

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 (5:10 PM)

At 5:10 p.m., Chair Blair called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:10 PM)

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

Present: Horik, Becky Blair and Molly Campbell

Commissioners Mark Christoffels

Absent:

Also present: Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE (5:10 PM)

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Commissioner Smith led the flag salute.

MINUTES (5:10 PM)

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[13-036PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of June 6, 2013.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mark Christoffels

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:12 PM)

[see media](#)

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

Chair Blair spoke.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:15 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 (5:15 PM)

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1. [13-037PL](#) Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit to convert an existing office building into a self-storage building at 1700 Santa Fe Avenue, in conjunction with the demolition of an existing two-story office building located at 1724 Santa Fe Avenue located in the General Industrial (IG) zone. (District 1) (Application No. 1210-06)

Derek Burnham, Planning Administrator, asked that the item be continued to July 18, 2013.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Van Horik, Chair Blair and Derek Burnham.

A motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Van Horik, to continue the item to July 18, 2013. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Mark Christoffels

STUDY SESSION (5:19 PM)

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2. [13-039PL](#) Conduct a study session regarding the Housing Element 5 update.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, introduced Ashley

Atkinson and Veronica Tam.

Ashley Atkinson, Administrative Analyst, spoke.

Veronica Tam, consultant, presented the study session.

Veronica Tam responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Amy Bodek spoke.

Veronica Tam discussed the different sections of the Housing Element.

Veronica Tam responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Chair Blair swore in late arriving members of the audience wishing to speak.

Patrick Moreno, representing Housing Long Beach, provided public comment.

Norma Rosso, member of Housing Long Beach, provided public comment.

Josh Butler, Director of Community Engagement for Habitat For Humanity of Greater Los Angeles, and representing Housing Long Beach, provided public comment.

Christine Pettit, representing Housing Long Beach, provided public comment.

Ben Fisher provided public comment.

Ben Fisher responded to a query from Chair Blair.

Susanne Browne, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, provided public comment.

Brian D'Andrea, Villages at Cabrillo, provided public comment.

Tonya Reyes Uranga provided public comment.

Rebecca (no last name given), representing East Yard Communities for

Environmental Justice, provided public comment.

Jessica Tovar, Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma, provided public comment.

Leticia Reyes provided public comment.

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

Robert Credle provided public comment.

Allison Riley, Senior Project Manager with Linc Housing Corporation, provided public comment.

Jorge Rivera, representing Housing Long Beach, provided public comment.

Arlene Mercer, Founder of Food Finders, Executive Director of Urban Community Outreach, and Treasurer of Long Beach Area Coalition for the Homeless, provided public comment.

Gary Shelton, Long Beach Area Coalition for the Homeless, provided public comment.

Barbara Davidson provided public comment.

Eric Nagosh provided public comment.

Commissioner Campbell spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to queries from Commissioner Campbell.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to comments made by Commissioner Smith.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Smith and Amy Bodek.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

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

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Chair Blair spoke.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (7:29 PM)

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There were no comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (7:29 PM)

There were no comments from the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT (7:30 PM)

At 7:30 p.m., Chair Blair adjourned the meeting.

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