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Date: January 21, 2021

**IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AMENDMENT, APPEALS,
AND COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATION**

APPLICATION NUMBERS: LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1, A-5-LOB-17-0032, A-5-LOB-20-0007, & 5-18-0788

APPLICANT: City of Long Beach

PROJECT LOCATION: 4000 E. Olympic Plaza, Long Beach, Los Angeles County

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION:

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2021

TIME: 9:00AM

PLACE: Virtual Hearing

PHONE: (415) 904-5200

ITEM NOS: Th12b, Th13a, Th13b, and Th14a

Th12b – LCP-5-LOB-1-20-0014-1

LCP AMENDMENT DESCRIPTION: Public hearing and action on request by City of Long Beach to amend its Land Use Plan (LUP) and the Implementation Plan (IP) of the certified LCP to revise regulations for the Belmont Pier Planned Development District to allow for the Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center in the City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County.

Th13a – A-5-LOB-17-0032

LOCAL GOVT PERMIT NUMBER: 1405-1

APPELLANTS: Commissioner Effie Turnbull-Sanders, Commissioner Dayna Bochco, Gordana Kajer, Jeff Miller, Joe Weinstein, Ann Cantrell, Anna Christensen, Susan Miller, Warren Blesofsky, Jamie Hall, Jamies Hines, Laurie Angel, Corliss Lee, Rae Gabelich, Melinda Cotton, and Renee Lawler

DECISION BEING APPEALED: Appeals by Commissioners Bochco and Turnbull-Sanders, and Citizens About Responsible Planning (CARP), et al., from decision of City of Long Beach granting permit with conditions for construction of approx. 125,500 sq.ft. swimming pool complex with indoor component with max. building height of 71-ft. above 10-ft. graded plinth and outdoor component including approx. 1,500 sq.ft. café, 600 sq.ft. public restroom, and 55,745 sq.ft. of park area on 5.8 acre beachfront site.

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Th13b – A-5-LOB-20-0007

LOCAL GOVT PERMIT NUMBER: LCDP 19-023

APPELLANTS: Susan Miller, Ann Cantrell, Melinda Cotton, Jeff Miller, Gordana Kajer, Audrey Mabie, Ashley Waugh, Gladys Moreau, Je Weinstein, Kerrie Aley, Allan Songer, Virginia Shontell, and Loy Zimmerman

DECISION BEING APPEALED: Appeals by Susan Miller, et al., of City of Long Beach granting permit with conditions for construction of outdoor pool complex with 15,181 sq.ft. approx. 29-ft. high pool facilities building with locker rooms, offices, food concessions, changing rooms, and storage rooms; 141,558 sq.ft. hardscaped open space; 92,297 sq.ft. passive park; and public restrooms and conversion of temporary pool and associated facilities to permanent structures.

Th14a – 5-18-0788

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Application of City of Long Beach to close Olympic Plaza to automobile traffic, remove park landscaping, demolish 2 outdoor pools, convert temporary pool and associated facilities to permanent structures, and construct outdoor pool complex including 12,320 sq. ft. competitive pool, 4,560 sq. ft. recreation pool, 1,000 sq. ft. teaching pool, 500 sq. ft. spa, 5,660 sq. ft. diving well, and spray garden, 1,555 permanent seats, 15,181 sq. ft. approx. 29 ft.-high pool facilities building with locker rooms, offices, food concessions, changing rooms, and storage rooms, 141,558 sq. ft. hardscaped open space, 92,297 sq. ft. passive park, and public restrooms, at Belmont Shore Beach Park.

VIRTUAL HEARING PROCEDURES: As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor's Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-33-20, this Coastal Commission meeting will occur virtually through video and teleconference. Please see the Coastal Commission's Virtual Hearing Procedures posted on the Coastal Commission's webpage at www.coastal.ca.gov for details on the procedures of this hearing. If you would like to receive a paper copy of the Coastal Commission's Virtual Hearing Procedures, please call 415-904-5202.

These items have been scheduled for a public hearing and vote. People wishing to testify on these matters may appear at the hearing or may present their concerns by letter to the Commission on or before the hearing date.

AVAILABILITY OF STAFF REPORT: A copy of the staff reports on these matters will be available no later than 10 days before the hearing on the Coastal Commission's website at <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/mtgcurr.html>. Alternatively, you may request a paper copy of the reports from Dani Ziff, via Dani.Ziff@coastal.ca.gov, or from the South Coast District Office.

