

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
F. PHIL INFELISE, PRESIDENT
SEPTEMBER 8, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 8, 2010, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: F. Phil Infelise, Jeanne Karatsu, Carolyn Smith Watts
Charles Hicks, Jr., Gerald Good

MEMBER EXCUSED:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mario R. Beas, Executive Director & Secretary
Melinda George, Deputy Director
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant
Salvador Ambriz, Personnel Analyst
Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst
Lourdes Ferrer, Personnel Analyst
Stephanie Kemp, Personnel Analyst, Human Resources

President F. Phil Infelise presided.

MINUTES: It was moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 1, 2010, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

ITEMS 2-7, EXCEPT 6: It was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Hicks to approve items 2-7, Request for Provisional Appointment – James Fisk, Development Project Manager, Request to Extend Non-Career Hours – Elaine Young, Clerk Typist, Request to Extend Non-Career Hours, Thanayu Nuntametha, Accounting Clerk, Change in Examination Plan, Port Risk Manager, and Extension of Expiring Eligible List for six months – Office Services Assistant, with the exception of item 6, Examination Results, as consent calendar items. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

EXAMINATION RESULTS: It was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Hicks and carried that the following examination results be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Police Officer – Lateral – 129 Applied, 33 Qualified
Port Risk Manager – 8 Applied, 5 Qualified

NEW BUSINESS:

President Infelise stated that the items under new business are for discussion only, and the Commission would not be voting on them. Commissioner Hicks began the discussion on the City Attorney or City Prosecutor's offices having a staff attorney to conduct employee appeals for disciplinary actions below a certain point. He feels that the Commission should conduct employee dismissal appeals. He stated that there is a backlog on hearings that have been on the calendar for over one year, and his concern is the length of time it takes an appellant's appeal to be heard before the Commission, and the staff time and cost it takes to conduct these hearings. He stated that he is concerned about taxpayers dollars used to conduct these hearings which he feels could be done more efficiently and effectively by the City Attorney's office assigning an attorney for these hearings and the Commission making the final decision on the recommendation. Commissioner Smith Watts stated that it might be a conflict of interest if the City Attorney works for the City to handle the employee appeal. She also stated that as employees, why would they trust the City to conduct their hearing rather than an independent body. She agreed that it would make for efficiency, but questioned if the employee would want the City Attorney, who represents the City, representing them. She stated that when she asked the question before, it was stated that it would be a conflict of interest for the employee. She stated that she does not have a problem with hearing officers doing suspensions of maybe one day or so, but when it comes to more lengthy ones, to be fair to the employee, the Commission should conduct the hearing. Commissioner Hicks stated that regarding the conflict of interest, the City Attorney now acts as the advisor to the Commission, deciding what exhibits or evidence would be allowed or disallowed. President Infelise stated that before any action is taken on this, he would like to hear from the City Attorney's Office. Commissioner Good stated that we should request the City Attorney's office provide us with exactly what the law requires. President Infelise stated that until a recent change by voters, the City Prosecutor's Office represented the City in these cases and also that hearing officers were used until the Civil Service Department's budget was cut, and it cost less for the Commission to conduct the hearing than a hearing officer. The Secretary stated that the City Prosecutor's Office used to represent the City and the City Attorney's office advised the Commission until a charter

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change. He also informed the Commission that the City Charter mandates that the Commission conduct employee appeal hearings, and that it does have the authority to delegate a hearing to a hearing officer. He stated that for many years, suspensions of five days or less were conducted by a hearing officer, and when the hearing log was backed up more, appeals up to 15 days were heard by hearing officers, but after the department's budget was cut, funds were not available to use for hearing officers. Commissioner Smith Watts requested that a formal request is made to the City Attorney's office to be present at next week's meeting. She also requested that staff provide the cost to use hearing officers compared to the Commission conducting the hearings. Commissioner Hicks requested that the focus not just be on contracted hearing officers, but if an attorney from the City Attorney's office can serve as a hearing officer. Commissioner Smith Watts also would like to know the ramifications of the City Attorney's office conducting appeal hearings. Commissioner Good requested that staff inquire of the City Attorney in regards to this request to define what is required by state law, the City Charter, and established regulations. The Commission requested that the request be made to Mr. Shannon. The Secretary stated that this item will be on next week's or the following week's agenda.

President Infelise stated that the next item of discussion is providing lunch for the Commission. Commissioner Hicks indicated that he is aware that it is the practice of the Commission to provide lunch for the Commission when there is an appeal hearing, and stated that he has an issue with taxpayers dollars being used to buy lunches for the Commissioners and some members of staff when the City is facing an 18-million dollar deficit and looking at laying off employees in the City. He stated that it is his desire that the current practice of paying for Commissioners lunch be terminated. President Infelise stated that when asked to be on the Commission they were asked to give to the City eight years. He stated that they were told that the Commission would receive a \$100 for a Commission meeting and in the event there was a hearing, they would get paid an additional \$100, not to exceed \$500 per month. He stated that in August there were four Wednesdays for regular meetings and the Commission stayed until 4:30 p.m. for hearings after the regular meeting and received compensation of \$100 for one hearing, because they had

reached the \$500 per month cap. He feels the lunch is just a gesture for the times they are here all day without pay. President Infelise requested the Secretary provide the cost of the lunches for the Commission. The Secretary stated that for this fiscal year at this point a total of approximately \$1700 has been spent on Commission lunches, and that the total for this fiscal year will be about \$2000 dollars. He stated that the figure was low because of the absence of Commissioners at times and the fact that for a time, there were only three Commissioners. Commissioner Smith Watts stated that this Commission along with four other Commissions receive a stipend and there is only one other Commission that does not receive a stipend. She stated that individuals on Commission are providing a public service to the City and put in a lot of hours. She stated that she does not have an issue with not paying for the Commission lunch, but wanted to be clear on the fact that when the Commission is here for six or seven hours they need to eat. She also stated that lunch or something is provided for all of the other Commissions in the City. Commissioner Smith Watts's questioned Commissioner Hicks regarding if his request is because of the budget, for shorter lunches or to send a message. Commissioner Hicks stated that he is not interested in sending a message, just that even though it is just a small amount of money, he is looking at people working for the City of Long Beach who could possibly be laid off because there is not money in the City to pay them, so even if its \$2000 a year, that's \$2000 that can go into the budget that might help keep a person employed. He also stated that he does not see why there is a need for a taxpayer to pay for the Commission lunch, and is recommending that the Commission pay for their own lunch. He stated that the decision is for the Commission to decide. Commissioner Good requested that this item be put on next week's agenda for consideration.

