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Douglas

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Located five miles from downtown Long Beach and just north of the Long Beach Municipal Airport, the 238-acre Douglas Park has seen substantial development in recent years. The site will consist of more than 3 million square feet of office, retail, light industrial and aviation-related manufacturing; a hotel, and almost 10 acres of community open space, making Douglas Park one of the

largest private commercial developments in Southern California. Named after aviation pioneer Donald Douglas, founder of McDonnell Douglas, early efforts for the new Douglas Park began in earnest in 2005 with a Master Plan spearheaded by Boeing. From there commenced the major effort to convert the outdated aircraft manufacturing facility into a vibrant multi-use destination. Douglas Park is currently home to dozens of commercial, real estate and aircraft-related businesses. The mixed-

use site has been promoted as one of Los Angeles County's last remaining open industrial areas, providing ample space for everything from business and ancillary uses, to leisure areas set aside for restaurants, parks and shops. The new Courtyard by Marriott hotel completed last June; and the Pacific Pointe South industrial project finished in August, are the latest additions to Douglas Park. With a contemporary style of architecture and design, the new developments complement the

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Director's Message



As the New Year gets into full swing, Long Beach Development Services continues to work diligently on an array of projects and programs that contribute to the promotion of growth and revitalization throughout the many diverse neighborhoods of our City.

We have celebrated several noteworthy accomplishments within recent months, including the completion of the Governor George Deukmejian Courthouse, the grand opening and dedication of Firestation 12, and culmination of the final phase of The Promenade Master Plan with the grand opening of Harvey Milk Park.

Our Department has been active in administering an assortment of programs to help Long Beach residents, businesses and visitors alike. In 2013, the Department provided over 40,000 inspections, submitted more than 5,500 Plan Checks and served over 51,000 customers at the Permit Center.

We look forward to providing subsequent Department newsletters to keep our community partners informed and up to date on future programs and projects. Thank you for your partnership and collaborative efforts as we continue Building a Better Long Beach.

Sincerely,

Amy J. Bodek, AICP
Director



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overall character of Douglas Park. Urban landscapes reflect a “main street” feel, and a pedestrian-friendly landscape that allows flexibility and promotes connectivity for passersby. Also located on site are a Starbucks, Jersey Mikes, Flame Broiler and Habit Burger. Community open spaces furnish visual variety and are provided to encourage opportunities for rest, recreation, social interaction and congregation in an attractive landscaped setting. The enhanced paving, street furnishings, lighting and signage, and aviation-themed art pieces located throughout add an extra level of activity and vitality to Douglas Park while remaining true to the history of the site’s original aerospace beginnings.

Staff News

DAVID KHORRAM - SUPERINTENDENT / BUILDING OFFICIAL

The Building and Safety Bureau welcomes David Khorram as the newly appointed Superintendent and Building Official. David will head the programs and activities of the Bureau and manage all division-related functions, to include administration of the public counter, inspection services; engineering and facilitating plan check, as well as service local owners, community groups and designers. David brings the Department nearly 30 years of varied Community Development and Public Works experience, most recently as the Chief Building Official for the City of Orange. He is a current board member on the Board of Directors for the California Building Officials organization, and serves as an adjunct instructor at a community college. His extensive knowledge and years of experience as Building Official for several cities will be a great asset to the team and to the City of Long Beach. David can be reached at 562.570.7713 or david.khorram@longbeach.gov.

EVAN ZEISEL - INSPECTION SERVICES OFFICER

The Building and Safety Bureau has hired a new Inspection Services Officer. Evan Zeisel joined the team in December 2013 and will oversee all division-related activities to include inspections of new construction of building and structures and related sub-work; administering the deputy inspection, administrative citation, and construction and recycling debris and oil well programs. Evan is a certified Building Official and brings his over 11 years of varied experience in municipal building and safety operations, most recently as the Building Division Manager with the City of San Gabriel. This, alongside a proven track record of balancing sound stewardship of codes with customer service, will be highly valuable to the Department and to the City of Long Beach. Evan can be reached at 562.570.6165 or evan.zeisel@longbeach.gov.

