

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

JANUARY 15, 2009

The regular meeting of the City Planning Commission and public hearing convened Thursday, January 15, at 5:06 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: Philip Saumur, Becky Blair, Charles Durnin, Leslie Gentile, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik

ABSENT: EXCUSED:

CHAIRMAN: Philip Saumur

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Beck, Director of Development Services
Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer
Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer
Jeff Winklepleck, Planner
Monica Mendoza, Planner
Scott Kinsey, Planner
Steve Valdez, Planner
Heidi Eidson, Minutes Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Mais, Assistant City Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Gentile.

MINUTES

The minutes of November 6, 2008 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Gentile and passed 6-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was no Director's report given.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES

STUDY SESSION

Jeff Winklepleck, Project Planner, gave a brief introduction to the Kroc Center project.

John Horne, Salvation Army, presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Kroc Center Site Plan.

Mr. Horne and Richard Dilday, project architect, Heery International, responded to questions.

Commissioner Durnin spoke.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Mr. Horne responded to questions.

Larry Forester, Signal Hill Councilmember spoke.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar was approved on a motion by Commissioner Gentile, seconded by Commissioner Van Horik and passed 6-0.

1. Application No. 0712-11

Applicant: T-Mobile USA, Inc.
c/o Aaron Anderson, Sequoia Deployment Services
Subject Site: 2390 Cedar Avenue (District 6)

Approved the Conditional Use Permit, subject to conditions.

2. Application No. 0811-08

Applicant: Perfecto A. Aroa
Subject Site: 227 La Verne (District 3)

Approved Tentative Parcel Map and Local Coastal Development Permit, subject to conditions.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Application No. 0612-06

Applicant: META Housing
Subject Site: 1235 Long Beach Boulevard (District 1)
Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, provided background and introduced Jaime Ustin, Project Planner, who presented the staff report and PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Burnham responded to questions.

Ms. Ustin responded to questions.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Mark Wolf, Vice President of META Housing, continued with the presentation and introduced Michael Bohn and Brian Ulaszewski of Studio One Eleven, project architects.

Mr. Bohn and Mr. Ulaszewski, presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Commission Durnin spoke.

Mr. Bohn and Mr. Ulaszewski responded to questions.

Mr. Burnham responded to questions.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Mr. Bohn, Mr. Ulaszewski and Mr. Wolf responded to questions.

Jack Smith, 2453 Golden Avenue spoke.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Site Plan Review, Administrative Use Permit and Tentative Map, make a finding of General Plan Conformity and certify the Addendum to the Environmental Report. Commissioner Van Horik seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

4. Application No. 0811-05

Applicant: Michael Barber
Subject Site: 1831 E. Second Street (District 3)

Steven Valdez, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

Mr. Burnham responded to questions.

Michael Barber, applicant, spoke.

Mr. Valdez responded to questions.

Commissioner Blair spoke.
John Thompson, 1830 E. 2nd Street, spoke.

Craig Beck, Director of Development Services, responded to a question.

George Romo, 2027 Appleton Street, #7, read a letter on behalf of the Alamitos Beach Neighborhood Association.

Tom Kulikowski, 1812 E. Second Street, spoke.

Herlinda Chico, 1809 E. 2nd Street, Apt. M, spoke.

John Donahue, 1821 E. Second Street, spoke.

Greg Mattson, Chair of the Parking Committee for the Alamitos Beach Neighborhood Association, 1421 E. First Street, spoke and distributed a parking study prepared by his organization.

Thomas Ciganko, 142 Hermosa Avenue, spoke.

Jack Hoar, 184 Rivo Alto Canal, spoke.

Veronica Orcanisa, Executive Chef at the Paradise Café, spoke.

Dan Kern, 203 Hermosa Avenue, spoke.

Sidney Kramer, President, Broadway Business Association, 3519 E. Broadway, spoke.

Larry Forester, 1923 Molino Avenue, #5H, spoke.

Steve Steindler, 35 54th Place, #3, read a letter on behalf of Thomas Herzog.

Pierre Billard, 245 Park Avenue, spoke.

Ed Gulian, project architect, 241 St. Joseph Avenue, spoke.

John Thomas, 280 Molino, #101, spoke.

Mike Mais, Assistant City Attorney, responded to a question.

Mr. Beck responded to questions.

Mr. Burnham, responded to questions.

Mr. Barber, responded to questions.

Mr. Burnham responded to questions.

Mr. Valdez responded to questions.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Mr. Barber spoke.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Commissioner Durnin spoke.

Commissioner Durnin made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit and Local Coastal Development Permit and Commission Saumur seconded the motion. The motion failed 3-3 with Commissioners Van Horik, Smith and Gentile dissenting.

Mr. Mais spoke.

5. Application No. 0811-13

Applicant: City of Long Beach
Subject Site: Citywide

Mr. Burnham provided background on the item and then introduced Monica Mendoza, Project Planner who presented the staff report.

Mr. Burnham responded to questions.

Gregory Mattson, Chairman of the Parking Committee for the Alamitos Beach Neighborhood Association, 1421 E. First Street, spoke and presented written suggestions for clarifying the amendments.

Mr. Burnham responded to questions.

Commissioner Durnin spoke.

Mr. Mattson responded to questions.

Mr. Mais spoke.

Commissioner Van Horik made a motion to recommend that City Council approve the proposed amendments. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

REPORT ON OTHER DEPARTMENT MATTERS

There were no matters from the Department.

MATTERS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Commissioner Gentile spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gentile, Mr. Beck, Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer and Mr. Mais.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Blair, Mr. Beck and Mr. Burnham.

ADJOURN

Chair Saumur adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Eidson
Minutes Clerk