and it is really good; she had no idea of all the decisions that went on behind the scene. She said that she has been working with Commissioner Chavarria on the Cinco de Mayo celebration and hopes to see everyone there.

Mr. Barraza thanked the Commission for their support and introduced Trey Sharlin and Jorge Polanco. He said that he is going to serve in more of an advisory role, due to his demanding job.

Mr. Hester stated that Mr. Barraza and his organization have really helped provide resources to redo some of the soccer fields.

B. STAFF

Mr. Hall stated that there was an article in Sunset magazine about five great dog parks, featuring the Dog Zone with a picture.

Mr. Hester stated that Daryle Black Park would be open to the public on Saturday, but the official opening would be held in a few months after the statue is installed. He stated that on May 7, Burton W. Chace Park would be dedicated. He said that a ceremony for Rotary Park would possibly be held in June.

C. COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Chavarria stated that the MacArthur Park break-dancers went to Japan and won first place and \$10,000 in a competition. He also stated that the Cambodian Parade would be held on Sunday, April 24, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Satariano stated that the Hall of Fame committee met last week and were discussing a June 18 date for the next induction ceremony in conjunction with an Armada game.

Commissioner Marmion stated that on Wednesday he presented a \$5,000 check to the Commission on Youth and Children from the Miller Foundation for the projects that the students are competing for.

Vice President Saltzgaver stated that the comment period is now over for the Sports Park EIR and they are responding. He believes that they will move through the permitting processing in early summer.

XII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2005, at Cesar E. Chavez Park, in the community center, 401 Golden Avenue, Long Beach.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

President Kozaites adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Black
Executive Secretary
to the Director

c: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine

C I T Y P L A N N I N G C O M M I S S I O N M I N U T E S

A P R I L 2 1, 2 0 0 5

A study session regarding the jobs, business strategy and financial feasibility of the General Plan Update was presented on Thursday, April 21, 2005, at 12:00 noon.

The regular meeting of the City Planning Commission reconvened at 1:37pm in the City Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: Morton Stuhlbarg, Matthew Jenkins,
Mitch Rouse, Nick Sramek,
Charles Greenberg, Leslie Gentile
Charles Winn

ABSENT: EXCUSED: None

CHAIRMAN: Morton Stuhlbarg

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Suzanne Frick, Director
Greg Carpenter, Planning Manager
Carolyn Bihn, Zoning Officer
Angela Reynolds, Advance Planning
Lynette Ferenczy, Planner
Scott Mangum, Planner
Lemuel Hawkins, Planner
Jeff Winklepleck, Planner

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Mais, Assistant City Attorney
Cindy Thomack, Neighborhood
Preservation Officer
Marcia Gold, Minutes Clerk

P L E D G E O F A L L E G I A N C E

Angela Reynolds led the pledge of allegiance.

S W E A R I N G O F W I T N E S S E S

C O N S E N T C A L E N D A R

In response to a query from Commissioner Greenberg regarding adjustment of parking if the use specified in Item 1A should intensify, Mr. Carpenter explained that the staff recommendation

was based on maximum use of the facility proposed by the plans being approved by the Planning Commission.

The consent calendar was approved as presented by staff on a motion by Commissioner Sramek, seconded by Commissioner Winn and passed unanimously.

1A. Case No. 0502-04, Conditional Use Permit, ND 05-05

Applicant: Cornerstone Church c/o John Fuqua
Subject Site: 1000 Studebaker Road (Council District 3)
Description: Conditional Use Permit to allow the establishment of a church in the CNA zone.

Certified Negative Declaration No. 05-05 and approved the Conditional Use Permit, subject to conditions.

1B. Case No. 0408-13, Modification to an Approved Permit (9902-07), Administrative Use Permit, CE 04-163

Applicant: Parks, Recreation and Marine Bureau
c/o Mary Claire de la Haye
Subject Site: 4020 E. Olympic Plaza (Council District 3)
Description: Modification to approved permit (Case No. 9902-07) to allow the expansion of the outdoor patio area by approximately 1,400 square feet for La Palapa restaurant and an Administrative Use Permit to allow shared use parking of the Belmont Pier parking lot.

