CITY OF LONG BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2009 333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM

Melani Smith, Chair Charles Durnin, Vice-Chair



Becky Blair, Commissioner Alan Fox, Commissioner Leslie Gentile, Commissioner Phil Saumur, Commissioner Donita Van Horik, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:08 PM)

At 5:08 p.m., Chair Smith called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:08 PM)

Boardmembers Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Present: Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

Also present: Craig Beck, Director of Development Services; Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer; Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Mark Hungerford, Project Planner; Scott Kinsey, Project Planner; Heidi Eidson, Planning Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE (5:09 PM)

Commissioner Durnin led the flag salute.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:09 PM)

Craig Beck, Director of Development Services, presented the Director's Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (5:14 PM)

There was no public comment given.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:14 PM)

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 (5:14 PM)

1. 09-056PL

Recommendation to approve finding of conformity with the adopted General Plan for several public right-of-way vacations bounded by Broadway, 3rd Street, Magnolia Avenue, and Maine Avenue. (District 1) (Application No. 0910-07)

Commissioner Blair recused herself from the item.

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced Mark Hungerford, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Craig Beck, Director of Development Services, responded to a query from Chair Smith.

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 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith and Donita Van Horik

Abstain: 1 - Becky Blair

2. 09-057PL

Recommendation to approve finding of conformity with the adopted General Plan for a public right-of-way vacation of the alley east of Temple Avenue and North of 14th Street. (District 4) (Application No. 0910-01)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced Mark Hungerford, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Mark Hungerford responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, responded to a query from Chair Smith.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

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

Yes: 7 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

STUDY SESSION - Aquarium of the Pacific Expansion (5:27 PM)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced the study session regarding the Aquarium of the Pacific expansion project.

Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, presented the study session and introduced Aquarium of the Pacific staff.

Jerry Schubel, Director of the Aquarium of the Pacific, spoke.

Scott Shell, project architect, spoke.

Jerry Schubel responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Jerry Schubel responded to a query from Chair Smith.

Scott Shell discussed the proposed site plan.

Commissioner Durnin spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Durnin and Mr. Schubel.

Commissioner Gentile spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Scott Shell and Commissioner Gentile.

Barbara Long, Aquarium of the Pacific, responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Scott Shell responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Aquarium staff responded to a query from Chair Smith.

Aquarium staff responded to a comment from Commissioner Saumur.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Mr. Schubel and Ms. Long responded to queries from Commissioner Blair.

Mr. Schubel responded to a guery from Commissioner Durnin.

Scott Shell responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Chair Smith spoke.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (6:11 PM)

Craig Beck, Director of Development Services, responded to a query from Commissioner

Durnin.

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

ADJOURNMENT (6:13 PM)

At 6:13 p.m., Chair Smith adjourned the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: December 3, 2009 - 5:00 P.M.

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