CITY OF LONG BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2012 333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM

Becky Blair, Chair Alan Fox, Vice Chair



Leslie Gentile, Commissioner Phil Saumur, Commissioner Melani Smith, Commissioner Donita Van Horik, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:02 PM)

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At 5:02 p.m., Chair Blair called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:02 PM)

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Commissioners Alan L. Fox, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Phillip Joseph Saumur, Donita

Present: Van Horik and Becky Blair

Commissioners Melani Smith

Absent:

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

MINUTES (5:03 PM)

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12-018PL

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes for February 16, 2012.

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

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

Becky Blair

Excused: 1 - Leslie Fernald Gentile

Absent: 1 - Melani Smith

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:03 PM)

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

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:05 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.

FLAG SALUTE (5:05 PM)

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Commissioner Van Horik led the flag salute.

REGULAR AGENDA (5:05 PM)

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1. 12-019PL

Recommendation to find the proposed vacation of a portion of Pier C Street west of Pico Avenue in conformance with the adopted goals and policies of the City's General Plan. (District 1) (Application No. GPC 030112.2)

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, introduced Ira Brown, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Lewis Rubenstein, City Traffic Engineer for the Harbor Department, spoke.

Ira Brown and Lewis Rubenstein responded to a guery from Commissioner Van Horik.

Lewis Rubenstein responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

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

Yes: 5 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

Absent: 1 - Melani Smith

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2. 12-020PL

Recommendation to find the proposed vacation of Esther Street west of Judson Avenue in conformance with the adopted goals and policies of the City's General Plan. (District 1) (Application No. GPC 030112.1)

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, introduced Ira Brown, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Ira Brown responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Ira Brown responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Craig Reynolds, representing the applicant, spoke.

Craig Reynolds responded to a query from Chair Blair.

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

Craig Reynolds and Amy Bodek responded to queries from Commissioner Gentile.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Chair Blair.

Ira Brown spoke.

Craig Reynolds responded to a query from Commissioner Gentile.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Commissioner Gentile.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Chair Blair spoke.

Michael Mais responded to comments made by Chair Blair.

Chair Blair spoke.

Amy Bodek spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Leslie Fernald Gentile,

Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

Absent: 1 - Melani Smith

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3. <u>12-021PL</u>

Recommendation to receive and file the 2011 Annual Report for the Housing Element and instruct the Director of Development Services to submit the Annual Report to the City Council, State Office of Planning and Research and the California Department of Housing and Community Development. (Citywide)

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, introduced Ira Brown, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Ira Brown responded to a query from Chair Blair.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Blair and Amy Bodek.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Amy Bodek responded to gueries from Commissioner Saumur.

Gary Shelton provided public comment.

Chair Blair spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to comments made by Chair Blair.

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

Yes: 5 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

Absent: 1 - Melani Smith

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (6:03 PM)

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Gary Shelton provided public comment.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (6:05 PM) see media

There were no comments from the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT (6:05 PM)

At 6:05 p.m., Chair Blair adjourned the meeting.

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