

**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 15, 2006, AT 1 P.M.**

**Present:** Commissioners: Walter, Hancock, Cordero, Hankla  
**Absent:** " Topsy-Elvord

**Also present:**

R. D. Steinke	Executive Director
S. B. Rubin	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
J. A. Urrutia	Assistant Director of Finance
D. L. Albrecht	Director of Information Management
R. Rich	Director of Maintenance
K. M. Cartwright	Manager of Transportation 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

**VICE PRESIDENT HANKLA PRESIDED AS CHAIRPERSON.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cordero, seconded by Commissioner Walter and unanimously carried, the amended minutes of the regular meeting of May 8, 2006, were declared read and approved as read.

**COMMENTS BY MAYOR O'NEILL.**

Mayor Beverly O'Neill addressed the Board and stated she is indebted to the people and employees of Long Beach. She stated the Port of Long Beach has been a constant strength in the economics of the community and the Port is one of the most single points of pride in her tenure. Mayor O'Neill stated she has realized the importance of the Port and she has great admiration and respect toward the Port, its employees, and the operations.

Mayor O'Neill thanked the Commissioners and the entire Port staff for all of their dedication to the City.

Additionally, Mayor O'Neill stated she is proud of the Commission and staff for all of their hard work, dedication, and awareness to the environment with the incorporation and implementation of the Green Port Policy.

Vice President Hankla thanked the Mayor for her comments and stated on behalf of the Commission and staff, the Port of Long Beach would not be in its current configuration without her leadership in the navy base reuse process and that she has created a legacy here at the Port through her leadership.

Commissioner Hancock stated the existence and involvement of each of the Commissioners is due to her and that this Commission is proud of what has been, and is being accomplished.

Mr. Steinke announced the Port of Long Beach was voted Best Seaport in North America, for the tenth out of the last eleven years, by the readers of Cargo News Asia at the Asia Freight and Supply Chain Award Ceremony. He stated that not only is this a tribute to our Board and Staff but also to our Mayor.

Commissioner Cordero stated that with the Mayor's leadership this Commission has moved to a new level with regard to the environmental issues and that we are committed in being the environmental steward for not only the nation, but for the world.

Commissioner Walter stated the Mayor's leadership, vision, and the ability to get things done for the City, has been phenomenal. Additionally, he stated the Mayor had set a standard that all of us try to emulate.

Mr. Steinke praised the leadership of the Mayor and thanked her for being such a tremendous ambassador for the Port of Long Beach, as well as the City.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS.

There was no one present to address the Board.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR – ITEMS NOS. 1-6.

##### 1. W.W. STEPHENSON COMPANY, INC. - ACCEPTANCE OF WORK UNDER SPECIFICATION NO. HD-S2266.

Communication from D. A. Thiessen, Chief Harbor Engineer, dated May 10, 2006, advising that W. W. Stephenson Company, Inc., has satisfactorily completed, as of February 8, 2006, for the installation of the radiation portal monitors at Piers A, F, and G/J as described in Specification No. HD-S2266 and recommending that said work be accepted as complete as of that date, was presented to the Board. The recommendation was approved by the Acting Executive Director.

**2. MOFFATT & NICHOL ENGINEERS - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES - DOCUMENT NO. HD-6490E.**

Communication from D. A. Thiessen, Chief Harbor Engineer, dated May 10, 2006, requesting approval of an amendment to Contract with Moffatt & Nichol Engineers to incorporate and conform to the requirements of the Round 4 Federal Grant from the Transportation Security, was presented to the Board. The request was approved by the Acting Executive Director.

**3. SPECIFICATION NO. HD-S2286 - APPROVED AND NOTICE INVITING BIDS AUTHORIZED – TRUCK EXIT LANE DRAINAGE SYSTEM ON PIER J.**

Communication from D. A. Thiessen, Chief Harbor Engineer, dated May 10, 2006, submitting Specification No. HD-S2286 for truck exit lane drainage system at Pacific Container Terminal on Pier J, and requesting authority to advertise for bids for said work, was presented to the Board. The request was approved by the Acting Executive Director.

**4. DRILLING PERMIT APPLICATIONS – APPROVED.**

Communication from Robert Kanter, Director of Planning, dated May 10, 2006, requesting that the following drilling permit applications be approved:

HDP #06-043X	THUMS Long Beach Co. – Re-Drill Well J433 RD4
HDP #06-044X	THUMS Long Beach Co. – Re-Drill Well J421 RD1
HDP #06-047X	THUMS Long Beach Co. – Drill Well J520

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

**5. LEVEL I HARBOR DEVELOPMENT PERMITS – RECEIVED AND FILED.**

Communication from Robert Kanter, Director of Planning, dated May 10, 2006, requesting that the following Level I Harbor Development Permits be received and filed:

HDP #06-028	Southern California Edison – Conduit Installation and Replacement
HDP #06-042	Arco Terminal Services Corp. – Anode Ground Bed Installation
HDP #06-045	Weyerhaeuser Co. – Office Building Repairs
HDP #06-048	Port of Long Beach – Removal of Sunken Sailboat

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

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

Communication from Michael J. Slavin, Chief Financial Officer, dated May 10, 2006, submitting the following Fund Transfer Journals received from the Department of Financial Management:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
103,614.92	Insurance Fund – Worker’s Compensation for May 2006
123,294.92	Employee Benefits Fund – Pension obligation bonds for May 2006
175,515.33	General Fund – transfer of the May 2006 estimated City general administration costs
9,811.75	General Fund – adjustment for additional cost of indirect overhead for prior year – May 2006
11,058.33	Technical Systems – financial information system for May 2006
3,681.44	Planning and Building Permits for March 2006
352.00	Fingerprinting for December 2005 and January 2006

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

Commissioner Walter moved, seconded by Commissioner Hancock that the communications be received and filed and that Items Nos. 1-6 be approved as recommended. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Comms:	Walter, Hancock, Cordero, Hankla
NOES:	“	None
ABSENT:	“	Topsy-Elvord

REGULAR AGENDA.

**7. RESOLUTION CANCELLING THE REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2006 – RESOLUTION NO. HD-2302 - ADOPTED.**

Communication from Gustav T. Hein, Executive Officer to the Board, dated May 9, 2006, recommending adoption of a resolution authorizing cancelling of the regular meeting of Tuesday, May 30, 2006, was presented to the Board together with the authorizing resolution therefore. The recommendation was approved by the Executive Director.

Commissioner Walter 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 30, 2006," be declared read and adopted as read. Carried by the following vote:

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

8. INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC. - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE PREFERENTIAL ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT ON PIER G AND PIER J – FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE.

Communication from Kathryn McDermott, Director of Properties, dated May 10, 2006, recommending approval of a Preferential Assignment Agreement with International Transportation Service, Inc., for a marine container terminal on Pier G and Pier J, was presented to the Board together with the authorizing ordinance therefore. The recommendation was approved by the Acting Executive Director.