President Infelise stated that the next item for consideration is the consent calendar. The Secretary informed the Commission that pursuant to Section 112 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations, the Commission has the authority to create a consent calendar. He stated that we would begin experimenting with some of the items to get a sense of what is routine. He stated that there will still be an opportunity for individual items to be pulled if someone wishes to discuss a specific item.

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MANAGERS' REPORT:

The Secretary informed the Commission that he attended the City Council meeting on Tuesday, but they held consideration on the budget over for one week.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Chris Ward, Union Representative, IAM stated that he too would like to see the employee hearings heard more timely, and that he does not agree with the same person disciplining a person conducting the Skelly hearing. He also stated that as a taxpayer, he does not have a problem with the City paying for the Commission's lunch.

Margaret Huebner, Director of Human Resources, Harbor Department, stated that she too would like to see appeal hearings conducted more timely. She also stated that as a taxpayer, she had no problem with the City paying for the Commission's lunch.

Ken Campbell, Superintendent, Personnel & Training, Parks, Recreation & Marine, stated that the longer it takes to conduct an employee dismissal hearing, the greater the financial expense to the city, if the Commission overturns the dismissal.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Commission, President Infelise adjourned the meeting.



MARIO R. BEAS
Secretary

MRB:meh

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
F. PHIL INFELISE, PRESIDENT
SEPTEMBER 15, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 15, 2010, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: F. Phil Infelise, Jeanne Karatsu, Carolyn Smith Watts
Charles Hicks, Jr., Gerald Good

MEMBER EXCUSED:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mario R. Beas, Executive Director & Secretary
Melinda George, Deputy Director
Diane Dzodin, Administrative Officer
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant
Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst
Robert Pfingsthorn, Personnel Analyst
Ken Walker, Personnel Operations Manager, Human Resources

President F. Phil Infelise presided.

MINUTES: It was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 8, 2010, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR (2-3): It was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts and carried to approve Consent Calendar Items 2-3. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

RETIREMENTS: Dennis Meza/Special Services Officer IV/Airport
Judy Suesue/Clerk Typist II/Health
Tony Hines/Refuse Operator III/Public Works
Letha Egan/Fingerprint Classifier/Police
Priscilla Gillott/Clerk Typist III/Fire

A motion was made to receive and file retirements on the Consent Calendar.

RESIGNATIONS: Judith Rogge/School Guard/Police
Jongluck Mutrais/Clerk Typist III/Health
Matricia Davis/School Guard/Police

A motion was made to receive and file resignations on the Consent Calendar.

BULLETIN:

POLICE LIEUTENANT

It was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Smith Watts and carried that the subject Job Opportunity Bulletin be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

EXAMINATION RESULTS:

It was moved by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the following examination results be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Petroleum Engineering Associate – 64 Applied, 18 Qualified
Program Scheduler – 82 Applied, 16 Qualified
Systems Technician – 65 Applied, 57 Qualified

**CANCELLATION OF CSC MEETING
OF OCTOBER 6, 2010:**

It was moved by Commissioner Smith Watts, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the Civil Service Commission meeting of October 6, 2010, be cancelled due to lack of a quorum. Two Commissioners will be attending a conference and one Commissioner will be traveling. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**CONSIDERATION OF
COMMISSION LUNCHES:**

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Good and carried that the City cease to buy lunch for the Commission. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

AYE: Charles Hicks Jr.
Gerald Good

NAY: Jeanne Karatsu
Carolyn Smith Watts
F. Phil Infelise

MANAGERS' REPORT:

Diane Dzodin, Administrative Officer, informed the Commission that staff is working on the order of layoff with Human Resources. Ms. Dzodin informed the Commission that the first order of layoffs would be on next week's agenda for Commission approval. She also stated that she attended training on Emergency Preparedness at EEOC last Wednesday.

The Secretary informed the Commission that he plans to have an order of layoff on next week's agenda and one on the following week's agenda. He stated that he and staff will be meeting with Human Resources on Thursday to sort out which positions will be affected by the order of layoffs after Tuesday's City Council approval of Plans A & B of the budget cuts. He stated that City Council restored some of the positions. He stated that staff has begun research and found that some of the positions on the order of layoff are vacant and there will be no layoffs in those positions

Karen Owens, Administrator – Police Personnel, informed the Commission that departments have addressed layoffs individually within their departments. She stated that the Police Department has a four phase process where they look for vacancies within the Police Department.

Melinda George, Deputy Director informed the Commission that staff is at the ECOC building conducting the examination for Battalion Chief.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Amy Manning, Administrative Officer, Technology Services, thanked staff for conducting the Systems Technician examination.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Commission, President Infelise adjourned the meeting.



