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# Building A Better Long Beach

*North Village Center Community  
Workshop participants*



# Message from the Director

Dear Community Partner,

As the end of 2010 fast approaches, Long Beach Development Services continues to work with the community to bring our projects to fruition.

Last month, more than a hundred neighborhood residents and business owners filled the Jordan High School Cafeteria for a community workshop on proposed improvements to the North Long Beach Village Center. Included in the improvements are the planned North Long Beach Branch Library, a community plaza and possibly a new market, as well as housing and retail developments. By engaging the help of the enthusiastic participants, LBDS and 8th and 9th Council District staff focused on neighborhood level details to outline a plan for a vibrant revitalization project.

Our award-winning television series *Inside Long Beach* also celebrated the premiere of its third season last month. Held in conjunction with the East Village Arts District's 2nd Saturday Art Walk, the public came out to show their appreciation for the program and watch the premiere of the new season on the big screen, as well as peruse the fine shops, restaurants and galleries throughout the East Village.

LBDS staff continues to prepare our customers for upcoming changes to the building code that will take effect in the new year. Starting in 2011, all projects will have to comply with changes to the building code, including the new California Green Building Standards Code, or CALGreen, and the California Residential Code. We are continuing to host a series of free community workshops to provide more information about these changes to ensure that we continue to serve our customers efficiently on their projects.

Work will soon begin on the highly anticipated Orizaba Park Expansion project. The RDA will be hosting a groundbreaking ceremony along with Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell, 4th District, and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine on Saturday, November 20 at 9:00 a.m. Once the project is complete, Orizaba Park will grow by more than an acre, and improvements will include a new skate park, basketball court, exercise stations and a community garden, as well as other features. We hope to see you there.

These are just a few examples of the many projects in the works throughout the city. With the partnership and support of the community, we are indeed Building A Better Long Beach.

Sincerely,

Amy J. Bodek  
Director

**In September, LBDS staff provided:**

- 2,543 building inspections
- 626 electrical inspections
- 283 plumbing inspections
- 213 mechanical inspections
- 84 misc. inspections
- Total inspections provided: 3,749
- 98% of inspections were provided within 24 hours of request

**Permit Center staff:**

- Assisted 4,309 customers
- Issued 442 building permits
- Reviewed 173 plans

## LBDS News & Updates

Have a question or comment about our department?

We want to hear from you.

Call us at  
(562) 570-LBDS

or

Email us at  
LBDS@longbeach.gov



### INSIDE LONG BEACH CELEBRATES 3RD SEASON

The award winning cable program *Inside Long Beach* celebrated its third season premiere on October 9 at the East Village 2nd Saturday Art Walk. Many came out to join in the fun and festivities and watch previous episodes on a giant inflatable screen, all while exploring the East Village Arts District. Hosts Nautica de la Cruz and Faruq Taheed conducted live red carpet interviews with community partners featured in past episodes. *Inside Long Beach* stars “Our Town and Our Stories” – it is a look into the people, places, programs and projects in Long Beach. *Inside Long Beach* airs on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. on LBTv-3 and Verizon Fios Channel 21. Check your Directv for listings. The



program is also available at [www.insidelbca.com](http://www.insidelbca.com). Stay tuned for more exciting episodes!

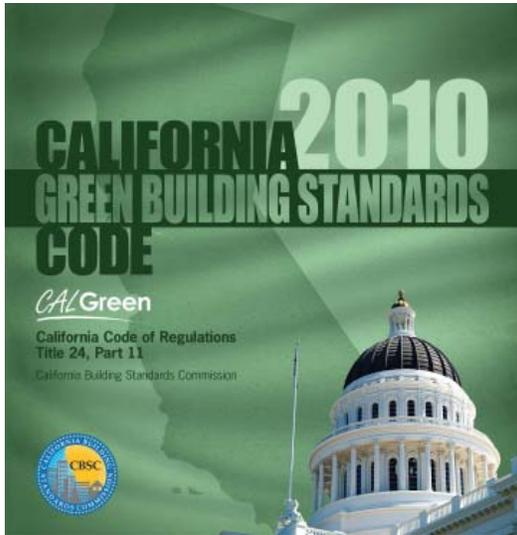


### ORIZABA PARK EXPANSION GROUNDBREAKING

On Saturday, November 20 at 9 a.m., join Councilman Patrick O'Donnell, 4th District, the RDA, and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine for the Orizaba Park expansion groundbreaking. Located at 14th Street and Orizaba Avenue, adjacent to the Long Beach Design District, Orizaba Park will be expanded by 1.1 acres and will

feature a new skate park, basketball court, exercise stations, lighting and landscaping, and a community garden. Come out to the event and see how the RDA is partnering to create more parks and open space to help Build a Better Long Beach. For more information, contact 562.570.5011.