Commissioner Hancock moved, seconded by Commissioner Walter that the communication be received and filed and that the ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A PREFERENTIAL ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS AND INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC., FOR THE USE OF CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE HARBOR DISTRICT, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION RELATING THERETO," be declared read for the first time and laid over for its second and final reading. Carried by the following vote:

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

9. SSA TERMINALS, LLC - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE FIRST AMENDMENT TO PREFERENTIAL ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE

PIER C TERMINAL – DOCUMENT NO. HD-6725A - ORDINANCE NO. HD-1959 - ADOPTED.

Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PREFERENTIAL ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS, AND SSA TERMINALS, LLC FOR THE USE OF CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE HARBOR DISTRICT, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION RELATING THERETO," was presented to the Board for its second and final reading.

Commissioner Cordero moved, seconded by Commissioner Walter that said ordinance be declared read for the second time and adopted as read. Carried by the following vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS.

There was no new business.

ADJOURNED.

At 2:30 p.m., Commissioner Hancock moved, seconded by Commissioner Walter that the meeting be adjourned sine die. Carried by the following vote:

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

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
April 20, 2006**

**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 Senior Center Library. Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

**Present:** Chris Kozaites, President  
Bea Antenore  
Simon George  
Albert Guerra  
Brett Waterfield

**Absent:** Harry Saltzgaver, Vice President (excused)  
Drew Satariano (excused)

**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  
Diane Lewis, Manager, Community Enrichment Programs  
Sherri Nixon-Joiner, Superintendent, Community Recreation Programs Bureau  
Geoff Hall, Special Projects Officer  
Gwendolyn Parker, Superintendent of Contracts and Revenue Development  
William Greco, Acting Chief Ranger  
Robin Black, Executive Assistant to the Director

**Guests:** Summer Hansen, Children's Day

**It was moved by Commissioner Waterfield and seconded by Commissioner Antenore to excuse the absence of Vice President Saltzgaver and Commissioner Satariano. The motion carried unanimously.**

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 16, 2006**

**It was moved by Commissioner Guerra and seconded by Commissioner George to approve the March 16, 2006 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

**III. SAMMY AWARD PRESENTATION – JANET DAY-ANSELMO**

Ms. Janet Day-Anselmo gave a PowerPoint presentation on what Sammy has been doing the past month and then awarded the Sammy Award to Viola Sellers, Assistant Administrative Analyst in the Business Operations Bureau.

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

President Kozaites stated that the Employee of the Month Award would be postponed to the May meeting, because the employee was not available.

**V. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS**

**#06-0401**

**PERSONAL SERVICES/INSTRUCTION AGREEMENTS-MONTHLY APPROVAL**

Mr. Hester stated that the Contract Class Coordinator is very active and there are quite a few classes on this agreement.

**It was moved by Commissioner Antenore and seconded by Commissioner George 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.**

President Kozaites stated that the Children's Day item would be taken later, when Ms. Summer Hansen arrives.

**#06-0403**

**AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A NEW PERMIT WITH GREG RUVOLO AND TED SNELLEN, INDIVIDUALS DOING BUSINESS AS EL DORADO EXPRESS**

Mr. Hester stated that the Department went through a Request for Proposal process for the train and picnic concession in El Dorado Regional Park, and El Dorado Express was the only responder.

President Kozaites asked about the current rent. Ms. Gwendolyn Parker responded that the current rent is a percentage fee based on revenue received for the past three years. There is no minimum.

Commissioner Guerra asked if there are other operators. Ms. Parker responded that the Request for Proposal was posted on the City's website and sent to 20 potential operators, who did not respond.



Commissioner Antenore said that this train was placed in the park years ago in lieu of a full-scale train; they wanted to have something like the train in Griffith Park. The neighbors did not want a full-scale train, so this smaller version was brought in.

Commissioner Guerra said that he rode the train about three years ago with his boys, but there seemed to be something lacking on the ride. He felt there could have been more done for the ride.

Ms. Parker responded that Greg Ruvolo and his partner are exploring different ways of expanding the operation, but there are restrictions with how that area can be developed.

Mr. Hester stated that there has been discussion on expanding the train ride, without trying to make it into an amusement park ride.

**It was moved by Commissioner Antenore and seconded by Commissioner Guerra to authorize the execution of a new permit with Greg Ruvolo and Ted Snellen, individuals doing business as El Dorado Express, for the operation of an 18-gauge model railway concession for a term of five years with two five-year options for renewal, subject to the approval of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **VI. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS**

### **A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE President Kozaites, Chair**

President Kozaites said that the Executive Committee met last week and discussed the agenda. They recommended taking another tour of the park facilities later in the summer, after the new Commissioners are appointed.

### **B. FINANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE Commissioner Satariano, Chair**

President Kozaites stated that Commissioner Satariano was not here and the statement was included in the packet. He said that the Committee would meet in two weeks to discuss fees.

### **C. PARK SAFETY COMMITTEE Commissioner Waterfield, Chair**

Commissioner Waterfield stated that the Committee met this morning. He said that park ranger staffing was an issue discussed and the Department would hopefully receive background clearance soon, to be able to hire more park rangers. Commissioner Waterfield said that the park rangers have been

involved in the student protests that have taken place over the past month, particularly in Houghton and Cesar Chavez Parks. He also discussed the two large events that recently took place at El Dorado Regional Park, the Cambodian New Year event on April 15, followed by Easter Sunday on April 16. He commended the park rangers for their work during those two events. He also stated that the incident statistics were included in the packet.

Mr. Greco stated that El Dorado Regional Park was so full on Easter Sunday and traffic was backed up on the 605 Freeway that staff had to close the park at 4:00 p.m. to any further entries.

Commissioner Guerra asked about the Cambodian New Year dates.

Mr. Hester responded that those dates were previously discussed with the group, and David Ashman would be holding a debriefing meeting to look at next year's event.

Mr. Hester responded that the park ranger manual is complete and ready to be distributed and would possibly be brought before the Parks and Recreation Commission next month.

President Kozaites suggested that the draft park ranger manual be sent to all the Commissioners and referred to the Park Safety Committee to make recommendations to the full Commission. He suggested that the Commissioners who are not on the Park Safety Committee call Commissioner Waterfield and let him know their suggestions.

Mr. Hester discussed the park ranger budget reductions and said that the Department is requesting that they be exempt from further reductions, such as Police and Fire are exempt. He also mentioned the discussions about placing a police supervisor over the park rangers.

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

President Kozaites stated that Commissioner Satariano was not here, and the Committee did not meet.

E. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS COMMITTEE  
Commissioner George, Chair

Commissioner George stated that the Committee met this morning and discussed the projects listed in the report. He said that the Committee would be arranging for a tour of the park facilities, as President Kozaites already mentioned.

Commissioner Antenore requested that since this tour would happen after she and President Kozaites would be termed out, could they also be invited to attend.

Mr. Hester discussed the park bond issue that would be going before the City Council. He suggested that this be discussed at a Capital Improvement Projects Committee meeting, before the next Commission meeting.

