

Becky Blair, Chair  
Alan Fox, Vice Chair



Molly Campbell, Commissioner  
Mark Christoffels, Commissioner  
Phil Saumur, Commissioner  
Melani Smith, Commissioner  
Donita Van Horik, Commissioner

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## FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER (5:06 PM)

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At 5:06 p.m., Chair Blair called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL (5:06 PM)

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**Commissioners** Alan L. Fox, Phillip Joseph Saumur, Donita Van Horik, Becky

**Present:** Blair, Mark Christoffels and Molly Campbell

**Commissioners** Melani Smith

**Absent:**

Also present: Amy Bodek, Director; Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator; Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Lynette Ferenczy, Planner; Ira Brown, Planner; Steven Valdez, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

### FLAG SALUTE (5:06 PM)

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Commissioner Fox led the flag salute.

### MINUTES (5:07 PM)

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[13-046PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of August 1, 2013.

**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 - Alan L. Fox, Phillip Joseph Saumur, Becky Blair, Donita Van Horik, Mark Christoffels and Molly Campbell

**Absent:** 1 - Melani Smith

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:08 PM)**

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

Chair Blair spoke.

**SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:12 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.

**REGULAR AGENDA (5:13 PM)**

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1. [13-048PL](#) Recommendation to find the proposed vacation of subterranean space along 20th Street and Redondo Avenue for the Aubry at Alamitos Ridge housing development in conformance with the General Plan; and consider a Categorical Exemption to support the project (CE 13-075). (District 4) (Application No. 1304-03)

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

Lynette Ferenczy responded to queries from Commissioner Christoffels.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Christoffels and Ara Maloyan, Acting Director of Public Works.

Chair Blair spoke.

Ara Maloyan responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Amy Bodek and Ara Maloyan responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Christoffels, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Alan L. Fox, Phillip Joseph Saumur, Becky Blair, Donita Van Horik, Mark Christoffels and Molly Campbell

**Absent:** 1 - Melani Smith

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2. [13-047PL](#)

Recommendation to find the projects listed in the Proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Capital Improvement Program (FY 2014 CIP) in conformity with the General Plan. (Citywide) (Application No. CIP-14)

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, introduced Ira Brown, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Blair spoke.

Malcolm Oscarson, Public Works Budget Officer, presented an overview of the FY 2014 Capital Improvement Program.

Malcolm Oscarson responded to queries from Commissioner Christoffels.

Ara Maloyan, Acting Director of Public Works, responded to queries from Commissioner Christoffels.

Malcolm Oscarson responded to queries from Commissioner Christoffels.

Malcolm Oscarson responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

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

Amy Bodek responded to queries from Commissioner Campbell.

Malcolm Oscarson responded to a query from Amy Bodek.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Campbell and Malcolm Oscarson.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Campbell and Amy Bodek.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Ara Maloyan spoke.

Commissioner Campbell spoke.

Malcolm Oscarson responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Malcolm Oscarson responded to a query from Chair Blair.

Malcolm Oscarson responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Alan L. Fox, Phillip Joseph Saumur, Becky Blair, Donita Van Horik, Mark Christoffels and Molly Campbell

**Absent:** 1 - Melani Smith

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3. [13-049PL](#)

Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the hearing, recommend that the City Council adopt amendments to the Zoning Ordinance related to financial service uses; and accept Categorical Exemption (CE 13-074). (Citywide) (Application No. 1308-01)

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, spoke.

Steven Valdez, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

Derek Burnham spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Van Horik and Derek Burnham.

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

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Christoffels and Derek Burnham.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair Blair.

Michael Mais spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Chair Blair.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair Blair.

Amy Bodek responded to queries from Chair Blair.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Christoffels.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Rene Castro, Hub Manager of Building Healthy Communities, presented public comment.

Andrew Berrera, South Bay Latino Chamber of Commerce, presented public comment.

Jack Smith, Long Beach Central Project Area Council, presented public comment.

Michaela Salatino, Long Beach Coalition for Good Jobs and Healthy Communities, presented public comment.

Mike Murchison, representing several check cashing facilities in Long Beach, presented public comment.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair Blair.

Ben Fischer presented public comment.

Lee Fukui presented public comment.

Dan Pressburg, President of North Long Beach Community Action Group, presented public comment.

Mauna Eichner presented public comment.

Leanna Molina, California Reinvestment Coalition, presented public comment.

Wayne Lucking provided public comment.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Christoffels and Michael Mais.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Christoffels.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Fox and Michael Mais.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Van Horik, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, to approve the recommendation. The motion failed by a vote of three in favor (Commissioners Van Horik, Campbell and Saumur, and three against (Commissioners Blair, Christoffels and Fox).

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Chair Blair spoke.

Michael Mais spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Chair Blair.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Michael Mais responded to queries from Chair Blair.

Chair Blair spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Chair Blair and Commissioner Christoffels.

Michael Mais responded to a comment made by Derek Burnham.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair Blair.

**A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Christoffels, seconded by Commissioner Saumur, to approve the recommendation with an amendment to change the radius from 1000 feet to a quarter of a mile distance between similar businesses. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Alan L. Fox, Phillip Joseph Saumur, Donita Van Horik, Mark Christoffels and Molly Campbell

**No:** 1 - Becky Blair

**Absent:** 1 - Melani Smith

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (7:30 PM)**

[see media](#)

Mauna Eichner presented public comment.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (7:30 PM)**

There were no comments from the Planning Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT (7:30 PM)**

At 7:30 p.m., Chair Blair adjourned the meeting.

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