Approved the modification request to Case No. 9902-07 and Administrative Use Permit, subject to conditions of approval.

C O N T I N U E D I T E M S

2. Case No. 0411-09, Administrative Use Permit, CE 04-232

Applicant: Basic Fibres, Inc., c/o Mayra Romero
Subject Site: 2500-20 Santa Fe Avenue
Description: Administrative Use Permit to allow the operation of a recycling collection center for cans and bottles (staff attended).

This item was withdrawn by the applicant.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Case No. 9805-13, Modification to an Approved Permit (9805-13); EIR 24-98

Applicant: Parks, Recreation and Marine Bureau
c/o Pamela Seager of Rancho Los Alamitos
Foundation
Subject Site: 6400 Bixby Hill Road
Description: Modification to an approved permit (Case No. 9805-13) to add a one-story approximately 1,000 square foot freestanding bookstore and classroom structure to Rancho Los Alamitos.

Lynette Ferenczy presented the staff report recommending that the modification be approved since it is a component of the project certified in 2000 and because the bookstore will be a critical component of the Rancho, offering educational opportunities, while maintaining the historic quality of the site and not generating additional demand for parking.

Pam Seager, Executive Director, Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, noted that the bookstore would be an important service for existing visitors, and that no future expansion was planned beyond site restoration and possible seismic retrofitting.

Commissioner Greenberg moved to approve the modification request to Case No. 9805-13, subject to conditions of approval. Commissioner Sramek seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Certificate of Appropriateness

Applicant: Murchison Consulting for Mrs. Makineni
Appellants: John Romundstad & Elizabeth Kuehne
Subject Site: 2767 E. Ocean Boulevard
Description: Hearing to consider an appeal of the decision of the Cultural Heritage Commission to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Cindy Thomack, Neighborhood Preservation Officer, presented the staff report recommending that the Commission sustain the decision of the Cultural Heritage Commission and approve the Certificate of Appropriateness since the CHC had found the proposed development consistent with the Secretary of Interior Standards and Bluff Park Historic District Ordinance.

Layne Johnson, Chair, Cultural Heritage Commission, discussed their review of the project.

In response to a query from Commissioner Greenberg, Mr. Johnson stated that the appellants had not presented a document with volume and massing studies of the proposed building.

Commissioner Sramek commented that the Cultural Heritage Commissioners seemed to be in support of the project because they liked the architecture, while the appellants were against it for reasons of scale and mass.

Doug Otto, 111 W. Ocean #1300, appellant attorney, contended that the standards used by the Cultural Heritage Commission in their decision did not apply to new infill construction, and therefore were not applicable in this situation. Mr. Otto added that he believed the new version of the plans included only one minor change from the version that had been denied by the Planning and Cultural Heritage Commissions earlier.

Cindy Thomack replied that the Cultural Heritage Commission had used the Secretary of the Interior Standards to review the project and that these were the appropriate criteria for review.

Luanne Pryor, 181 Marlborough Street, Boston, MA 02116, former Bluff Park resident and original Bluff Park Historic Preservation Ordinance Committee member, said she felt this project overwhelmed the area and the lot.

Brad Bolger, 100 Temple, presented a rendering supporting his contention that the project would greatly exceed the bulk and mass standards set in place by the Bluff Park Historic Preservation Ordinance. Mr. Bolger suggested that overall volume be used instead as an indicator of size.

Ruthann Lehrer, 2730 Washington Avenue, Santa Monica, 90403, claimed the applicant had ignored her suggestion to carefully address the bulk and mass standards and area compatibility before proceeding with the project. Ms. Lehrer added that she felt this would be a precedent-setting project that could seriously undermine the historical integrity of this and other districts, and she presented maps of potential development sites in the neighborhood that could be built using this project as a precedent.

Tim O'Shea, 3135 E. 1st Street, president, Bluff Park Neighborhood Association, reaffirmed his group's support of the historic overlay ordinance and their opposition to the project. In response to a query from Commissioner Greenberg regarding the IDM project, Mr. O'Shea said he felt that it was also too bulky for the area.

