



CITY OF LONG BEACH

THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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August 24, 2004

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

SUBJECT: Hearing to Request a General Plan Amendment From LUD 2 and LUD 8A to LUD 10 and Zone Change from R-2-N and CCP to I, in Order to Construct a Neighborhood Library (MacArthur Park Library) (District 6)

DISCUSSION

The City of Long Beach Redevelopment Agency is requesting approval of the rezoning of seven lots to allow the construction of a neighborhood library. The subject project area is located on the north side of Anaheim Street between Gundry and Peterson Avenues. The proposed MacArthur Park Library will replace the existing Mark Twain Library, which is located across Gundry Avenue from the subject site. The current zoning designations would not permit a library. Therefore, a zone change is required in order to allow the construction. In addition, a General Plan amendment is requested to maintain consistency between the zoning and the General Plan land use designations. The proposed amendment would change the Land Use District No. 2 (Mixed Style Homes) and Land Use District No. 8A (Traditional Retail Strip Commercial) to Land Use District No. 10 (Institutional/School).

An Environmental Impact Report was prepared in September 2002. After modifications to the proposal, a Negative Declaration (ND 01-03) was prepared for this project and certified by the Planning Commission on February 10, 2003.

At its meeting of August 5, 2004, the City Planning Commission recommended that the City Council approve a zone change from R-2-N (Two Family Residential) and CCP (Community Commercial Pedestrian Oriented) to I (Institutional). The item was approved on the consent calendar at the meeting (see Attachment). The motion was made by Commissioner Sramek, seconded by Commissioner Winn and passed 6-0. Commissioner Jenkins was absent.

This report was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Mike Mais on August 12, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

The Long Beach Municipal Code requires that zoning change decisions be transmitted to the City Council within sixty (60) days (by October 4, 2004) following positive Planning Commission action.

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A 14-day public notice of the hearing is required.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

- 1) Receive the supporting documentation into the record and conclude the public hearing;
- 2) Adopt the resolution amending the Land Use Element of the General Plan;
- 3) Declare the Ordinance read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES GREENBERG, CHAIR
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Attachments:
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