

Charles Durnin, Chair  
Donita Van Horik, Vice-Chair



Becky Blair, Commissioner  
Alan Fox, Commissioner  
Leslie Gentile, Commissioner  
Phil Saumur, Commissioner  
Melani Smith, Commissioner

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## FINAL AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER (5:14 PM)

At 5:14 p.m., Vice Chair Van Horik called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL (5:14 PM)

Also present: Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator; Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Cuentin Jackson, Planner; Jorge Ramirez, Planner; Steve Gerhardt, Planner; Jamilla Vollmann, Redevelopment Project Manager; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

### FLAG SALUTE (5:14 PM)

Commissioner Blair led the flag salute.

### MINUTES (5:14 PM)

11-010PL Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of March 3, 2011.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

**Absent:** 3 - Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin and Leslie Fernald Gentile

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:15 PM)

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

### SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:17 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 (5:19 PM)**

1. 11-008PL Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption (Type 20 License) at an existing Walgreen's located at 5400 Cherry Avenue within the Light Industrial (IL) zone. (District 8) (Application No. 1002-12)

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, introduced Cuentin Jackson, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Cuentin Jackson responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Cuentin Jackson responded to queries from Commissioner Smith.

Matt Dzurek, representing the applicant, spoke.

Matt Dzurek responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Matt Dzurek responded to a query from Vice Chair Van Horik.

Song To provided public comment.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Vice Chair Van Horik spoke.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Saumur, to approve the recommendation. The motion failed 3-1.

Assistant City Attorney Michael Mais responded to a query from Vice Chair Van Horik.

Michael Mais spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Saumur, to deny the request. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith and Donita Van Horik

**No:** 1 - Becky Blair

**Absent:** 3 - Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin and Leslie Fernald Gentile

2. 11-009PL Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit to upgrade an existing Type 20 alcohol license (beer and wine) to a Type 21 alcohol license (beer, wine, and distilled spirits) at an existing convenience store located at 2221 Palo Verde Avenue, Suite 1G within the Community Commercial Automobile-Oriented (CCA) zone. (District 4) (Application No. 1012-06A)

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, introduced Jorge Ramirez, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Jorge Ramirez responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

Jorge Ramirez responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Sherry Olson, representing the applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

**Absent:** 3 - Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin and Leslie Fernald Gentile

### **STUDY SESSION (5:55 PM)**

- 11-011PL Recommendation to conduct a study session regarding the Downtown Plan.

Vice Chair Van Horik spoke.

Vice Chair Van Horik swore in late arriving members of the public who wished to provide public comment.

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, spoke.

Jamilla Vollmann, Redevelopment Project Manager, introduced the study session.

Gary Wood, consultant with AECOM, presented the study session.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Vice Chair Van Horik.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Blair and Derek Burnham.

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

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Commissioner Smith responded to a query from Amy Bodek.

Amy Bodek spoke.

Steve Gerhardt, Project Planner, responded to comments made by Commissioner Smith.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Saumur and Derek Burnham.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Saumur and Amy Bodek.

Derek Burnham spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Steve Gerhardt responded to queries from Commissioner Smith.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

Jamilla Vollmann responded to queries from Vice Chair Van Horik

Vice Chair Van Horik spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to comments made by Vice Chair Van Horik.

Vice Chair Van Horik spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to comments made by Vice Chair Van Horik.

Ben Rockwell provided public comment.

Emily Tanaka provided public comment.

Kathleen Irvine, Willmore City Heritage Association, provided public comment.

Maureen Neely provided public comment on behalf of Long Beach Heritage.

Derek Burnham responded to comments provided by Maureen Neely.

Bob Ladd provided public comment.

Eric Carr, Vice President of the Downtown Residential Council, provided public comment.

Ester Del Valia provided public comment.

Susanne Browne, Legal Aid Foundation, provided public comment.

Ahara Washington, Legal Aid Foundation, provided public comment.

Frances Dawson Harris provided public comment.

Cindy Soto provided public comment.

Gary Shelton provided public comment.

Christina Burford provided public comment.

Karen Reseid provided public comment.

Don Darnauer provided public comment.

Carrie Jaureau provided public comment.

Joe Gannon provided public comment.

Dianne McNinch provided public comment.

Alan McDaniels provided public comment.

Vince Zurahi provided public comment.

Nenche Callivoso provided public comment.

Jose La Deno provided public comment.

Cela Castetta provided public comment.

Tom Crow, representing St. Luke's Episcopal Church, provided public comment.

Andres (no last name given) provided public comment.

Celia Soriano provided public comment.

Lisa Vasquez and Joanne Esparza provided public comment.

Elda Verdugo provided public comment.

Michael Mucelli provided public comment.

Kristopher Larson, Vice President of Downtown Long Beach Associates, provided public comment.

Wendy Ortiz provided public comment.

Laura Catagona provided public comment.

Malcolm Carson, Legal Aid Foundation, provided public comment.

Andrew Cushman provided public comment.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Vice Chair Van Horik spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to queries from Vice Chair Van Horik.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Amy Bodek spoke.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (8:25 PM)**

There was no public comment given at this time.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (8:25 PM)**

There were no comments from the Planning Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT (8:25 PM)**

At 8:25 p.m., Vice Chair Van Horik adjourned the meeting.

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