Elizabeth Kuehne, 2827 E. 1st Street, appellant, read a letter from architect Brenda Levin in opposition to the project, and said she felt the project would overwhelm in scale, composition and proportion, the historically significant homes adjacent to the rear of the site.

Mike Murchison, 3333 E. Spring Street, applicant consultant, presented drawings showing the proposed home as approved by the Cultural Heritage Commission, and said they had made 30 changes to the original plans in response to their input. Mr. Murchison added that a volume study done by the opponents did not include a home on the block that he declared was the same size as the proposed structure.

Gary Lamb, Interstices, 849 Pine Avenue, applicant architectural consultant, gave a brief overview of the changes, including placement of the house on the lot to minimize massing on the street plus the fact that the house is the same height, materials and colors as the adjacent historic house and that it had been designed to code with no variances requested. Mr. Lamb added that he thought the Floor Area Ratio should be used to compare the project to other homes, since it was the same or similar to existing area projects, and he presented slides of similarly sized homes in the area.

In response to a query from Commissioner Greenberg, Mr. Lamb replied that he felt the opponents' massing studies were not objective, because they showed the overall project volume, not the architectural features that reduced it, and he showed a volume study demonstrating how the same volume could result in different looking homes.

In response to a query from Commissioner Winn, Mr. Lamb observed that the historical preservation ordinance was not specific or consistent enough to prevent this type of conflict, and he felt there was a lot of area precedent to support setback-to-setback construction.

In response to a query from Commissioner Winn regarding which homes had been used for comparison in the area, Ms. Thomack

noted that the contributing structures were those that had maintained the most historical elements.

Commissioner Winn noted that few homes in the area had changed in the front due to the strong historical district regulations. Mr. Winn expressed concern about non-conforming homes becoming oversized, and he agreed that the code needed to be updated with more specific requirements to avoid the need for subjective decisions.

Jay Platt, 523 W. Sixth Street #826, Los Angeles, 90014, Los Angeles Conservancy representative, agreed with the previous speakers that the project would be precedent-setting and detrimental. Mr. Platt contended that the district would be open to legal challenges if regulations were not clarified, and said his group felt that the character of the neighborhood was being denied to those residents honoring the spirit of the rules.

Mary Grace Toia, 1101 E. 3rd Street, spoke against the project, saying she thought the applicant should have known in advance how an historical designation would constrain the design, and that if it was built, it would negatively affect home values in the area.

Melodie Grace, 2710 E. 1st Street, also spoke against the project, agreeing that buying into an historic district indicates that restrictions are in place to guard against incompatible designs.

Bob Phibbs, 3040 E. 1st Street, said he felt the Cultural Heritage Commission had failed in its mandate to protect the area from non-conforming homes.

Kim Van Natta, 2732 E. 1st Street, agreed, and said she enjoyed the advantages of an historic home and had always understood the building restrictions designed to preserve the area.

John Glasgow, 4235 E. Vermont Street, spoke in favor of the project, saying he felt mass did not equal volume or perceived volume, which he felt was a subjective perception, and that he thought the opponents' claims were inaccurate and misleading.

Dr. El Segelhorst, 2828 E. 1st Street, noted that many historic buildings in the area had been torn down before the district was put in place to preserve them and help mitigate imperfections.

Dr. Segelhorst urged support for the protection and preservation of the district's character.

Ken Yankolevich, 3025 E. 2nd Street, Bluff Park resident, expressed support for the application, saying he was not aware of any residents' meetings where the project had been discussed. Mr. Yankolevich added that if the architects had designed the house to code, it should be allowed.

Architect Lamb noted that this project was not taller than the adjacent historically significant Gill House, and that it had been designed to sensitively fit onto the street.

Appellant attorney Otto argued that the house did not adhere to clearly delineated district overlay regulations and would be precedent-setting. Mr. Otto said they were willing to help the applicant create a computer-animated model of the project.

Mr. Mais noted that the Commission had to consider three sets of standards in making this decision, including those from the Secretary of Interior, the Bluff Park historical ordinance, and Cultural Heritage Commission standards, and because of the controversy, he suggested the matter be continued to make very clear and appropriate findings to incorporate these three different areas of law.

Commissioner Winn said he was not in favor of a continuation since both sides had made clear presentations.