# Building Code Changes Effective January 1, 2011



Starting in January 2011, all building projects submitted in the City of Long Beach must comply with the new 2010 California Building Standards Code. The main changes to the code are the introduction of the California Green Building Standards Code (called CALGreen) and the California Residential Code. Plan review and permit applications submitted to the City of Long Beach by December 31, 2010 will not be required to comply with the updated codes.

CALGreen will require all new buildings in the state to be more energy efficient and environmentally responsible. The purpose of

this code is to improve public health, safety and general welfare by enhancing the design and construction of buildings through the use of building concepts that have reduced negative impacts and encourage sustainable construction practices in planning and design, energy efficiency, water efficiency and conservation, material conservation and resource efficiency, and environmental quality. CALGreen will require that new buildings reduce water consumption by 20 percent, divert at least 50 percent of construction waste from landfills, and use low pollutant-emitting materials, among other provisions.

The 2010 California Residential Code will outline standards for one- and two-family dwelling units and town homes, including a key new requirement for residential fire sprinklers in all such dwellings.

Locally, the City of Long Beach will continue to implement the city's approved sustainability policies, including local green building standards, the Construction & Demolition Debris Recycling program, and bike parking standards. Long Beach is also adopting a new model landscape ordinance to comply with state requirements.

The City of Long Beach is hosting free community workshops to provide more information about the upcoming building code changes. The workshops are scheduled as follows:

**Thursday, November 11, 3:30 p.m.**

Long Beach City College, 4900 E. Conant St., Building 2, Room 234

**Thursday, December 9, 3:00 pm**

Mark Twain Library, 1401 E. Anaheim St., Community Room

To register, please RSVP at 562.570.7636 or email [LBDS@longbeach.gov](mailto:LBDS@longbeach.gov).

For more information about state-mandated changes, please visit [www.bsc.ca.gov](http://www.bsc.ca.gov).

California Building Standards Code changes for 2011 will include:

- Introduction of the California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen)
- Introduction of the California Residential Code
- Requirements for new buildings to be built using sustainable construction practices
- Standards for one- and two-family dwellings and town homes including new requirements for residential fire sprinklers

# North Long Beach Village Center Community Workshop Key Findings Now Available

Last month, an engaged group of 150 residents and business owners, along with 8th and 9th Council District Offices and Long Beach Development Services staff, gathered at Jordan High School to discuss the proposed changes for the area known as the North Long Beach Village Center. Key goals of the workshop were to determine locations for the planned North Long Beach Branch Library, a community plaza, and that of a possible neighborhood market. Additionally, community members looked at housing and retail possibilities as well as a plan for a mid-block crossing connecting East Hullet Street to Atlantic and Lime Avenues. Participants were also encouraged to voice their thoughts and concerns on other matters of interest to the neighborhood.



The workshop began with a presentation about the site and the goals of the morning, and was followed with a breakout session comprised of ten groups discussing the three proposed plans. Workshop members were encouraged to speak their mind and alter the plans as their groups worked through the issues on the site. At the end of the workshop, community members presented the results and the floor was opened for general comments.

By a wide margin, workshop participants preferred an alternative that placed the Library mid-block on the east side of Atlantic Avenue and a neighborhood market at the corner of Atlantic Avenue and South Street. A Summary of Key Findings from the community workshop follows.



## 1. Library & Community Room:

There was a strong preference that the library be placed mid-block on the East side of Atlantic Avenue; the community room be in or adjacent to library, have its own entrance for use when library is closed, and be rentable for events and celebrations. Many voiced a desire for kitchen facilities as well.

**2. Community Plaza:** Should be adjacent to library and Mid-Block Crossing, and include shade trees, greenery, water feature and ample seating.

**3. Market:** Strong desire for a market at preferred location of Atlantic Avenue and South Street.

**4. Housing:** Participants voiced many concerns about housing; if it is included, they preferred owner-occupied, 1-2 story small scale housing. Parking was a concern.

**5. Other: Mid-Block Crossing** - Many voiced a desire for this connection to Hullet Street be pedestrian focused if not pedestrian only in nature. *Retail/Restaurant* - Many voiced a desire for a family style restaurant and an increase in neighborhood serving retail. *Trash & Crime* - Trash, especially in parking lots, and crime were a concern voiced by many.



# Project Planning

## New Applications Filed in October

### 1st District

#### **921 Pacific Avenue**

A request for an Own-Your-Own Conversion of 10 community apartment units into 10 condominium units.

#### **Administrative Review**

Contact: Lynette Ferenczy

### 2nd District

#### **941 East 4th Street**

A Conditional Use Permit request to upgrade a bar's alcohol license from a Type 42 (beer and wine) to a Type 48 (beer, wine, and distilled spirits).