MARIO R. BEAS
Secretary

MRB:meh

CITY OF LONG BEACH
CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2010
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:30 PM

Karen Highberger, Chair
Laura H. Brassler, Vice Chair
Shannon Carmack, Commissioner
Irma Hernandez, Commissioner



Louise Ivers, Commissioner
Harvey Keller, Commissioner
Richard Powers, Commissioner

FINAL AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:35 PM)

see media

At 5:35 p.m., Chair Highberger called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:35 PM)

see media

Boardmembers Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Irma Hernandez, Louise
Present: Ivers and Harvey Keller

Boardmembers Laura H. Brassler and Richard Powers
Absent:

Also present: Reginald Harrison, Interim Director of Development Services; Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer; Lynette Ferenczy, Project Planner; Heidi Eidson, Planning Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE (5:35 PM)

see media

Commissioner Carmack led the flag salute.

MINUTES (5:36 PM)

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10-021CH

Recommendation to receive and file the Cultural Heritage Commission minutes of June 14, 2010.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keller, seconded by Chair Highberger, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

Absent: 3 - Laura H. Brassler, Irma Hernandez and Richard Powers

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:37 PM)

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Reginald Harrison, Interim Director of Development Services, presented the Director's Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (5:38 PM)

see media

There was no public comment given at this time.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:38 PM)

see media

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the evidence you shall give in this Cultural Heritage Commission Meeting shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

REGULAR AGENDA (5:39 PM)

see media

see media

1. 10-025CH Recommendation to modify an approved Certificate of Appropriateness for signage on the exterior of a designated landmark building known as the Insurance Exchange Building located at 201 E. Broadway. (District 2) (Application No. HP10-0132)

(Commissioner Hernandez arrived at 5:39 p.m.)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced the item.

Travis Ensling, applicant, spoke.

Travis Ensling responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Travis Ensling responded to comments from staff.

Travis Ensling responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

Derek Burnham spoke.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Keller, to approve the modification to the sign integrating two primary colors with permanent acrylic faces. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

Absent: 2 - Laura H. Brassler and Richard Powers

see media

2. 10-022CH

Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness to paint the Lafayette at 140 Linden Avenue and the Broadway building at 520 East Broadway within the PD-30 zone. (District 2) (Application No. HP10-0207)

Lynette Ferenczy, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

A dialogue ensued between staff and Commissioner Ivers.

Lynette Ferenczy responded to a query from Commissioner Keller.

Glenn Agoncillo, Vice President of the Lafayette Homeowners Association, spoke.

Glenn Agoncillo responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Glenn Agoncillo responded to a query from Commissioner Ivers.

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

Yes: 5 - Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

Absent: 2 - Laura H. Brassler and Richard Powers

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3. 10-024CH

Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness request to remodel the commercial storefront of an existing restaurant/bar located

at the Rowan-Bradley Building, a designated landmark, at 209 Pine Avenue. (District 2) (Application No. HP10-0148)

Lynette Ferenczy, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

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

Ron Hodges, applicant, spoke.

Ron Hodges responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Ron Hodges responded to a query from Commissioner Ivers.

Ron Hodges responded to a query from Commissioner Hernandez.

A dialogue ensued between the Commission and the applicant.

Ron Hodges responded to a query from Commissioner Ivers.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Ron Hodges responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Highberger, Ron Hodges and Derek Burnham.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

Commissioner Carmack spoke.

Ron Hodges responded to a query from Commissioner Carmack.

Ron Hodges responded to queries from Chair Highberger.

Ron Hodges spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Highberger, Derek Burnham and Ron Hodges.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

Chair Highberger spoke.

Chair Highberger responded to a query from Commissioner Carmack.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Keller, to approve the recommendation with amendments to revise Condition No. 7 for the applicant to work with staff to improve the quality of the materials used in the awning, revise Condition No. 10 that the walls to be plastered shall be changed to materials as depicted in Exhibit 1 as referenced by the applicant, and that Condition No. 13 be changed to allow security bars open between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. as indicated by the applicant.

Yes: 3 - Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

No: 2 - Karen L. Highberger and Shannon Carmack

Absent: 2 - Laura H. Brassler and Richard Powers

COMMENTS FROM THE CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION (6:41 PM)

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Commissioner Ivers spoke.

ADJOURNMENT (6:42 PM)

At 6:42 p.m., there being no objections, Chair Highberger adjourned the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: September 13, 2010 - 5:30 p.m.

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**CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2010**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Brett Waterfield, President, at 9:03 a.m., at the El Dorado Park West Community Center, in the Senior Center Library. Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Present: Brett Waterfield, President
Sarah Sangmeister, Vice President
Ron Antonette
Simon George
Albert Guerra
Harry Saltzgaver
Sarah Sangmeister
Drew Satariano

Absent: None

Staff: Phil Hester, Director
JC Squires, Manager, Business Operations
Ed White, Superintendent of Facility Maintenance
Sandra Gonzalez, Manager, Planning and Development
Gladys Kaiser, Acting Manager, Community Recreation Services
Marc Gutfeld, Superintendent, Community Recreation Services
Mark Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches
Robin Black, Executive Assistant to the Director

Guests: Eric Lopez, Community Development Department
Peggy Preacely, Health and Human Services Department
P.G. Herman, Community Activist
Evan Braude, Community Activist
Melinda Cotton, Community Activist
Dave Pirazzi, FOCL
Mary Parsell

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 22, 2010

It was moved by Commissioner George and seconded by Vice President Sangmeister to approve the July 22, 2010 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

III. **COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS**

#10-0801

Recommendation to authorize the Director, or his or her management designee to execute the Personal Services and Instruction Agreements and amend Attachment "A" of the agreements as needed.

It was moved by Commissioner Antonette and seconded by Commissioner Guerra to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

#10-0802

Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute all documents necessary to issue a permit for the operation of a Picnic service concession with Above All Catering, Inc., for a term of one year, expiring on July 1, 2011, with options for renewal at the discretion of the Director.