Commissioner Rouse said he wanted to understand how the three sets of ordinances applied to each other and to the project, which he felt would end up being a subjective decision in terms of scale and mass. Mr. Rouse thought it appropriate to continue the item to gather more definition from staff and the City Attorney on the parameters of the issue.

Commissioner Rouse then moved to continue the item to the May 19, 2005 meeting. Commissioner Greenberg seconded the motion.

In response to a query from Commissioner Greenberg regarding the burden of proof, Mr. Mais replied that the applicant has to prove that this particular project meets the three different sets of standards.

Commissioner Greenberg stated that his reason for referencing the IBM project was to see what the neighborhood thought of the

scale of that project, and if it now seemed to fit in to the area.

The question was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Case No. 0502-18, Conditional Use Permit, CE 05-26

Applicant: James Berookhim
Subject Site: 6001 Atlantic Avenue (Council District 9)
Description: Request to establish off-site sales of beer and wine at a full-service neighborhood market.

Jeff Winklepleck presented the staff report recommending approval of the permit since the proposed use was accessory to a full-service market and was conditioned to have minimal impacts on adjacent land uses.

In response to a query from Commissioner Sramek, Planner Scott Mangum reported the locations of nearby liquor licenses.

Barry Curtis, 5342 Berkeley, applicant representative, stated his client owned a bonafide market not open during hours that typically see problems with alcohol, and that most of their customers walked to the location.

Commissioner Jenkins moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit, subject to conditions. Commissioner Winn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

6. Case No. 0412-21, Classification of Use

Applicant: Clair Milton
Subject Site: 5000 Lew Davis Street (Council District 5)
Description: Classification of Use for a proposed motorcycle safety training program to be located at Veterans Memorial Stadium (Long Beach City College) in the Institutional Zoning District.

Lemuel Hawkins presented the staff report recommending concurrence with the determination of the Zoning Officer that the requested use is not in compliance with the intent of the zoning, since it is directly across the street from residential properties which are currently impacted by events at the venue.

Commissioner Winn expressed concern that even high-tech industrial uses could be adversely affected, and he asked how adjacent properties would be able to object if such a use became

problematic. Mr. Carpenter suggested looking at each use on a case-by-case basis, requiring a CUP.

Commissioner Sramek contended that the requirement of a CUP would be better, and expressed concern that changes in the zoning ordinance would end up precluding the use of isolated parking lots in institutional zones. Mr. Sramek added that he felt the use would not be intrusive, just not appropriate near neighborhoods.

Clair Milton, 17216 Saticoy, #319, Van Nuys, applicant, said he was concerned that requiring a CUP with its attendant notification process would create unwarranted prejudice. Mr. Milton added that they needed large asphalt areas like school parking lots to conduct the safety classes, and that monetary and supply benefits could be given to cooperating schools. Mr. Milton declared that he needed a location in Long Beach; otherwise, residents would have to drive long distances for the state-mandated motorcycle safety training, many of which were wait-listed for as long as four months.

Ken Glaser, 2 Jenner Street, Irvine, 92618, expressed support for allowing the use, stating that he agreed the institutional zone was the best place for the program, and that it was not a loud operation generating noise complaints.

Herbert A. Levi, 5153 Hanbury, area resident, objected to the use, stating he felt that the City was built out and it would be difficult to find a location that did not impact residents or business owners, although he suggested the applicant consider accepting the staff recommendation to use industrial areas.

George Brown, 3810 Clark, said he felt the operation generated parking problems.

Bob Sullivan, 3902 Clark, said the operation had a negative impact on schools.

Commissioner Winn noted that since Veterans Stadium was no longer available as an option, the item should be continued to a date certain to explore alternative locations.

Commissioner Greenberg moved to continue the item to the May 5, 2005 meeting. Commissioner Winn seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. Commissioner Gentile had left the meeting.

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There were no matters from the audience.

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There were no matters from the Department of Planning and Building.

**M A T T E R S F R O M T H E P L A N N I N G
C O M M I S S I O N**

There were no matters from the Planning Commission.

A D J O U R N

The meeting adjourned at 5:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Gold
Minutes Clerk