President Kozaites mentioned that the President of the Westside Long Beach Youth Foundation spoke at the City Council meeting very eloquently and did an outstanding job. The Parks and Recreation Commission should thank her for doing an outstanding job.

Ms. Nixon-Joiner stated that the woman was Jerlene Tatum

F. CITY SCHOOLS/JOINT COMMITTEE  
Commissioner Antenore, Chair

Commissioner Antenore stated that she was unable to attend and asked if Commissioner Waterfield could go over the items.

Commissioner Waterfield went over the items discussed at the meeting, such as the project at Admiral Kidd Park.

Commissioner Guerra stated that the City Council discussed several times removing asphalt at schools and turning it to park land. He asked if this was the appropriate committee to bring this subject up.

President Kozaites stated that on April 18, the City Council also discussed this issue. He said that he thinks it is incredibly important that we push for the greening of the asphalt playgrounds and develop sports fields for our programs as well.

Mr. Hester stated that this concept goes back quite a ways, and Tom Clark was one of the initiators for this discussion. He said that there is a higher-level committee, which includes the Mayor and the Superintendent of Schools, and this item should be brought to their attention. Mr. Hester stated that the Department did do a pilot program with Birney Elementary School to remove the asphalt and replace it with turf. He said that it is more expensive because of the maintenance issue. The Department looked into an agreement, at the time, to perform maintenance of the site. There is currently a State law in effect that does not allow the school districts to contract out their maintenance. The work has to be performed by their employees, and they have a very small staff. The Long Beach Unified School District, at that time, decided to not replace asphalt with turf due to the maintenance cost. Mr. Hester said that he asked Dennis Eschen, a few months ago, to look at all the various school sites in the city to look for opportunities to green asphalt areas or realign school fence

areas to allow for more public use for sports fields. He also discussed the Department being interested in handling the permitting of the school green areas.

Commissioner Guerra requested a copy of the asphalt to greening of the school yards report be sent to the Commissioners.

President Kozaites requested that this item be discussed at the May Executive Committee meeting regarding the Parks and Recreation Commission's involvement and where it should go.

**G. SPECIAL EVENTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
Vice President Saltzgaver, Chair

Ms. Diane Lewis stated that Vice President Saltzgaver asked her to distribute the schedule for the free summer concerts, which will be going into the Department's summer brochure also. She said that they are including the schedule for the Municipal Band as well as the free summer concert program that we are planning this year. In the free summer concerts program, the Department is including the locations that have traditionally had music, like the Nature Center, Rancho Los Cerritos, El Dorado Park, and Cerritos Park. In addition to these, they are going to provide music at other park locations throughout the city where there isn't a Municipal Band concert, funded from sources other than the General Fund. She said that this schedule would be distributed at all the concerts throughout the city.

Commissioner Guerra requested that the Municipal Band schedule be e-mailed to him so he could distribute it to his neighborhood.

Ms. Lewis discussed the Municipal Band Gala and distributed flyers.

President Kozaites stated that the Commission would now hear information on the Children's Day event.

**V. #06-0402**  
**CHILDREN'S DAY**

Ms. Summer Hansen stated that it is her vision that Children's Day be celebrated everywhere. Ms. Hansen discussed all the Children's Day events that would be taking place throughout the city.

The Parks and Recreation Commissioners thanked Ms. Hansen for her presentation.

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

**A. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH 2006**

Commissioner Antenore asked if the gas cost is impacting the mobile recreation program. Ms. Nixon-Joiner responded no, the program still has its scheduled stops.

Mr. Hester stated that they don't do a lot of driving around; they stop at two locations and stay half a day at each.

**VIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

President Kozaites stated that there was no correspondence received.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

President Kozaites stated there was no unfinished business this month.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. HOMELAND NEIGHBORHOOD CULTURAL CENTER AT MACARTHUR PARK STRATEGIC PLAN 2006-2008**

Ms. Lewis stated that a copy of the draft plan was included in the packet. She said that it gives an insight into the history of Homeland, a needs assessment, the artistic vision statement, the current service program offerings, the challenges of Homeland and MacArthur Park and how the Department hopes to address those in the next few years, and information about the new construction project. She said that there have been goals and objectives laid out beginning this year through 2008, and they would be working closely with the Homeland staff to set a direction for future expansion of the facility and taking back the park with positive activities.

Commissioner Antenore stated it was well done and very interesting.

**It was moved by Commissioner Antenore and seconded by Commissioner Waterfield to refer the Homeland Neighborhood Cultural Center at MacArthur Park Strategic Plan 2006-2008 to the Recreation and Special Events Committee to come back to the Parks and Recreation Commission with a recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

**XI. COMMENTS**

**A. AUDIENCE**

President Kozaites asked for comments from the audience. There were no comments from the audience.

**B. STAFF**

Ms. Lewis distributed flyers for events at Rancho Los Cerritos and Homeland and discussed the events.

Mr. Hester stated that the Department was a finalist for the National Recreation and Park Association's (NRPA) Gold Medal Award, which can only be won every five years by the same city. He said the winner would be announced at the NRPA annual conference in Seattle, Washington in October. The Department needs to prepare a 12-minute video to be submitted for the final judging.

Ms. Lewis stated that the Nature Center has a couple of Earth Day events on Saturday and described those.

Mr. Hester stated that the Cesar Chavez Park Amphitheater opening has been delayed to July and the Grace Park opening would possibly take place on May 20.

**C. COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Guerra asked if his neighborhood association could request the mobile skate park truck to come out to their neighborhood for an event. Mr. Hester stated that he would have staff contact him and check with their schedule.

Commissioner Guerra asked for an explanation of Partners of Parks.

Commissioner Antenore responded that they are a non-profit group, started many years ago to support parks and recreation. She said that they are in the middle of reorganization. One of the things they do is raise funds for kids who cannot afford to pay for classes, etc., and they are involved in receiving money for fundraisers benefiting the parks. She mentioned that one of the changes being made is when Partners of Parks will handle a large fundraiser, they will be charging a 10% fee because they need to hire accountants and people to work in the office.

Commissioner Waterfield invited staff and the Commissioners to the California State University, Long Beach Kaleidoscope event on April 29 at 11:00 a.m.

**XII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2006, at El Dorado Park West, in the Senior Center Library, 2800 Studebaker Road., Long Beach.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

President Kozaites adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin Black". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "B".

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   6,   2 0 0 6**

The regular meeting of the City Planning Commission and public hearing convened on April 6, 2006 at 1:31pm in the City Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California.

**PRESENT:   COMMISSIONERS:** Matthew Jenkins, Leslie Gentile,  
Morton Stuhlbarg, Charles Winn

**ABSENT:   EXCUSED:** Charles Greenberg, Mitchell Rouse,  
Nick Sramek

**CHAIRMAN:** Matthew Jenkins

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Suzanne Frick, Director  
Greg Carpenter, Planning Manager  
Angela Reynolds, Advance Planning  
Lynette Ferenczy, Planner  
Lemuel Hawkins, Planner  
Jeff Winklepleck, Planner

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mike Mais, Deputy City Attorney  
Marcia Gold, Minutes Clerk

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

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Winn.