It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner George to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

#10-0803

Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute all documents necessary to assign the City of Long Beach's Permit rights to Permit No. 31433 with ESPN, Inc., doing business as ESPN/RISE, a California Limited Liability Company, for the 2010 Area Code Games at Blair Field to the Trustees of California State University, Long Beach.

Mr. Hester said that this event has already happened. The City Attorney recommended we document the transfer over to California State University, Long Beach (CSULB). Historically, this has been under our jurisdiction, but we are transferring this over to CSULB.

Mr. Squires said we have a contract with ESPN for the operations of the games at Blair Field. CSULB took over the operations and maintenance of the stadium back in January. As part of that transfer, this revenue of \$12,000 went to them to help offset those expensive operations. Because we had a contract with ESPN, this amendment allows us to transfer that revenue back to them.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked if there is there any guarantee that CSULB would continue with this contract?

Mr. Squires responded there is no guarantee. They have had conversations with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) about the recruitable athletes playing in a stadium that they are controlling and operating. We were going to take this under our City days instead of being negotiated. Instead, NCAA came back and said that CSULB could continue to operate these games this year. I assume we will have to get approval on an annual basis. This is a big economic event in town. About 350 scouts come into town to watch these kids. There are about 120 high school aged kids who play and their families are going to stay here. We have a strong interest in continuing this event in town. We might do this through the City days, depending on the approval of the NCAA office.

It was moved by Commissioner Guerra and seconded by Commissioner Saltzgaver to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

#10-0804

Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute all documents necessary to issue a permit for the operation of a picnic service concession with Elite Special Events, Inc., for a term of one year, expiring on September 1, 2011, with options for renewal at the discretion of the Director.

It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner George to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

#10-0805

Recommendation to approve the placement and installation of a memorial bench at the end of Boathouse Lane near the Pete Archer Rowing Center at Marine Stadium to honor James and Elizabeth Bacchetti.

Mr. Hester said this is the first memorial bench in Marine Stadium. We discussed this with the Rowing Center to make sure they were fine with this. They were excited to get seating there. We recommend approval.

Vice President Sangmeister asked about the memorial bench policy.

Mr. Hester responded that he would follow up with Mr. Arevalo.

It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Antonette to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

#10-0806

Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute all documents necessary to issue a permit for the operation of a picnic service concession with Choura Events for a term of three years, expiring on September 1, 2013, with options for renewal at the discretion of the Director.

It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Vice President Sangmeister to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

#10-0807

Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute all documents necessary to issue a permit for the operation of a picnic service concession with TGIS Catering Services, Inc., for a term of one year, expiring on September 1, 2011, with options for renewal at the discretion of the Director.

It was moved by Vice President Sangmeister and seconded by Commissioner Satariano to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

**A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
President Waterfield, Chair**

President Waterfield said the Committee met and discussed the agenda.

1) Committee Assignments

President Waterfield said that the roster of committee assignments was included in the packet.

President Waterfield said that he and Vice President Sangmeister met with the City Manager and discussed the search for the Director's position. Mr. West gave them an overview of the process. He will be asking one or two of the Commissioners to participate in the process. We have an opportunity to offer feedback in the process. If you have any questions or comments, please forward them to me and I will forward them to the City Manager's office.

Mr. Hester said they have hired a search firm.

President Waterfield said the City Manager wanted to make sure the person was in place before Mr. Hester left.

B. FINANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
Commissioner Satariano, Chair

Commissioner Satariano said that the Committee did not meet, but we have all been updated about the budget process and the profit and loss statement is in the packet.

Mr. Squires said that Plan A cuts are manageable. Plan B raises our number another \$450,000. We have our plans in place. Union negotiations are underway. We are waiting to see if Plan B takes affect.

Mr. Hester said that on Tuesday, the City Council went through the special advertising fund. They are discussing having the budget approved by September 15. They are starting to schedule community meetings to discuss the budget. We were also asked to put together a Plan C, in case police and fire are not going to be part of any of the reductions. The Department's number is \$1.6 million of reductions. We would then talk about closing parks and libraries. There is a lot of activity, including the Municipal Band. They have some approving concepts, but don't have the mechanism in place yet. Last night, most of the conversation was about pensions. You can't cut that. Added maintenance has been put on us with additional medians. We are watching any new purchases and controlling our water. Some of the areas are getting a little dry. We will try and keep the Commission informed. The next few weeks will be critical.

Commissioner Saltzgaver stated that in the last three or four years we have done a hard core press on the budget, and I get the message that we need to sit back and let it happen this year?

Phil responded yes, Plan A is doable. If they get into Plan B, I don't know if they will try to implement that because there are potential layoffs and a fair amount of contracting in other departments. That would take quite a bit of time. We are talking about reduced services. We would be reducing hours and supervision mostly. If we take something off the table we have to put something else back on the table to cut. He said that Ms. Black would get a list of the Council District budget meetings to the Commissioners.

C. PARK SAFETY COMMITTEE
Commissioner Saltzgaver, Chair

Commissioner Saltzgaver stated that the Committee met this morning. With Special Events moving to the City Manager's office in October, they are trying to figure out what to do with the park rangers who work over there. It would appear they would stay with Special Events. The incident report was included in the packet.

Commissioner Guerra said there was an incident in El Dorado Park. Where in the park did this happen?

Ms. Kaiser responded that it was on the south side of the park by the parking lot near the golf course just off Willow Street, by the picnic shelters. A patron noticed a person with a weapon and the rangers responded and called in the police.

D. MARKETING AND CUSTOMER SERVICE COMMITTEE
Commissioner Guerra, Chair

Commissioner Guerra said that the Committee did not meet.

E. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
President Waterfield, Chair

President Waterfield said the Committee did not meet, but they continue to receive the e-mail updates, which they like. He was wondering about the challenges with Seaside Park.