#### **Planning Commission Public Hearing**

Contact: Jorge Ramirez

### 7th District

#### **3389 Long Beach Boulevard**

A Conditional Use Permit request to recognize a check cashing operation within an existing business services office.

#### **Planning Commission Public Hearing**

Contact: Jorge Ramirez

### 8th District

#### **4300 Long Beach Boulevard**

A request to Modify an Approved Permit in conjunction with the installation of additional antennas and an equipment cabinet to an existing wireless telecommunications facility (monopine).

#### **Staff Site Plan Review**

Contact: Steve Valdez

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## Scheduled Public Meetings in November

### ***Redevelopment Agency Board - Monday, November 1, 2010***

- Approve and authorize the funding of a Neighborhood Partners Program Grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,989 to the Boys & Girls Club of Long Beach Westside Facility at 1835 Willard Street
- Approve and authorize a First Amendment to the Owner Participation Agreement with McFadden Family Trust to extend the term through March 31, 2011
- Receive and file a report on the system of oversight for redevelopment activities
- Study Session: North Village Center Design Overview

***Next meeting Monday, November 15 at 9:00 a.m.***

# Public Meetings in November

## ***Planning Commission - Thursday, November 4, 2010***

### ***1st District - 225 W. Anaheim Street***

A Conditional Use Permit request to recognize a check cashing service within an existing convenience store.

*Contact: Jorge Ramirez*

### ***5th District - 4201 E. Willow Street***

A Study Session on a proposal to construct a retail center that utilizes a portion of a historic structure as a car wash.

*Contact: Angie Zetterquist*

### ***7th District - 1732 W. Willow Street***

A Conditional Use Permit request to recognize a check cashing service within an existing convenience store.

*Contact: Jorge Ramirez*

## ***City Council Study Session - Tuesday, November 9 at 4:00 p.m.***

### ***Downtown Community Plan***

A study session on the content and status of the Downtown Planned Development District (PD-30) update effort.

*Contact: Derek Burnham*

***Next meeting Thursday, November 18 at 5:00 p.m.***

## ***Zoning Administrator - Monday, November 8, 2010***

### ***3rd District - 5855 Naples Plaza***

Standards Variance (multiple) and Local Coastal Development Permit requests in conjunction with facade improvements and the addition of approximately 1,000 square feet to an existing office building.

*Contact: Angie Zetterquist*

### ***9th District - 6975 Lake Avenue***

A Standards Variance request to add more than 250 square feet to a legally non-conforming single-family home.

*Contact: Steve Valdez*

***Next meeting Monday, November 22 at 2:00 p.m.***

## ***Cultural Heritage Commission - Monday, November 8, 2010***

### ***2nd District - 815 Raymond Avenue (Rose Park)***

A Certificate of Appropriateness request in conjunction with a one-story addition to a single-family, Craftsman style home.

*Contact: Angie Zetterquist*

### ***2nd District - 224 E. Broadway (Landmark Building: American Hotel)***

A Certificate of Appropriateness request in conjunction with a restoration and renovation proposal.

*Contact: Angie Zetterquist*

***Next meeting Monday, December 13 at 5:30 p.m.***

The Planning Commission meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

The RDA Board meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

Zoning Administrative Hearings are held the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in City Hall in the 7th Floor Large Conference Room.

Cultural Heritage Commission meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

*\*Agendas subject to change. For more information about agenda items, please call Long Beach Development Services at 562.570.LBDS, or visit us online at [lbs.longbeach.gov](http://lbs.longbeach.gov)*



# LBDS Upcoming Meetings & Events November 2010

<u>Monday, November 1</u> 9:00 a.m.	Redevelopment Agency Board City Hall, Council Chambers
<u>Thursday, November 4</u> 5:00 p.m.	Planning Commission City Hall, Council Chambers
6:00 p.m.	Central Project Area Committee 1900 Atlantic Avenue, 2nd Floor
<u>Monday, November 8</u> 2:00 p.m.	Zoning Administrative Hearing City Hall, 7th Floor Large Conference Room
5:30 p.m.	Cultural Heritage Commission City Hall, Council Chambers
<u>Wednesday, November 10</u> 5:00 p.m.	West Project Area Committee LBPD West Substation, 1835 Santa Fe Avenue
<u>Thursday, November 11</u> 3:30 p.m.	Community Workshop on Building Code Changes Long Beach City College, 4900 E. Conant St. Building 2, Room 234
<u>Monday, November 15</u> 9:00 a.m.	Redevelopment Agency Board City Hall, Council Chambers
<u>Thursday, November 18</u> 5:00 p.m.	Planning Commission City Hall, Council Chambers
<u>Monday, November 22</u> 2:00 p.m.	Zoning Administrative Hearing City Hall, 7th Floor Large Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	North Project Area Committee LBPD North Substation, 4891 Atlantic Avenue
<u>Thu-Fri, November 25-26</u>	CITY HALL CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING

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