**M I N U T E S**

The minutes of February 16, 2006 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Stuhlbarg, seconded by Commissioner Winn, and passed 3-0-1, with Commissioner Gentile abstaining and Commissioners Greenberg, Rouse and Sramek absent.

**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**

Commissioner Winn moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented by staff. Commissioner Stuhlbarg seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioners Greenberg, Rouse and Sramek were absent.



**1a. Case No. 0601-22, Condominium Conversion, CE 06-06**

Applicant: Subtec c/o Robert Vargo, Representative  
Subject Site: 3440 E. Ransom Street (Council Dist. 4)  
Description: Request for approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 065188 to convert eight residential dwelling units of an existing apartment building into condominiums.

Approved Tentative Tract Map No. 065188 subject to conditions.

**1b. Case No. 0512-06, Condominium Conversion, CE 05-261**

Applicant: Prodigy Capital c/o Rey Berona  
Subject Site: 1460 Obispo (Council District 4)  
Description: Request for approval of Waived Parcel Map No. 064967 to convert eight residential dwelling units of an existing apartment building into condominiums.

Approved Waived Parcel Map No. 064967 subject to conditions.

**1c. Case No. 0601-31, Condominium Conversion, CE 06-13**

Applicant: Randy Morris  
Subject Site: 4801-4811 Clark Avenue (Council Dist. 5)  
Description: Approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 065852 to convert an eleven unit apartment building into ten condominiums.

Approved Tentative Tract Map No. 065852 subject to conditions.

**1d. Case No. 0601-17, Condominium Conversion, CE 06-05**

Applicant: HCL Investment Properties LLC  
c/o Ron Hartmayer  
Subject Site: 1414 Coronado Avenue (Council Dist. 4)  
Description: Request for approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 063797 to convert nine residential dwelling units of an existing apartment building into condominiums.

Approved Tentative Tract Map No. 063797 subject to conditions.

**1e. Case No. 0510-19, Tentative Tract Map, CE 05-196**

Applicant: Rey Berona - ACB Real Estate  
Subject Site: 1441 Locust Avenue (Council Dist. 1)  
Description: Request for approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 063067 to convert eight residential dwelling units into condominiums.

Approved Tentative Tract Map No. 063067 subject to conditions.

**1f. Case No. 0512-13, Conditional Use Permit Modification, CE 05-166**

Applicant: Ciaran Gallager  
Subject Site: 2751 E. Broadway (Council District 3)  
Description: Conditional Use Permit to expand an alcohol license from beer and wine to full alcohol and modification of existing conditions of approval.

Approved the Conditional Use Permit and modification requests, subject to conditions.

**1g. Case No. 0601-07, Zoning Ordinance Amendment, CE 06-54**

Applicant: City of Long Beach  
Subject Site: Citywide  
Description: Proposed Amendment to Title 21 (Zoning Ordinance) of the Long Beach Municipal Code to establish development standards for used automobile sales businesses in all commercially zoned and/or planned development districts.

Continued to the May 18, 2006 meeting.

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

**2. Case No. 0508-23, Conditional Use Permit, Standards Variance, Administrative Use Permit, CE 05-152**

Applicant: Dr. Lawrence A. Lasisi  
Subject Site: 1925 & 1951 Pacific Ave. (Council Dist. 6)  
Description: Conditional Use Permit to allow the establishment of a church in the CNP Zone, a Standards Variance request for a reduced number of parking spaces and off-site parking without a deed restriction, and an Administrative Use Permit for off-site joint use parking.

Lynette Ferenczy presented the staff report reiterating the previously recommended continuation to allow the applicant to obtain a deed restriction for the recommended parking. The applicant had not yet received the deed restriction, so staff was recommending a further continuance.

Annie Greenfeld, 1951 Chestnut, asked that the item not be continued since she felt that the 30 days already given to the applicant was enough.

Colleen McDonald, 525 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street, also objected to the recommended continuation.

Gavin McKieran, 1891 Oregon Avenue, objected to the continuation and said the applicant had already had many months to come into compliance with zoning regulations.

Commissioner Winn asked staff to bring back a background of the applicant's history in the area and issues related to other churches in the area so that the Commission would be cognizant of the issues surrounding the case.

Commissioner Stuhlbarg moved to continue the item to the May 18, 2006 meeting. Commissioner Winn seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioners Greenberg, Rouse and Sramek were absent.

**3. Case No. 0512-01, Conditional Use Permit, CE 05-256**

Applicant: Sprint/Nextel Communications, Inc.  
Suresite Consulting Group, agent  
Courtney Schmidt, representative  
Subject Site: 5290 Long Beach Blvd. (Council District 8)  
Description: A Conditional Use Permit to construct and maintain a ground-mounted cellular and personal communication services facility, consisting of a 45' high monopole antenna structure designed as a palm tree with accessory equipment.

Lemuel Hawkins presented the staff report recommending approval of the permit since the proposed monopole has been designed with disguising features and is located at the rear of the subject property; and because its installation will improve the quality of service to cellular communication uses with a foundation to support additional carriers, and no adverse public health or environmental impacts were foreseen.

In response to a query from Commissioner Winn regarding which of the two installations--from Item 3 or Item 4--better served customers, Mr. Hawkins explained that staff's position was that because there was no existing Sprint coverage, and Nextel could co-locate, this would be the better one to approve. Mr. Winn said that based on the evidence, it looked like the Nextel site was the one to approve, so he would oppose the staff's recommendation.

Courtney Schmidt, Suresite Consulting, 18200 Von Karman, S. 300, Irvine, 92612, applicant, pointed out that this site was the only one available since CVS had refused to let Sprint lease their rooftop. She added that they could not co-locate with Nextel on Atlantic Avenue because they didn't need coverage there, and that they were willing to build to accommodate co-location at the proposed site.

Ed Gala, Sprint/Nextel, 310 Commerce, Irvine, 92602, clarified that although Nextel enjoyed some coverage from their existing Atlantic Avenue site, it was spotty and insufficient with an unscreened antenna, which would be decommissioned when and if the requested monopole in Item #4 was approved.

Mark Milan, 2525 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, said he felt a 60' monopole was inappropriate.

In response to a question from Commissioner Gentile regarding monopole height, Mr. Hawkins explained that this installation request was for 45' but in order to accommodate co-location, 15' per additional carrier was allowed by code up to 75'.

Commissioner Winn moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit request, subject to conditions. Commissioner Stuhlbarg seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioners Greenberg, Rouse and Sramek were absent.

**4. Case No. 0512-25, Conditional Use Permit, CE 05-273**

Applicant: Nextel Communications, Inc.  
Edward Gala, representative  
Subject Site: 5115 Atlantic Ave. (Council District 8)  
Description: A Conditional Use Permit to construct and maintain a ground-mounted cellular and personal communication services facility, consisting of a 47' high monopole antenna structure designed as a palm tree with accessory equipment.

