CITY OF LONG BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM

Phil Saumur, Chair Melani Smith, Vice-Chair



Becky Blair, Commissioner Charles Durnin, Commissioner Alan Fox, Commissioner Leslie Gentile, Commissioner Donita Van Horik, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:05 P.M.)

At 5:05 p.m., Chair Saumur called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:05 P.M.)

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Boardmembers Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Alan L. Fox, Leslie Fernald

Present: Gentile, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

Boardmembers Charles Durnin

Absent:

Also present: Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer; Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Jeff Winklepleck, Project Planner; Mark Hungerford, Project Planner; Dave Roseman, City Traffic Engineer; Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator; Heidi Eidson, Planning Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE (5:05 P.M.)

Commissioner Smith led the flag salute.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:05 P.M.)

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There was no Director's Report given.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (5:05 P.M.)

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SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:05 P.M.)

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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.

CONTINUED ITEMS (5:06 P.M.)

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1. 09-019PL

Recommendation to deny a Conditional Use Permit to allow a 1,089-square-foot double-faced illuminated freeway sign with electronic message center with a height of 60 feet from freeway grade at 3377-3399 Long Beach Boulevard. (District 7) (Application No. 0901-06)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced Jeff Winklepleck, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Derek Burnham, spoke.

Dan Dudridge, applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

John Deats, 3600 Pacific Avenue, spoke.

Mike Kowal, 3756 Pine Avenue, spoke.

Richard Ivey, 242 Bixby Road, spoke

Chris Wacker, LaserFiche, 3545 Long Beach Boulevard, spoke.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Commissioner Gentile spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Alan L. Fox, Leslie

Fernald Gentile, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

Absent: 1 - Charles Durnin

REGULAR AGENDA (5:38 P.M.)

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2. 09-040PL

Recommendation to certify a recirculated Mitigated Negative Declaration (ND10-09) and approve a Local Coastal Development Permit, a Site Plan Review, and Tentative Tract Map No. 68426 to allow the construction of a four-story, 51-unit condominium complex and remodel of an existing building to maintain 11 motel units at 1628-1724 E. Ocean Boulevard. (District 2) (Application No. 0510-40)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced Jeff Winklepleck, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Michael Pauls, applicant's representative, spoke.

Derek Burnham, responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Michael Pauls responded to gueries from Commissioner Fox.

Michael Pauls responded to gueries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Dave Roseman, City Traffic Engineer, responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Derek Burnham and Jeff Winklepleck responded to queries from Commissioner Smith.

Michael Pauls responded to queries from Commissioner Blair.

Michael Pauls responded to gueries from Chair Saumur.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair Saumur.

Michael Pauls responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer, responded to a query from Chair Saumur.

Lois Ledger, 1739 Appleton Street, President of Clarendon Homeowners Association, spoke.

Mort Stuhlbarg, 1700 Bluff Place, spoke.

Allisa McConahay, 2009 E. Appleton, Parking Committee Chair of Alamitos Beach Neighborhood Association, spoke.

Wilbur Woo, 1635 E. Ocean Boulevard, President of Oceanview Imperial Homeowners Association, spoke.

Barbara Gu, 1635 E. Ocean Boulevard, spoke.

Dr. Alison Wrynn, 1635 E. Ocean Boulevard, spoke.

Dr. Keith Mew, 1616 E. Ocean Boulevard, spoke.

Naran Tanada, spoke.

Tom LaFortune, 1635 E. Ocean Boulevard, spoke.

Laura Greco, 1616 E. Ocean Boulevard, spoke.

John Wharton, 1700 E. Ocean Boulevard, spoke.

Raymond Kaiser, 444 E. Ocean Boulevard, representing the Hamilton Homeowners Association, spoke.

Ron Hopple, 1710 Bluff Place, spoke.

Staff responded to gueries from Commissioner Blair.

Michael Pauls responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

The applicant and staff responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

Staff and the applicant responded to gueries from Chair Saumur.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck responded to a guery from Commissioner Smith.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Chair Saumur.

Staff responded to queries from Commissioner Smith.

Commissioner Fox responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

Chair Saumur spoke.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the recommendation with an amendment to include a condition requiring the construction of a decorative block wall between the project and the neighboring building to the west and a condition which would prohibit construction workers from parking on the street adjacent to the site during construction and Commissioner Van Horik seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Leslie Fernald Gentile,

Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

No: 1 - Alan L. Fox

Absent: 1 - Charles Durnin

STUDY SESSION (7:50 P.M.)

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3. <u>09-041PL</u> Sustainable City Action Plan

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, who presented the study session.

Larry Rich responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Larry Rich responded to queries from Chair Saumur.

Larry Rich responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Smith and Larry Rich.

Derek Burnham, spoke.

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4. 09-042PL Landscape Ordinance

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced Mark Hungerford, Project Planner, who presented the study session.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair Saumur.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSIONERS (8:21 P.M.)

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Commissioner Fox spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to Commissioner Fox's comments.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair Saumur.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

ADJOURNMENT (8:25 P.M.)

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At 8:25 p.m., Chair Saumur adjourned the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: October 1, 2009 - 5:00 PM

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