Ramona Park Senior Apartments



Located next to Ramona Park at 3290 E. Artesia Blvd., the 60-unit development set to open this summer will be made affordable to qualified low- and very low- income seniors over the age of 55 years. With a warm and contemporary exterior design, the 3-story residential complex will contribute to the neighborhood by offering an aesthetically pleasing architecture and landscaping. Recreation areas will include passive sitting/reading spaces, a swimming pool, circuit training course around the site, and a clubhouse that encompasses a kitchen, library, fitness center, computer room, dining area, entertainment area and restrooms. Residents will be provided with services such as life-style counseling, social activities, and classes that include computer use and personal financial management. For additional information, please visit www.palmcommunities.com or call 888.575.1118.



Southeast Area Specific Plan SEADIP



The City of Long Beach has launched a new effort to comprehensively review and update the zoning code historically known as the Southeast Area Development and Improvement Plan (SEADIP), an area covering 1,500-acres of southeast Long Beach. The three-year process will combine innovative and traditional community outreach efforts, offering a chance for the public to provide input on the new plan. In taking a fresh new look at this area, the end result will be a plan that maintains valuable natural resources, customizes land uses and development standards, and identifies locations for future development and expanded transportation choices. For the latest news regarding this project or to get involved, please visit www.lbds.info/seadip_update, where you can sign up for e-mail notifications, status updates, and register for the Long Beach Town Hall online forum.

I Dig Long Beach

The City of Long Beach has begun an ambitious project to plant 6,000 new trees by 2020. Initiated in March 2013, this effort addresses multiple challenges in the City by expanding urban forest, adding much needed trees to the two zones closest to



the Port of Long Beach, resulting in reduction of the urban heat island effect, and a reduction in air pollution, water pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. Funded by the Port of Long Beach, the project will create more welcoming pedestrian friendly environments, encourage walking and bicycling, and help to improve watershed conditions. The public is invited to join the City and partnering groups in tree maintenance and monthly community planting days. For more information on the "I Dig Long Beach – 6,000 Trees by 2020" project or to sign-up to volunteer, please contact Neighborhood Services at 562.570.6866.



Mobility Element

ARTICLE 4 The City's transportation system provides mobility for Long Beach residents and workers, students, shoppers and visitors. In October 2013, the City of Long Beach adopted a new Mobility Element to plan for improving the way people, goods, and resources move from place to place. The Mobility Element addresses all modes of travel, including walking, bicycling, riding transit, driving; and discusses other hot topics such as land use, parking and environmental impacts. The Mobility Element serves as a 20-year

guide for future decision-making by establishing a vision with goals, strategies and policies to outline the structure of the City's existing and ensuing multi-modal transportation means. More than just improving mobility, the plan is about enhancing the quality of life for today's generation, as well as generations to come. It's also about opportunity, choice and convenience and making our region safer, more affordable, and more livable. For additional information or to view an electronic copy of the Mobility Element, go to www.lbds.info.



Sign Ordinance

A new Sign Ordinance regulating all on-premise signs throughout the City was adopted by the City Council and went into effect in October 2013. The Sign Ordinance has been implemented to maintain the current eclectic character of Long Beach, while enabling innovation and the emergence of new architectural styles. With a comprehensive review of the sign process and City standards, the Sign Ordinance includes guidelines on everything from display design, color, size and placement to sign maintenance and repairs. These regulations encourage the effective use of signs as a means of communication, attract business, improve pedestrian and traffic safety and preserve and enhance the look of the City. To view an electronic brochure of the Sign Ordinance, or for additional information, visit www.lbds.info.

Public Meetings & Events 2014

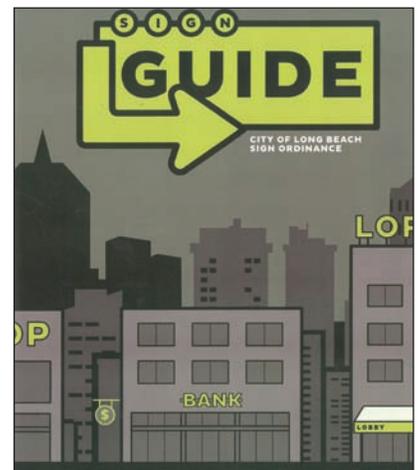
The Cultural Heritage Commission meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The Long Beach Community Investment Company Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall in the 3rd Floor Large Conference Room.

The Planning Commission meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.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.

***Agendas subject to change. For more information about meetings and events, please call Long Beach Development Services at 562.570.LBDS, or visit us online at www.lbds.info.**



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