Lemuel Hawkins presented the staff report recommending denial of the request since staff felt there was sufficient coverage already in the area.

Ed Gala, Sprint/Nextel, 310 Commerce, Irvine, 92602, applicant, noted that his company would save a quarter of a million dollars if they were able to co-locate with Sprint on the previous site, but were unable to do so because although the two companies had merged, they still used two different and incompatible technologies, and it was too far away from their coverage objectives. Mr. Gala indicated they had pursued alternate, preferred locations but could not reach an agreement with either the YMCA or the Port of Long Beach. He added that the monopole was more than 120 feet from Atlantic with all the equipment contained inside the building, which was hidden and further screened by existing, mature trees. Mr. Gala reported that the proposed antenna would provide improved coverage in the area.

In response to a query from Commissioner Stuhlberg about the staff recommendation to deny, Mr. Hawkins explained that staff was trying to eliminate the proliferation of ground-mounted locations, and felt that Nextel could co-locate on the now-approved Sprint location.

Mr. Carpenter added that staff did not see enough evidence to prove that Nextel could not colocate on the previous facility.

Commissioner Winn said he felt that the applicant would not spend this kind of money if they didn't have to, and that removal of the original site upon completion of the new should be conditioned.

Mr. Hawkins noted that this would afford the City the ability to offer additional co-location opportunities while removing a roof-mounted facility that did not conform to design standards.

Commissioner Winn moved to continue the item to April 20, 2006 to allow staff to bring back revised conditions of approval. Commissioner Stuhlberg seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioners Greenberg, Rouse and Sramek were absent.

**5. Case No. 0507-22, Standards Variance, Local Coastal Development Permit, CE 05-137**

Appellant: Mark Milan  
Subject Site: 2533 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (Council District 2)  
Description: Appeal of the decision of the Zoning Administrator to deny a Local Coastal Development Permit and Standards Variance for oversize and over-height accessory structure in the front yard setback (off Broadway) on a through lot.

Greg Carpenter presented the staff report recommending denial of the appeal, since the structure would have a negative visual impact on Broadway and because there is sufficient room to relocate it to another location more suitable and in compliance with site development standards. The site also has an existing garage and accessory structure, and although a number of existing nearby buildings on Broadway are within the 15' setback, they are not as close as the building being proposed, based upon a diagram submitted by the appellant.

Mark Milan, 2525 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, appellant, claimed that the Cultural Heritage Commission had unanimously approved his project and that most of his neighbors already had two-story buildings in the same area. Mr. Milan added that he felt his lot was unique and he read letters of support from nearby property owners. He also presented photos showing his property and where the building would be sited, noting that his section of Broadway was a busy, problematic area with mature vegetation that would screen the structure. He noted that by adding this structure, his tenants would no longer have to park on Broadway.

Mr. Carpenter added that the appellant had been offered the services of the City's Urban Design Office, who had contacted the project architect, who was willing to work on alternative designs, but that the appellant had demonstrated an unwillingness to change his original plans.

Commissioner Winn pointed out that the Commission is charged with interpreting the rules, and to decide whether or not a project conformed with zoning, and this did not.

Chairman Jenkins noted that the onus was on the appellant to make sure the project was built within City guidelines, and although he appreciated the Cultural Heritage Commission's decision, this Commission was following specific zoning

guidelines. Mr. Jenkins urged the appellant to be more cooperative in working with staff.

Mr. Stuhlbarg reminded appellant Milan that when requesting an accommodation it was prudent to have a better attitude when working with City staff members, and he also suggested that although the height of the building was not problematic, the blank wall of the structure needed to be altered to make it look more like the front of the house.

Suzanne Frick stated that staff would be happy to work to redesign the project with the Urban Design Office if the appellant was willing to participate.

In response to a question from Chairman Jenkins as to whether or not he could work with staff in a humane, cooperative manner to redesign the project to meet City guidelines, Mr. Milan stated he was prepared to do that.

Commissioner Winn agreed that from a standpoint of appearance, the project was not an issue, and noted that the Commission had given the appellant many chances to redesign the project and he had not been willing to do so.

Commissioner Winn moved to uphold the decision of the Zoning Administrator and deny the appeal. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Gentile noted that since this was an elective project, the appellant should not be asking for every variance, and that his architect should be able to prepare viable alternative designs. Ms. Gentile added that the overall rhythm of the block was not zero setbacks, and that he should look at the overall positioning of the building.

Commissioner Stuhlbarg moved to continue the item to the May 18, 2006 meeting for final resolution of the matter. Commissioner Gentile seconded the motion, which passed 3-1. Commissioner Winn dissented, and Commissioners Greenberg, Rouse and Sramek were absent.

**R E G U L A R   A G E N D A**

**6.   Case No. 0601-13, Zoning Ordinance Amendment, CE 06-23**

Applicant:       City of Long Beach  
                  c/o James Goodin, Business Svcs. Officer  
Subject Site:    Citywide  
Description:     Proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance  
                  regarding home occupation uses and reclassifying painting  
                  contractors from a prohibited use to a permitted use.

Jeff Winklepleck presented the staff report recommending adoption of the requests since allowing painting contractors as home-based businesses will result in safer operations as well as additional revenues for the City.

Chairman Jenkins observed that this seemed a logical step since there were no health or environmental problems associated with these businesses.

Sean Barrett, 4496 Cerritos Avenue, painting contractor, expressed support for the staff recommendation, saying it would increase income to local suppliers while keeping overhead low for local painters, allowing them to be more competitive.

Commissioner Winn moved to recommend that the City Council adopt the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Commissioner Gentile seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioners Greenberg, Rouse and Sramek were absent.

**7.   Case No. 0404-13, Annual Review**

Applicant:       Boeing Realty Corporation  
                  c/o Deborah L. Stanley  
Subject Site:    3855 Lakewood Blvd. (Council District 5)  
Description:     Annual review of the Development Agreement  
                  between the City of Long Beach and Boeing (McDonnell  
                  Douglas Corporation)

Lynette Ferenczy presented the staff report recommending finding the applicant to be in compliance with the terms of the Development Agreement.

Mario Stevali, Senior Real Estate Manager, Boeing Realty Company, 4900 E. Conant Street, stated that the first phase of infrastructure was being inlaid and that the first block of land would be available for sale by year's end. Mr. Stevali added



that there was no formal marketing program yet, but that they were in the early states of negotiating with unsolicited interested parties.

Commissioner Winn noted that the market for residential properties was so strong, he was encouraged to hear that there was also commercial interest. Mr. Winn added that he was not impressed by what he had seen accomplished so far.

Mr. Carpenter noted that this was an update only, and that much of the work going on now was the less-visible remediation and infrastructure work required to allow future development.

Mr. Stevali added that they were currently doing a significant amount of planning, and that once the first phase of the project was started in the next six to eight months, there would be significant changes in the property.

Commissioner Winn moved to review the materials and find the applicant to be in compliance with the terms of the Development Agreement. Commissioner Gentile seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioners Greenberg, Rouse and Sramek were absent.

