

Becky Blair, Chair
Alan Fox, Vice Chair



Molly Campbell, Commissioner
Mark Christoffels, Commissioner
Phil Saumur, Commissioner
Melani Smith, Commissioner
Donita Van Horik, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:05 PM)

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At 5:05 p.m., Chair Blair called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:05 PM)

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Commissioners Alan L. Fox, Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Donita Van
Present: Horik, Becky Blair, Mark Christoffels and Molly Campbell

Also present: Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator; Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE (5:05 PM)

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Commissioner Campbell led the flag salute.

MINUTES (5:06 PM)

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[13-010PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of February 21, 2013.

A motion was made by Commissioner Van Horik, seconded by Commissioner Christoffels, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Alan L. Fox, Phillip Joseph Saumur, Donita Van Horik, Becky Blair, Mark Christoffels and Molly Campbell

Abstain: 1 - Melani Smith

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:06 PM)

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

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:08 PM)

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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 (5:08 PM)

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1. 13-011PL Recommendation to ratify the current Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning Commission for Fiscal Year 2013.

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

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, responded to queries from Chair Blair.

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

Yes: 7 - Alan L. Fox, Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik, Becky Blair, Mark Christoffels and Molly Campbell

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2. 13-012PL Recommendation to receive and file duplicate copy of Planning Commission bylaws.

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Commissioner Saumur responded to a query from Chair Blair.

Chair Blair spoke.

Chair Blair spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Van Horik, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Alan L. Fox, Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik, Becky Blair, Mark Christoffels and Molly Campbell

STUDY SESSION - Housing Element 5 Update and Community Workshop (5:17 PM)

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Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, introduced the study session item.

Veronica Tam, Consultant, presented the study session.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, and Veronica Tam responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Saumur and Veronica Tam.

Veronica Tam responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Christoffels.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Blair and Veronica Tam.

Veronica Tam responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Josh Butler, Director of Community Engagement for Habitat for Humanity and Board Member of Housing Long Beach, provided public comment.

Reverend Ranjit Mathews, Associate Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, provided public comment.

Christopher Covington provided public comment.

Ladine Chan, Program Coordinator for EM3, provided public comment.

Esther DelValle provided public comment.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, responded to a query from Chair Blair.

Kelli Pezzeli, LINC Housing, provided public comment.

Chair Blair swore in a member of the public wishing to provide public comment.

Winton Johnson, East Yards Communities for Environmental Justice, provided public comment.

Suzanne Brown, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, provided public comment.

Chair Blair swore in a member of the public wishing to provide public comment.

Mary Zindajas provided public comment.

Kerry Gallagher, Executive Director of Housing Long Beach, provided public comment.

Cynde Soto, Housing Long Beach Board Member, provided public comment.

Chair Blair swore in a member of the public wishing to provide public comment.

Karena Lamatia provided public comment.

Chair Blair swore in a member of the public wishing to provide public comment.

Ana DelValle provided public comment.

Ben Fischer provided public comment.

Roger Peter Porter provided public comment.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Chair Blair spoke.

Amy Bodek spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Van Horik and Veronica Tam.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Chair Blair spoke.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (6:46 PM)

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There were no comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (6:47 PM)

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

ADJOURNMENT (6:50 PM)

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At 6:50 p.m., Chair Blair adjourned the meeting.

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