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SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN MATERIALS: If you wish to submit written materials for review by the Commission, please observe the following:

- Submit your written materials to the Commission staff no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the hearing (staff will then distribute your materials to the Commission). Note that materials received after this time will not be distributed to the Commission.
- Mark the agenda number of your item, the application number, your name and your position in favor or opposition to the project on the upper right hand corner of the first page of your submission. If you do not know the agenda number, contact the Commission staff person listed on page 4.
- A current list of Commissioners' names and addresses is available on the Coastal Commission's website at <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/roster.html>. If you wish to submit materials directly to Commissioners, we request that you mail the materials so that the Commissioners receive the materials no later than Thursday of the week before the Commission meeting. You must provide Commission staff with a copy of any materials that you provide to Commissioners. Please mail the same materials to all Commissioners, alternates for Commissioners, and the three non-voting members on the Commission with a copy to the Commission staff person listed on page 4.
- You are requested to summarize the reasons for your position in no more than two or three pages, if possible

Please note: Due to the virtual hearing, you will not be able to submit written materials to the Commission on the day of the hearing. Materials sent to the Commissioners during the hearing, unless they are visual aids, are discouraged as it is difficult for the Commission to carefully consider late materials.

ADDITIONAL HEARING PROCEDURES FOR Th13a – A-5-LOB-17-0032, Th13b – A-5-LOB-20-0007 & Th13a – 5-18-0788:

The above items may be moved to the Consent Calendar by the Executive Director when, prior to Commission consideration of the Consent Calendar, staff and the applicant are in agreement on the staff recommendation. If these items are moved to the Consent Calendar, the Commission will either approve them with the recommended actions in the staff report or remove the items from the Consent Calendar by a vote of three or more Commissioners. If the items are removed, the public hearing described above will still be held at the point in the meeting originally indicated on the agenda.

ADDITIONAL HEARING PROCEDURES FOR Th13a – A-5-LOB-17-0032 & Th13b – A-5-

LOB-20-0007: New appeals undergo a two-step process before the Commission, known as the 'substantial issue' phase, and 'de novo' phase. At the 'substantial issue' phase, section 30625(b) of the Coastal Act requires the Commission to hear an appeal unless the Commission determines that no substantial issue is raised by the appeal. If at least three Commissioners request to take public testimony at the substantial issue phase of the appeal prior to determining whether or not to hear an appeal, the only persons qualified to testify orally before the Commission are the applicants, persons who opposed the application before the local government (or their representatives), and the local government. Testimony from other persons must be submitted in writing.

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Unless a majority of the Commissioners present finds that the appeals raise no substantial issue, the Commission will proceed to the de novo stage of the appeal hearings. The de novo stage of the appeal hearings may occur at the same Commission meeting, immediately following the ‘substantial issue’ phase, or be continued to a later Commission meeting. Please contact the appropriate staff person and/or see the staff report, which will indicate whether Commission staff is recommending that the de novo hearings occur at this Commission meeting or a later one. Anyone may testify on the merits of the proposal during the de novo phase. People wishing to testify on this matter may appear at the hearing or may present their concerns by letter to the Commission on or before the hearing date. If the Commission finds that the appeals do not raise substantial issues, then the local government’s action on the coastal development permit is final, and there will be no ‘de novo’ phase of the appeal hearing.

ALLOTTED TIME FOR TESTIMONY: Oral testimony at the substantial issue stage for the appeals is limited to 3 minutes combined total per side to address the question of substantial issue but may be reduced at the discretion of the Chair. Commissioners may decide to not hold a substantial issue hearing for the appeals.

This will be a combined hearing for all four items. Oral testimony at the de novo stage for the appeals will be combined with the oral testimony for the LCP Amendment and the Coastal Development Permit Application. Members of the public will only be allowed to speak once during the combined hearing for all four items and may be limited to 2 minutes or less for each speaker depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard and at the discretion of the Chair.

No one can predict how quickly the Commission will complete agenda items or how many will be postponed to a later date. The Commission begins each session at the time listed and considers each item in order, except in extraordinary circumstances. Staff at the appropriate Commission office can give you more information prior to the hearing date. Questions regarding the report or the hearing should be directed to Dani Ziff, Coastal Program Analyst the South Coast District Office.