#### **M A T T E R S   F R O M   T H E   A U D I E N C E**

Ronnie Rephan, audience member, asked about renting restaurant space at 91 South Pine. Mr. Carpenter gave him contact information so that staff could respond to his questions.

#### **M A T T E R S   F R O M   T H E   D E P A R T M E N T   O F P L A N N I N G   A N D   B U I L D I N G**

Angela Reynolds stated that the airport terminal improvement would be discussed during the May 4, 2006 meeting.

#### **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**

Chairman Jenkins expressed concern about the ability of the water, sewage and power infrastructures to handle all the anticipated development downtown. Ms. Reynolds noted that every one of the projects was accompanied by a final EIR or Mitigated Negative Declaration indicating that there was sufficient capacity to handle these projects.

**A D J O U R N**

The meeting adjourned at 3:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Gold  
Minutes Clerk

**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 0 ,   2 0 0 6**

The regular meeting of the City Planning Commission and public hearing convened on April 20, 2006 at 1:31pm in the City Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California.

**PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS:** Matthew Jenkins, Charles Greenberg,  
Morton Stuhlbarg, Charles Winn,  
Nick Sramek

**ABSENT: EXCUSED:** Leslie Gentile, Mitchell Rouse

**CHAIRMAN:** Matthew Jenkins

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Greg Carpenter, Planning Manager  
Angela Reynolds, Advance Planning  
Carolyne Bihn, Zoning Officer  
Lemuel Hawkins, Planner  
Steven Valdez, Planner

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mike Mais, Deputy City Attorney  
Marcia Gold, Minutes Clerk

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

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Winn..

**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**

Commissioner Winn moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented by staff. Commissioner Sramek seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. Commissioners Gentile and Rouse were absent.

**1a. Case No. 0512-25, Conditional Use Permit, CE 05-273**

Applicant: Sprint/Nextel c/o Ed Gala  
Subject Site: 5115 Atlantic Avenue (Council Dist. 8)  
Description: A Conditional Use Permit to construct and maintain a ground-mounted cellular and personal communication services facility, consisting of a 45' high monopole antenna structure designed as a palm tree with accessory equipment.

Approved the Conditional Use Permit request subject to conditions.

**1b. Case No. 0512-02, Condominium Conversion, CE 06-32**

Applicant: Todd Hawke  
Subject Site: 1100 Walnut Avenue (Council District 2)  
Description: Request for approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 065446 to convert eleven residential dwelling units of an existing apartment building into condominiums.

Approved Tentative Tract Map No. 065446 subject to conditions.

**1c. Case No. 0602-04, Condominium Conversion, CE 06-22**

Applicant: Ryan Bumgarner  
Subject Site: 2514 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street (Council Dist. 2)  
Description: Request for approval of Tentative Parcel Map No. 065468 to convert four residential dwelling units of an existing apartment building into condominiums.

Approved Tentative Parcel Map No. 065468 subject to conditions.

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

**2. Case No. 0511-23, Conditional Use Permit, CE 05-279**

Applicant: Nextel Communications Inc.  
Edward Gala, representative  
Subject Site: 5000 Lew Davis Street (Council Dist. 5)  
Description: A Conditional Use Permit to construct and maintain a ground-mounted cellular and personal communication services facility consisting of a 66' high monopole antenna structure designed as a pine tree with accessory equipment.

Lemuel Hawkins presented the staff report recommending approval of the request since the proposed monopole had been designed with disguising features and was located at the rear of the subject property, able to support three wireless carriers and improving service in the area.

Ed Gala, 310 Commerce Street, Irvine, 92602, applicant, stated he agreed to all conditions except #25 which tied issuance of a building permit to the performance of another carrier.

Planner Hawkins suggested rewording the condition to allow the applicant to build the new antenna before disconnecting the old one to avoid downtime.

In response to a query from Commissioner Greenberg, Ms. Bihn explained that staff used a map to track cellular locations in the City.

Mr. Hawkins added that the staff's goal was to centralize and coordinate these applications, with the goal of handling most of them administratively.

Commissioner Stuhlbarg moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit request, subject to the revised conditions. Commissioner Winn seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. Commissioners Gentile and Rouse were absent.

### REGULAR AGENDA

**3. Case No. 0412-27, Conditional Use Permit, Administrative Use Permit, Standards Variance, CE 04-259**

Applicant: Loretha Pennix  
Subject Site: 6160 Atlantic Avenue (Council District 9)  
Description: Conditional Use Permit to allow the establishment of a church in the CCA Zone, with Standards Variance request for the number of parking spaces and Administrative Use Permit request for off-site parking located further than 600 feet without a deed restriction.

Steven Valdez presented the staff report recommending denial of the requests since the proposed use does not meet parking requirements for a church and positive findings cannot be made to support them.

Loretha Pennix, P. O. Box 18527, Long Beach, 90807, building owner and applicant, said she felt the church should have grandfathered parking rights since it had been operating in the same location for many years.

Ms. Bihn stated that staff was not aware of the history of the church which needed to be investigated, and she asked that the applicant provide proof of the church establishment prior to 1987 while staff researched zoning requirements for that time period.

Willy Cockroft, P. O. Box 330671, Pacoima, said the church had been unable to find any alternative parking, but that they only had 55 congregants, most of whom were non-driving local residents.

Chairman Jenkins noted that a letter had been received from the North Long Beach Community Action Group complaining about litter problems at the church site, and asked Mr. Cockroft to address the letter at the next hearing.

Mr. Cockroft insisted that they kept the area clean and had not been approached by the group.

Kimura Washington, 413 Janice Street, area resident and church member, stated she had walked to the church for many years and never saw any kind of parking problems. Ms. Washington also professed that the church was vigilant in maintaining their property in a clean manner.

Commissioner Greenberg moved to continue the item to the June 1, 2006 meeting to allow the applicant to further explore parking alternatives and to allow staff to investigate the age of the church and possible grandfathered parking. Commissioner Winn seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. Commissioners Gentile and Rouse were absent.

#### **M A T T E R S   F R O M   T H E   A U D I E N C E**

There were no matters from the audience.

#### **M A T T E R S   F R O M   T H E   D E P A R T M E N T   O F P L A N N I N G   A N D   B U I L D I N G**

Mr. Carpenter said that the Sports Park issue had been heard at the City Council meeting and that the alternate plan incorporating the Commission's suggestions to investigate open space and wetlands had been approved. City Council had also asked the Commission to research the feasibility of incorporating additional sustainability issues.

#### **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 2:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Gold  
Minutes Clerk

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA  
APRIL 6, 2006**

The Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Long Beach met in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow Road, Long Beach, California, on April 6, 2006.