Ms. Gonzalez responded that Seaside Park has been turned over to the City Attorney's office to deal with the contractor.

F. SPECIAL EVENTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
President Brett Waterfield, Chair

President Waterfield said the Committee met yesterday to go over the permit to gather policy, as a result of Councilwoman Schipske's request. Ms. Kaiser and Mr. Ashman were asked to review the policies and process and Ms. Kaiser is putting together a report.

Ms. Kaiser said we are putting together a policy to explain the process. At this time, due to the citywide rangers being cut, there is no enforcement beyond the regional park and El Dorado Park West. We provide police with a monthly report and we are streamlining those reports for them. We are working in-house to create an educational brochure to hand out to the community. Ms.

Kaiser said that many groups do not get permits to gather and in working with the police, we will educate the people.

President Waterfield said he was confident we are doing all we can, given the resources we have. There was a miscommunication with the police, which has been cleared up.

Mr. Hester said we had our paperwork in order, but they didn't know they had the information. We changed the report we give to them. The police have been more active now.

President Waterfield stated it is mostly educating the public to get a permit to gather.

Commissioner Guerra asked the benefit of getting a permit?

Ms. Kaiser responded that it is a permit to allow staff to know there are groups in the park, so we can get the necessary resources ready. If the public uses outside vendors, they need to use approved vendors with insurance. It allows us to know they are on our facilities. The cost for a permit to gather is \$27.

President Waterfield said there were 3,000 permits issued last year, which is an indication of the usage of the park.

Mr. Hester stated that these used to be free. We started the fee because of the number of groups there were. This is to cover some of our administrative costs.

Ms. Kaiser stated that it is stated in the Municipal Code to pull a permit if there is a group of 25 or over.

Mr. Hester stated there were discussions to see if the number should be changed. It was designed so we know if a large group is there and gives the police some level of enforcement to shut an event down if they don't have a permit.

Ms. Kaiser said that if the group is over 75, the cost is more, and if there are over 160 people, they need to get a special event permit.

Commissioner Guerra asked what about schools? If they come for a few hours, are they also required to get a permit?

Mr. Hester responded that technically yes, but most of them don't. Most of the schools bring the kids to the parks during the school year and there are not a lot of people in the park. If the rangers see three or four school buses drop off about 400 kids, the rangers talk to the organizers and let them know they need to have a permit next time.

Commissioner Guerra asked if a bus going into El Dorado East Regional Park needs a permit?

Mr. Hester responded that they still need a permit.

Commissioner Satariano said the citywide ranger program would have addressed this problem. Mr. Ashman brought up that it would be nice to have park ambassadors to use for this, to have them in the parks on weekends giving out information.

Mr. Hester said that a number of cities use senior volunteers in ranger vehicles. They have no authority, so they have to contact the police if there are problems, but it is another set of eyes.

Mr. Hester asked Marc Gutfeld to give an update on the Civil War Reenactment and the upcoming Oktoberfest event.

Mr. Gutfeld said there were over 500 reenactors, but that attendance was down about 300 this year. We had a lot going on that weekend, like the dragon boat races. The group is happy here and they want to make Long Beach their home. This is the biggest Civil War reenactment event on the west coast.

Phil said they are interested in trying to set the date for next year.

Mr. Gutfeld said the group would like to plan this event for July 30 and 31, next year, and he would make sure that Audubon is supportive of that. The Oktoberfest event is October 22-31, and would be open on Thursday through Sunday for the two weeks.

Mr. Squires commented that admission to the El Dorado East Regional Park gate would be free during the Oktoberfest dates.

Mr. Gutfeld said we are starting to pass the flyers out today.

Mr. Hester said the last day of Oktoberfest is on Halloween, so Ms. Kaiser is looking at doing a combined event that day.

Mr. Squires stated that the promoters got excited about that.

Commissioner Guerra said he attended the Civil War Reenactment. It was the third year that he attended. It starts to become a regular event and the services they provide have really gotten better. It is just a matter of getting the word out a lot sooner. The program is good and the educational component is good, just need to get the word out.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

- A. Recommendation to receive and file the Director's Monthly Highlights Report for July 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Satariano to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

President Waterfield said no correspondence was received.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Recommend to the City Council that the definition of a "small park," for the purposes of a potential smoking ban, be any park of one acre or less in size, and that any smoking ban be initially limited to parks of this size.

Mr. Hester said this item was referred from the City Council and the original request was to define what a small park would be. There was a discussion about .75 acres. We have a significant number of smaller parks that are an acre or less. The concern was that in the smaller parks, a lot of them have playgrounds and there is an ordinance in place to not smoke within 25 feet of playgrounds. We ultimately might want to ban smoking in all parks, but we would need to do a lot more outreach. I don't think that all the City Council members are on board to go citywide for now. There is a lot of documentation from all cities that do this. There was a lot of discussion about the difference between a park and an open space. We have talked to the City Attorney's office about the ordinance. There are currently 58 parks that are 1 acre or less. Six of those parks are undeveloped. There was discussion about people walking on the sidewalk who are smoking and would they be subject to this regulation? There was a big discussion about signage and the cost. Where would we get the money to put up the

signs? Our take is we would not necessarily go in and put signs up on all of them, but if we would put up new signs we would include that information. Our recommendation would be that there be no smoking in parks of 1 acre or less.

Mr. Squires said the City Attorney's office is drafting definitions of what park and open space is.

Commissioner Satariano said he is prepared to make the motion. I do think that the Coalition supporting no smoking in all the parks is probably on the right track and we are probably going that direction. I don't feel comfortable with no smoking in all the parks. Subsequently, I am prepared to make the motion that we support the Department's recommendation in parks of 1 acre or less. Going forward, I would hope the City Council would take the lead on this and go in the direction that they want to go.

