

Melani Smith, Chair
Charles Durnin, Vice-Chair



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

FINAL AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:11 PM)

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At 5:11 p.m., Chair Smith called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:11 PM)

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Boardmembers Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Melani Smith, Donita Van

Present: Horik and Becky Blair

Boardmembers Charles Durnin and Leslie Fernald Gentile

Absent:

Also present: Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer; Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer; Richard Anthony, Deputy City Attorney; Steven Valdez, Project Planner; Steve Gerhardt, Project Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE (5:11 PM)

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Commissioner Fox led the flag salute.

MINUTES (5:12 PM)

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[10-052PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of September 2, 2010.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Saumur, to approved the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Donita Van Horik and
Becky Blair

Abstain: 1 - Melani Smith

Absent: 2 - Charles Durnin and Leslie Fernald Gentile

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:13 PM)

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

The Commissioners introduced themselves and gave a brief background about themselves.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (5:19 PM)

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There was no public comment given at this time.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:19 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 (5:20 PM)

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1. [10-053PL](#) Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit request to establish a check cashing and money order business within an existing convenience store located at 4360-4362 Stearns Street in the Neighborhood Pedestrian (CNP) District. (District 4) (App. No. 1007-19)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Steven Valdez, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

Sherrie Olson, applicant, spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to queries Commissioner Van Horik.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair Smith.

A motion was made by Commissioner Van Horik, seconded by Commissioner Fox, to approve the recommendation with an amendment to strike Condition No. 4 and modify Condition No. 18 to include a landscaping plan for the area to the rear of the building to the satisfaction of the Director of Development Services. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

Absent: 2 - Charles Durnin and Leslie Fernald Gentile

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2. [10-056PL](#)

Recommendation to approve the nomination for the Chair of the Planning Commission for 2010-2011.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saumur, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to continue the item to the Planning Commission meeting of October 7, 2010, or until the full Commission is present. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

Absent: 2 - Charles Durnin and Leslie Fernald Gentile

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3. [10-057PL](#)

Recommendation to approve the nomination for the Vice Chair of the Planning Commission for 2010-2011.

A motion was made by Chair Smith, seconded by Commissioner Van Horik, to continue the item to the Planning Commission meeting of October 7, 2010, or until the full Commission is present. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

Absent: 2 - Charles Durnin and Leslie Fernald Gentile

STUDY SESSION (5:30 PM)

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[10-055PL](#)

Conduct a study session to review the introduction and Urban Design sections of the Long Beach 2030 General Plan update. (Citywide)

Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer, introduced Steve Gerhardt, Project Planner, and Lisa Padilla, Cityworks Design.

Steve Gerhardt discussed the introduction to the Long Beach 2030 Plan.

Lisa Padilla discussed the Urban Design element of the Plan.

Steve Gerhardt spoke.

Chair Smith spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Smith, Lisa Padilla and Steve Gerhardt.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Steve Gerhardt responded to comments made by Commissioner Saumur.

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

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Chair Smith spoke.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Lisa Padilla responded to comments made by Commissioner Fox.

Steve Gerhardt responded to comments made by Commissioner Fox.

A dialogue ensued between Alan Fox, Jill Griffiths and Steve Gerhardt.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Lisa Padilla and Steve Gerhardt responded to comments made by Commissioner Blair.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Chair Smith spoke.

Melinda Cotton provided public comment.

Amy Bodek responded to comments made by Melinda Cotton.

Chair Smith spoke.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Jill Griffiths responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (6:40 PM)

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There were no additional comments from the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

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At 6:40 p.m., Chair Smith adjourned the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: October 7, 2010 - 5:00 PM

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