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by President Conley.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Stephen T. Conley	Commissioner
	Frank Clarke	Commissioner
	Lillian Y. Kawasaki	Commissioner
	William B. Townsend	Commissioner
	Helen Z. Hansen	Commissioner
	Donna F. Gwin	Senior Deputy City Attorney
	Kevin L. Wattier	General Manager
	Sandra L. Fox	Secretary to the Board of Water Commissioners
	Robert C. Cheng	Deputy General Manager - Operations
	B. Anatole Falagan	Deputy General Manager-Business
	Ryan J. Alsop	Director, Government & Public Affairs
	Matthew P. Lyons	Director, Planning & Conservation
	Paul T. Fujita	Director of Finance
	K. Eric Leung	Director of Water Resources
	Robert V. Swain	Division Engineer
	Robert Villanueva	Division Engineer
	Theresa Wu	Senior Engineer
	Melissa L. Keyes	Administrative Projects Coordinator
	Dynna Long	Senior Secretary
	Vini Delgado	Poly High School Solar Cup Team Coach
	Poly High School Students	Members of Poly High School Solar Cup Team
	Eugene Williams	Millikan High School Solar Cup Team Coach
	Millikan High School Students	Members of Millikan High School Solar Cup Team

**ABSENT:** None

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vini Delgado, led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.



**NOTE: AGENDA ITEMS NO. 3 WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER AT THIS POINT IN THE MEETING**

- 3. Metropolitan Water District Presentation of 2006 Solar Cup Banners to the Teams from Robert A. Millikan High School and Long Beach Polytechnic High School, and the Long Beach Water Department as their Sponsor**
- Melissa Keyes, Administrative Projects Coordinator

President Conley welcomed the student teams and coaches from Poly and Millikan high schools who will be participating in the upcoming Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Solar Cup 2006 challenge the weekend of May 19 – May 21, 2006 at Lake Skinner.

Millikan High School team members Mary Day and Clair Pelonis, and Poly High School team members, Joe Thompson, Rithy Chen and Jennifer Lee gave brief remarks about their team's efforts, mission and goals regarding their participation in the Solar Cup 2006 event.

Commissioner Hansen (and MWD Board Director) complimented the Long Beach Water Department (LBWD) staff for their efforts in support of the Solar Cup event. She also noted LBWD's \$3,000 sponsorship which supported the participation by both high school teams. Commissioner Hansen encouraged LBWD to support and attend this year's event.

Commissioner Hansen presented MWD Diamond Valley Lake shirts to Vini Delgado and Eugene Williams, the high school Solar Cup team coaches and thanked them for their support and assistance for this event.

Ms. Keyes made introductory remarks about the upcoming Solar Cup 2006 event and explained that this is a six-month program for high school students in which teams build, equip and race solar-powered boats, learning about conservation of natural resources, electrical and mechanical engineering, and problem solving.

Ms. Keyes then introduced Julie Miller, MWD Solar Cup Project Manager. Ms. Miller gave a brief history of the development of the Solar Cup project, and noted increasing interest and participation by local schools. She presented Solar Cup participation banners to the two high school teams, and also presented a banner to LBWD for their sponsorship of the teams. Photos of these presentations were taken.

Ms. Hansen complimented Ms. Miller's efforts in the Solar Cup competition.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Conley opened the public comment period. As there were no requests to address the Board, the public comment period was closed.

**NOTE: ITEM 3 WAS CONSIDERED EARLIER IN THE AGENDA**

## **4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- **Stephen T. Conley, President, Board of Water Commissioners**

### MEMO TO CITY MANAGER REGARDING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

President Conley reviewed a draft memo responding to the City Manager's recent memo suggesting that the Department rescind their Chamber of Commerce membership. This draft memo stated that the Commission did not anticipate making any new commitments for Chamber events in the immediate future. The memo also mentioned the Commission's recent purchase of a conference table at the upcoming Chamber's Business Forecast conference and the decision to honor its commitment to fill this table.

### LEGISLATIVE VIST TO SEAWATER DESALINATION PROTOTYPE PLANT

President Conley reported that Senator John Duncan (R-Tennessee) and Senator Jerry Costello (D-Illinois) planned to visit the Seawater Desalination Prototype Plant on Tuesday, April 11, 2006. He reported that this visit was being coordinated by Mr. Ryan Alsop and Mr. Del Smith. President Conley advised he would accompany the senators on their visit, and also had plans for a dinner meeting with them later that evening.

## **5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

- **Kevin L. Wattier, General Manager**

Mr. Wattier provided the following report to the Board:

### SOLAR CUP

Mr. Wattier advised the Board that MWD offers VIP events for commissioners at the upcoming Solar Cup, and invited their participation.

### SALARY RESOLUTION APPROVAL

Mr. Wattier advised the City Council had approved the Long Beach Water Department Salary Resolution at their meeting of April 4, 2006 with no discussion. He advised this Resolution would take effect immediately.

### TREATMENT PLANT WILL BE "ELECTION CENTRAL"

Mr. Wattier advised the Treatment Plant will be "Election Central" for the upcoming election on Tuesday, April 11, 2006. While ballots are being delivered and counted at this location, a live cable television broadcast will be airing election results. He noted the efforts by Robert Cheng and his staff to accommodate the election staff for this event. Mr. Wattier invited the Commissioners to drop by the Treatment Plant to observe the election activities.

### CENTRAL BASIN RECEPTION HONORING JEFF KIGHTLINTER

Mr. Wattier reported the Central Basin MWD would be holding a reception on May 4, 2006, honoring Jeff Kightlinger, MWD General Manager. He advised the Long Beach Water Department would be co-hosting this event, but no financial participation was requested.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONSTITUENT LETTER

Mr. Wattier reviewed a letter he received from a constituent, Linda Sutton (copy distributed to Board in their cubbyholes), who was complimentary for the recent work provided to her and her neighbors by LBWD staff.

### INTERN PAPER

Mr. Wattier reported on a paper (copy distributed to Board in their cubbyholes) written by one of LBWD's interns, Scott Godfrey, regarding his internship experience at LBWD. He advised Mr. Godfrey had won a \$1,000 scholarship for this essay from the California Cooperative Education & Internship Association (CCEIA), a state-wide association of educators and employers committed to managing and support college-level internship education programs.

## **6. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

- **Donna F. Gwin, Senior Deputy City Attorney**

No report was given.

## **7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **7a. Approval of Transfer of Funds by Journal Entry Dated April 6, 2006**

Transfers No. 105 through No. 119 in the total amount of \$491,095.03, covering the Water and Sewer Revenue Funds, were submitted to the Board for approval.

**7b. Receive and File the List of Vendor Payments for the month of February 2006**

A communication was presented to the Board from Paul Fujita, which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

Action Requested:

- Receive and file list of vendor payments.

**7c. Authorize the General Manager to Sign End User Software License Agreement with DCSE, Inc. for use of MapLibrary (Data Warehousing Software), in connection with the Prototype Seawater Desalination Testing Facility Web Server**

A communication was presented to the Board from Eric Leung, which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

Action Requested:

- Authorize the General Manager to Sign End User Software License Agreement for use of MapLibrary data warehousing software, in connection with the Prototype Seawater Desalination Testing facility.

The funds are included in the FY 2005-2006 CIP Budget.