Commissioner Saltzgaver stated he would be voting no.

Mr. Evan Braude introduced himself and said that Claudette Powers was unable to be here, so he was attending on her behalf. We don't support 1 acre or less. You were asked to make a decision on what is a small park. Why not go with a number that is closer to 5 acres? I think that over the years I have watched commissions and City Council has the final say. Commissioners have never been timid and you should be making a bold move, if you think that ultimately it is the right thing to do. 150 other cities in the state, including some that are near us, have said none of their parks allow smoking. We have already gone smoke free with our beaches. We have over 85 % of people in Long Beach who don't smoke. If you want to have a smaller area for smoking, maybe that is the way to go. That is not the issue. You should say to the City Council, OK, you asked us for the definition. Let's go with 5 acres or less. You should come to a statement that you would prefer, as a commission, that ultimately it is the right thing to do. If you think that is the right way to go, you should say that to the Council. We were studying this issue for a long time and we were going to go in front of Council and ask them to do smoke free parks. Before we did that, Councilwoman Suja Lowenthal and said let's send it over to the Commission and ask them about a portion of it. We didn't even get a chance to talk about it. We believe you should, as a spokesperson for the people who use the park, say something and make a stand. As far as signage is concerned, we understand if you don't have enough money for it. In reality, it is a lot easier to tell people that all parks are smoke free than some parks being smoke free. How are people supposed to tell which ones are and

which ones are not? When we made restaurants smoke free, it was all restaurants. People will self-enforce if they know it. We hope you will reconsider to increase to 5 acres.

Commissioner Guerra said my thoughts are not that far from Mr. Braude, and I agree with the no smoking in parks altogether.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said he would like to use Mr. Braude's numbers, that 85% of the community does not smoke. That would mean that it's not that often that you run across people who smoke in the parks. He assumes that the right thing to do were to have no smoking anywhere. If that were the case, then tobacco should be illegal. It is not my opinion that ostracizing 15% of the population is the right thing to do. No smoking in the parks would mean that 15% of the population would not be allowed to follow their desire in the parks. I quit smoking 10 years ago. I don't think it is a good idea, but that was my choice. That wasn't the community telling me, that was what I had to do. For those reasons alone, it seems foolish to me to continue to try to wrap every person in our society into a cocoon of safety. If we all want to be the boy in the bubble, fine. I am not going to be in that bubble and I am not going to support being in that bubble.

Commissioner Satariano said my thinking is not that far off the Coalition's. My issue is more that it needs to be approached in bite size chunks, and I consider this to be a bite size chunk, that is 1 acre or less. I think we are going there, I am just not comfortable going there immediately. I appreciate the comment that we should take the lead and we should be bold. I think we have done that in many occasions. I am not firmly convinced that it is the time to do that. Personally, I don't think there should be smoking in the parks as well. But I think in the city of Long Beach today, I as a Commissioner, am not prepared to go for that though. That is why my motion was to take this first step, which I think is somewhat monumental, and then certainly be positioned for the next step, whatever that may be.

Mr. Hester stated that this was referred by the City Council and our recommendation was based on what Council submitted to the Commission. I don't have a problem with smoke free parks. It is the Commission's decision to do whatever they recommend. If the Commission wants to take that step, I would support that also. Playgrounds were that first step and it has been positive. If the Commission wants to do something more, I don't see the difference between 1 acre and 5 acres. With 5 acres, you are getting closer to all parks. It is up to the Commission.

Commissioner Satariano said he would entertain an amendment to my motion, if the Commissioners are open to that.

Mr. Braude said the Coalition certainly wants all the parks smoke free. Our feeling was to give the City Council something larger. The most important part of the suggestion was that whatever you decide to do, whether it is 1, 3, 5 or 10 acres, that you go back to the Council and say we are giving you this, but we looked it over and we think that we, the way other communities are moving, to be a healthy city as we have been in the past, to be forward looking. To limit it to a small park, that is what we see is the ultimate problem. We would like to see at least a recommendation from the Commission that we should look to move swiftly toward all the parks. That would be a signal to the Council to try move forward in that area. I think there are a lot of people who agree with this on the Commission.

Commissioner Antonette said he is prepared to support Commissioner Satariano. I don't know that we have had much dialog about banning smoking in parks.

Vice President Sangmeister asked why did staff come up with 1 acre instead of 5 acres?

Mr. Hester responded because of the City Council discussion, they were looking at small parks. We don't define any small parks. Knowing who was involved and the conversation that took place, they were actually talking about .75 acres. It is a confusing issue about how big a park is and if you can smoke in it or not. We were following the City Council's lead. This is a healthy city, a healthy park system. Environmentally, air quality, fitness for kids, obesity, and trying to be healthy, this could be the opportunity to do it. If the Commission wants to take a step back, and walk up with the Coalition, if that is the direction that you want to go. If you want to say, for all the right reasons, we will support this in all parks except the regional park, or something like that. The other option, if the Commission is not comfortable, we could send it back to staff and come back with another proposal. We did talk about a public meeting. This is a public meeting. We are open to direction from the Commission.

President Waterfield said he is comfortable with 5 acres, but it sounds like some of the Commission is interested in exploring smoke free parks. I think 5 acres is more of a serious issue.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said if you go to 3 acres, it would include the Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier, the Harry Bridges Memorial Park, and the Municipal Cemetery.

Mr. Squires said it has been asked for the Commission to recommend a definition and size of a small park. You could exclude the pier in a definition.

Mr. Hester said it is turf around the pier not the pier itself, but you are right about the Harry Bridges Memorial Park.

Commissioner Guerra said what about special events?

Mr. Squires responded that you could exempt special events, that they are private events.

Ms. Gonzalez said that special events on the beach are exempt.