**7d. Authorize General Manager to Execute Metropolitan Water District's (MWD) Residential Water Conservation Rebate Agreement, MWD No. 70036, for Fiscal Year 2007-2015**

A communication was presented to the Board from Matthew P. Lyons, which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

Action Requested:

- Authorize General Manager to Execute Metropolitan Water District's (MWD) Residential Water Conservation Rebate Agreement, MWD No. 70036, for Fiscal Year 2007-2015

Fiscal Impact – Annual revenue from MWD of approximately \$130,000

Board Action

It was moved by Commissioner Townsend and seconded by Commissioner Hansen, and unanimously approved that the Board approve Consent Calendar Items 7a., 7b., 7c., and 7d.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>STEPHEN CONLEY, FRANK CLARKE,</u> <u>WILLIAM TOWNSEND,</u> <u>LILLIAN KAWASAKI, HELEN HANSEN</u>
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>

**8. METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (MWD) AGENDA ITEMS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE APRIL 11, 2006, BOARD MEETING**

- Helen Z. Hansen, MWD Director

In her capacity as the City of Long Beach MWD Director, Commissioner Hansen called the Board's attention to the MWD agenda for the Board of Director's meeting on April 11, 2006. She requested input from the Board and stated she will report back during the Board's Committee of the Whole meeting on April 13, 2006.

Mr. Wattier commented on MWD Agenda Item 8-1 (Award a construction contract to Kiewit Pacific Co. for Site Preparation for the Diemer Oxidation Retrofit Program). He advised that much of the work related to this item is to meet the overall needs for stabilizing the facilities area, which has portions built on fill. He advised these issues date back to when the plant was originally constructed.

Ms. Hansen commented on MWD Agenda Item 8-2 (Appropriation Relating to the Cargill Settlement) and mentioned this was related to capital projects at Diamond Valley Lake and the Oxidation Retrofit and employees related to these projects.

Ms. Hansen reported on the Diamond Valley Lake Tour that took place on Wednesday, April 5, 2006, and advised the majority of the guests were from the Auxiliary of the Assistance League. She complimented Robert Cheng on his water quality presentation made prior to the tour, and thanked Kevin for his introductory presentation and remarks.

**9. APPROVAL OF CO-PRESENTING SPONSORSHIP OF THE HAUL TO THE GREAT WALL TRIATHLON AT THE BEACH, AND ASSOCIATE SPONSORSHIP OF THE LONG BEACH SEA FESTIVAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00, PURSUANT TO THE SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF THE LONG BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT'S PARTICIPATION IN BOTH OF THESE EVENTS**

- Ryan J. Alsop, Director, Government & Public Affairs

It was moved by Commissioner Townsend and seconded by Commissioner Hansen to approve the Long Beach Water Department as a co-presenting sponsor of the Haul to the Great Wall Triathlon, and an associate sponsorship of the Long Beach Sea Festival in the amount of \$10,000.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Alsop commented on the revival of the Sea Festival event in the city.

President Conley advised that the City of Long Beach had asked Chris Pook (former promoter of the Toyota Grand Prix) to develop and promote this event, since in past years the event had lost focus and energy which contributed to its decline.

Mr. Alsop added that this is intended to be a celebration of the City's resources, such as the ocean. There was discussion about asking the Millikan and Poly high school Solar Cup teams to possibly participate in a race at one of the upcoming events.

Mr. Alsop explained that the Water Department had been approached to be the principal sponsor of the Triathlon (one of the Sea Festival events). He advised there was a potential for the Water Department to be acknowledged through the use of banners and advertisements, and an opportunity to advertise water-related messages. Mr. Alsop mentioned that LBWD had been approached to also be named the official water for this event.

Commissioner Hansen advised she would support this sponsorship if conservation was the focus of the event, and did not feel the need for advertisement of the department itself.

Commissioner Clarke asked if there were other co-sponsors. President Conley advised Wachovia Securities was confirmed as a co-sponsor.

President Conley called for the vote.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>STEPHEN CONLEY, FRANK CLARKE,</u> <u>WILLIAM TOWNSEND,</u> <u>LILLIAN KAWASAKI, HELEN HANSEN</u>
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>

**10. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/ACTIONS/BILLS**

- **Ryan J. Alsop, Director, Government & Public Affairs**

INVITATION TO COMMISSIONER KEYS

Mr. Alsop reported that an invitation had been extended to former USBR Commissioner Keys to visit the Desalination Plant, but there had been no confirmation of his participation.

There was general discussion about making a presentation to Commissioner Keys, but it was suggested that perhaps this presentation could be made part of a larger event, and participation by others honoring him.

CHLORINE GENERATION PROJECT

Mr. Alsop advised that LBWD was pursuing funds from Homeland Security for Los Angeles County to assist with the chlorine generation project. He reported that LBWD was currently requesting \$500,000. He also reported that LBWD would be pursuing acknowledgement as a national model for this project, which meant LBWD would possibly receive additional research funding.

SB 1242 (LOWENTHAL)

Mr. Alsop advised that amendments were being developed for Integrated Regional Water Management Plans (IRWMP) as part of SB 1242. He further advised he would return at a future board meeting with additional information regarding this item.

BOND UPDATE

Mr. Alsop reported that the Caves initiative can now proceed to the ballot. He advised that the legislature is working on other options, and other groups, like MWD and ACWA are also developing proposals. He reported that the Governor's role has been diminished in this process. Mr. Alsop further advised he would keep the Board informed regarding this topic.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

EXCUSED ABSENCE: COMMISSIONER KAWASAKI

Commissioner Kawasaki requested to be excused from the April 13th Board meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Townsend, and unanimously approved that Commissioner Kawasaki be excused from the April 13th Board meeting.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>STEPHEN CONLEY, FRANK CLARKE,</u> <u>WILLIAM TOWNSEND,</u> <u>LILLIAN KAWASAKI, HELEN HANSEN</u>
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>

UWI EVENT – AUGUST 2006

President Conley, and Commissioners Hansen and Townsend noted and commented on the upcoming UWI event being held in San Diego, CA in August 2006.

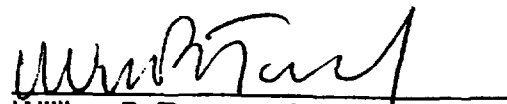
AQUARIUM WATER EDUCATION EVENTS

Commissioner Clarke commented and complimented Mr. Lyons on the recent series of water education events that had been held in conjunction with the Aquarium. He suggested in the future that all of these events be held at the Honda Theater in the Aquarium as it was logistically difficult to locate the Aquarium administration offices where most of the events had been held. President Conley agreed with this comment and advised he would pursue this for future events. Mr. Lyons also suggested he would look at alternate venues (such as the LBWD Assembly Room) to defray costs which are primarily for parking.




**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Conley adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Water Commission to be held on Thursday, April 27, 2006, at 9:15 a.m., in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow, in Long Beach, California.

  
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William B. Townsend, Secretary

Attest:

  
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Stephen T. Conley, President