It was moved by Commissioner Guerra with a substitute motion, and seconded by President Waterfield, to amend defining a park as 5 acres or less. The motion did not carry, with Vice President Sangmeister, Commissioner Saltzgaver, Commissioner Antonette, and Commissioner Satariano voting against.

Commissioner Satariano said Phil's comment indicates that we are going to be dealing with this issue going forward. Now I feel more than ever that we need a public meeting and we need to continue with input from the community on this. If we do pass the motion of 1 acre, so be it. That is the first step. I think this will be an ongoing item for the Commission and at that point I would be comfortable moving forward and taking the lead.

It was moved by Commissioner Satariano and seconded by Commissioner Antonette to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Recommendation to rank the alternatives for Phase 2 of the Colorado Lagoon Restoration Project.

President Waterfield said we did have a public meeting. Is there an additional staff report?

Mr. Hester said that Ms. Gonzalez is handing out information requested at the public meeting. Eric Lopez is in attendance. What we are hoping for today is feedback from the Commission on the ranking of the five alternatives to transmit a recommendation back to the City Council. If you have any questions, Dave Pirazzi is also here from the Friends of the Colorado Lagoon, FOCL.

Ms. Gonzalez said that at the end of the public meeting Commissioner Saltzgaver made a request for us to have available the layout of the existing sport fields in the park, to see if we are giving up anything. What we tried to do was show the alternatives and behind it we are showing the approximate location of the existing sports fields. In Alternative 1 there is no change in the sports fields. Alternative 2 shows where we would propose to move these fields and overlaying on it where the channel would be, over the existing sport fields location. The same thing with Alternatives 3, 4, and 4A. There is room for all sports fields in any of the alternatives.

Vice President Sangmeister said you sent cross sections of Alternatives 2 and 4. In Alternatives 4 and 4A, there is a potential for it to silt up. What do any of these actually look like? I am sure the blue water does not go all the way to the grass, as in the drawing. In the Colorado Lagoon now, do we have a high marsh, mid-marsh, and low marsh now?

Mr. Lopez said we do have a low marsh and some mid-marsh and other inter-tidal plants. It is present but is degraded and would get better with better water quality. If you look at the conceptual cross sections, the existing grade is at +8 above sea level and it goes down to -8 feet. The dark blue is the subtidal area where we expect eel grass to grow. The high tide will be at +4 feet. As you go from Alternatives 2 to 4, the steepness of the slope will decrease. The higher the alternative number, the more gentle slopes you will have.

Mr. Squires said in the middle the water would still be at 4 feet. The water zone would get wider in the higher alternatives. The tide will not change, just the width of the water.

Commissioner Antonette asked what the low mark is?

Mr. Lopez responded that it is -4.

Mr. Hester stated that we do have 7-foot tides regularly.

Mr. Lopez said this was designed with that in mind, when you have the extra high tides. Water would not go into the park areas.

Mr. Pirrazi said the width of the channel does not change with high or low tides. What would get wet at a low tide would get wider. What would get wet at a very high tide won't change, depending on the alternative. It would just get wider. At the end of Marine Stadium, during a really high tide, the water currently comes onto the sidewalk. If we do nothing, in 50 years the entire grass park would be under during the high tide, if sea level rises. We are accounting for a potential sea level rise.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said he would like to rank the top two and made a motion that Alternative 4A be first, with Alternative 2 being second, with the requirement that there be sufficient mitigation to replace the current active sports facilities with equal or better facilities as part of the project.

Commissioner Antonette seconded the motion.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said the reason I go to number two is to eliminate the possibility for culverts.

President Waterfield asked for discussion.

Mr. Hester stated that Alternative 2 keeps the existing culvert.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said he goes with the bridges and open culvert. While bridges are more expensive initially, the maintenance in the long run would overcome that cost. He asked if all five alternatives would need to be ranked?

Mr. Lopez said they would want to know where the underground culvert would stand.

Commissioner Saltzgaver responded fifth.

Mr. Hester said the Commission should talk about what the rankings potentially are and get a consensus.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said I think in my rationale it is clear in that the culvert concept is what we want to get away from. It is why we are at where we are today with the lagoon.

Commissioner Antonette said it would seem reasonable that FOCL would approve of the open channel.

Vice President Sangmeister said she would like to hear what Mr. Pirazzi has to say.

Mr. Pirazzi said we agree with what Commissioner Saltzgaver said. Underground culverts are the enemy. Any alternative that has an underground culvert is likely to drive long-term maintenance costs for the City or the maintenance would not be done. It would restrict tidal flow and the lagoon would suffer. With the State Water Board putting certain limits on pollutants of water quality in the lagoon, the City would have a finite time to resolve the issues or would be liable for substantial fines. We need to get this right now. The resource agencies that are probably going to be involved in funding the work and also determining how many mitigation credits might be available, suggested Alternative 4A and recommended eliminating culverts. Anything we can do to restore wetlands would be good. The culvert looks structurally sound now, but 50 years from now what if it starts caving in? We support Alternative 4A. Before 4A came into existence, we supported Alternative 2, but you still have the culvert. Alternative 2 is next, maybe eliminating the culvert. All the others involve a culvert and financial responsibility for maintenance. The other three alternatives are tied for last.

President Waterfield asked if you considered Alternative 2 without a culvert, is that culvert needed?

Mr. Lopez responded that they went back and forth with it. It could be demolished, but it would cost more. We could look at removing that culvert.

Mr. Pirazzi said it would also probably affect the length of the bridge on Colorado Street.

Mr. Lopez said it wouldn't hurt for it to be there initially for the first 10 to 20 years, while it was clean.

Commissioner Antonette asked if the existence of a culvert would affect the tide in the lagoon?

Mr. Lopez responded that with or without the culvert you get adequate flushing. With the culvert you get an additional marginal benefit.

Ms. Mary Parsell said she supports what FOCL says. She supports Alternative 4A because resource agencies for wildlife are supporting this. They are your chance for funding. I would go for that.

Mr. Hester said that with any culvert you have to have a tide gate and that is the problem now.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said he wants to continue to impress upon this recommendation that it is our sincere desire and need to maintain this park as both passive and active recreation. This channel can improve passive recreation. It can not do that at the expense of active recreation in this recommendation. What I would recommend now is 4A, 2, 4, 3, and 1.

Vice President Sangmeister said she understands the desire for Alternative 4A, but it is a larger channel and it reads here that it degrades over time. I don't want to see these fields get lost in all of this. I strongly suggest taking a picture of the Colorado Lagoon and make sure the City Council understand that the existing grade is a similar slope to what is recommended.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said that on the drawing, put sand on the border instead of blue right near a field. I don't think that is what you mean.

Mr. Lopez said this is not to scale and we would do that. The water line will not affect the park area. What we are going to ask of City Council is approval of Phase 2 with your recommendations and recommendations from the resource agencies and the Marine Advisory Commission, with the condition that the sports fields be upgraded and we don't loose any sports fields.

Mr. Sandoval said the Marine Advisory Commission would hear this item at their September 9th meeting.

Mr. Pirazzi said we have supported all along that there should be no loss of fields and what gets put back is an improvement to what is currently there. Moffatt & Nichol understood that. Through some reconfigurations in the park, I think we can reconfigure this. The park, the way it is laid out now, is not very efficient. We can make better use of the space. Some of the soil that would come out of creating the open channel could go to raise the lower field levels on a more equal level. Right now, there is a gradual berm in the park and that whole area is not available to sports. We have supported all along that this project would include these improvements, including hopefully redoing the bathroom, which is pretty poor. The other comment regarding these diagrams, the way it has been explained to us is that the blue is not intended to represent water. It was intended to represent the overall width of what was going in there, and that would include a walkway, a buffer zone, which

would be some native plants, and then a transition zone, which are some plants where it starts to slope and then the various things. The water at no point would come up to the edge of the blue line, not even during high tide. There would always be some portion of that channel that would be dry, even during the highest tide.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said that is the point. You saw it at the public meeting. That is what people see, water.

Vice President Sangmeister said do not use blue.

Mr. Lopez said he would change the color.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said he would like to amend his motion.

It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Satariano to rank the alternatives for Phase 2 of the Colorado Lagoon Restoration Project with Alternative 4A as first, Alternative 2 as second, with the other alternatives not recommended, with the requirement that there be sufficient mitigation to replace active sports facilities and passive areas with equal or better facilities, as part of the project. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Satariano thanked Mr. Pirazzi for representing FOCL and it has been a good part of this process.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

President Waterfield said there was no new business.

IX. COMMENTS

A. AUDIENCE

President Waterfield asked for comments from the audience. There were none.

B. STAFF

President Waterfield asked for comments from staff. There were none

C. COMMISSIONERS

President Waterfield asked for comments from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Drew Satariano reminded the Commissioners that an invitation to the Baseball and Softball Hall of Fame would be coming. He also said that this is a huge weekend for Sea Festival. It has been a huge season for the Department. Commissioner Saltzgaver wrote a great editorial on options for staycations. Another event this weekend is Flugtag in Rainbow Harbor. We also have the open water swim in Marine Stadium. There is a national swimming championship in Irvine. Michael Phelps will be there.

X. NEXT MEETING

President Waterfield stated that the next meeting would be held at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, September 16, 2010, at Whaley Park, in the community center, 5620 Atherton Street, Long Beach, California.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Waterfield adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Black
Executive Assistant to the Director

c: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine

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 (5:09 PM)

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At 5:09 p.m., Vice Chair Durnin called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:09 PM)

see media

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

Boardmembers Melani Smith
Absent:

Also present: Reginald Harrison, Interim Director of Development Services; Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer; Amy Burton, Deputy City Attorney; Angie Zetterquist, Project Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE (5:09 PM)

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Commissioner Saumur led the flag salute.

MINUTES (5:10 PM)

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10-050PL

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of August 19, 2010.

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

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

Abstain: 1 - Leslie Fernald Gentile

Absent: 1 - Melani Smith

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:10 PM)

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Reginald Harrison, Interim Director of Development Services, provided the Director's Report.

Vice Chair Durnin spoke.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (5:12 PM)

see media

There was no public comment given at this time.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:12 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 (5:13 PM)

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1. 10-051PL Recommendation to deny the appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision to approve a Standards Variance request to combine the required private and common open space to private only in conjunction with a new two-story four-unit residential development with third floor roof decks and a semi-subterranean garage located at 1630 E. Carson Street within the R-4-N zone.

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced Angie Zetterquist, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Amy Burton, Deputy City Attorney, responded to a query from Jerry Rodin, applicant.

Jerry Rodin spoke.

Jerry Rodin responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Jerry Rodin and Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Saumur and Jerry Rodin.

Eddy Clement provided public comment.

Eddy Clement responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Eddy Clement responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Carl Hoppes provided public comment.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gentile and Derek Burnham.

Commissioner Gentile spoke.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Blair and Derek Burnham.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Saumur and Derek Burnham.

Commissioner Gentile spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Vice Chair Durnin.

Vice Chair Durnin spoke.

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

Yes: 4 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Charles Durnin, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

No: 2 - Alan L. Fox and Leslie Fernald Gentile

Absent: 1 - Melani Smith

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (5:55 PM)

see media

There were no additional comments from the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT (5:55 PM)

see media

At 5:55 p.m., there being no objection, Vice Chair Durnin adjourned the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: September 16, 2010 - 5:00 PM

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