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Dunkin' DONUTS

Dunkin' Donuts celebrated the grand opening of its third southern California location with a ribbon cutting ceremony held in December. Located at 5560 E. 7th St., the ready-to-eat establishment with a drive-thru lane significantly improved a busy and prominent

corridor in the City with a contemporary one-story building, new sidewalks and landscaping. The project also led to a number of on-site improvements, which include an enlarged and re-paved alley, new curbs and pavement, and a block wall to provide better separation from the adjacent residential neighborhood. Formerly occupied by The Original Grind coffee shop, and initially Angel Food Donuts, Planning Bureau staff worked with the applicant to retain and refurbish

the shop's giant 1950s programmatic doughnut sign for incorporation into the new Dunkin' Donuts signage. The now sprinkles-topped doughnut serves as a focal point for the establishment and makes the Long Beach location unique since it is the only Dunkin' Donuts in the country with such an iconic and prominent sign. The national doughnuts and coffee chain anticipates opening several stores in Long Beach, Los Angeles, and throughout Southern California in the coming years.

Director's Message



As we begin the New Year, Long Beach Development Services remains committed to the right balance of new development, essential services, and innovative change that work to promote vitality throughout Long Beach, allow neighborhoods to thrive, and meet the needs of the City's diverse population.

The Department celebrated many noteworthy accomplishments in 2014 with completion of the renewed Meeker-Baker Building; the North Branch Library groundbreaking; construction of a new high-rise apartment complex, The Current; and a new Mercedes-Benz USA facility to open in East Long Beach.

Ending the year on a high note, the City announced its selection of a Project Team for the re-envisioned Civic Center project. The proposal by Plenary-Edgemoor Civic Partners will redevelop the Civic Center into a vibrant mix of public and private space, revitalize Lincoln Park, and reaffirm the identity of Downtown as the economic center of the City. Development Services will play an active role in the effort, alongside the Financial Management Department, Economic & Property Development Department, Library Services, and the Port. Stay tuned for project updates and more exciting news to come, or visit www.lbciviccenter.com for additional information.

We look forward to keeping our community partners informed as 2015 gets off to a busy start. Thank you for your continued support and collaborative efforts as we Build a Better Long Beach.

Sincerely,

Amy J. Bodek, AICP
Director

2014 Highlights and Successes

- Conducted over **36,000** inspections (building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical).
- Served **52,000** customers at the Permit Center.
- Received over **39,000** phone calls on the Permit Center Help Desk line.
- Provided nearly **4,000** plan checks.
- Resolved **9,210** code enforcement cases.
- Rehabilitated **43** multi-family units occupied by lower-income households.
- Over **1,000** trees planted in Long Beach Port-adjacent neighborhoods.
- **2,934** volunteers held **99** clean up events and filled **99** dumpsters.
- Removed over **891** tons of debris from streets and neighborhoods.

Livable West Long Beach Plan



The City has begun a key planning effort that will have a major impact on enhancing the quality of life in West Long Beach. Funded through the generosity of the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners, the Livable West Long Beach Plan (Plan) will lead to the next steps of ensuring that existing regional, City and Port livability focused policies, projects, and plans are funded and implemented. Led by Planning Bureau staff, the first community workshop for the Plan was held in December at the Silverado Park Community Center. Participants worked in groups to prioritize identified livability criteria, including Community/Safety/Access, Environment/Health, and Economy. A second workshop will be scheduled for March 2015, and will provide another great opportunity for West Long Beach residents and stakeholders to share their vision for the future of their neighborhood. For the latest news regarding this project, or to get involved, visit www.lbds.info/westlongbeachplan, where you can sign up for e-mail notifications and status updates.



Green Terminal Island (TI) Plan



As part of the effort to improve the quality of life in West Long Beach and adjacent neighborhoods, the City is developing a plan for transforming the Terminal Island (TI) Freeway into a local serving road with an associated greenbelt. This groundbreaking project will be the first freeway removal effort in the Southern California area, and mark a significant event for the City's car culture. Green TI will define the community's vision for replacing an underutilized freeway to address long-standing community health concerns and reduce freight movement impacts to adjacent neighborhoods. Planning and conceptual design for Green TI has been made possible by a grant provided by Caltrans. For the latest news regarding this project or to get involved, go to www.lbds.info/green_ti/default.asp.

Southeast Area Development and Improvement Plan (SEADIP)

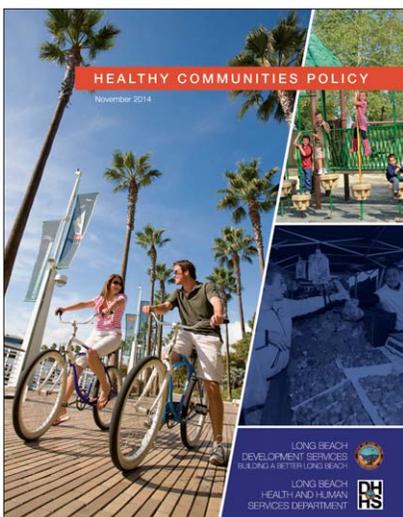


Planning Bureau staff concluded 2014 by holding the sixth and final regularly scheduled Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting for the Southeast Area Design and Improvement Plan (SEADIP) in December. The CAC has proved to be a valuable resource throughout the planning process, providing great insight on the history and development pattern of the area, innovative ideas for future growth and preservation, and extensive feedback on draft standards and concepts. At the December meeting, staff and the consultant team presented conceptual design and development scenarios and a draft land use plan for the 1,500-acre area. The concepts included four development scenarios ranging in density, height, parking requirements, and land use mix. The concepts were intended to provide the CAC and the public with an idea of the type of development and preservation that is feasible on a hypothetical site in the area, as well as illustrate the range of community benefits that could come from such projects. Staff and the consultant team are currently working on refining the development standards and land use plan based on input from the Committee, which will be discussed at upcoming community workshops to be held throughout 2015. For the latest SEADIP news or to get involved, visit www.lbds.info/seadip_update.



Healthy Communities Policy

The City has made great strides in creating an environment that promotes health and wellness. In an effort to further improve quality of life and provide more opportunities for those who live, work, and play in Long Beach, the City Council adopted the Healthy Communities Policy in October 2014.



Through interdepartmental collaboration led by Planning Bureau staff, the Healthy Communities Policy examines the impacts of the built environment, mobility, healthy food access, and safe neighborhoods, on community health and wellness. Funded by The California Endowment Building Healthy Communities Program, the Policy establishes a framework for developing each neighborhood into a safe, prosperous, and livable community. The City has adopted a number of policy documents that specifically address the health of the community. For additional information or to view an electronic copy of the Policy, visit www.lbds.info/planning/healthy_communities_policy.asp.

From the Desk of Building Official David Khorram

Have you ever felt as if you were drowning in paperwork, or that your office had been hit by a paper tornado? Imagine having to maintain approximately 20,000 annual building permits and 5,000 projects, as mandated by State recordkeeping requirements.

Prior to 2012, finalized permits were sent to the City Clerk's Office for transfer onto microfiche, while blueprints were housed at a storage facility. This rather cumbersome and time-consuming process was greatly enhanced when the City implemented the archival of documents using Laserfiche. Since then, permits and blueprints have been digitally scanned and made readily available to the public.

Over the summer, the Permit Center purchased two wide-format scanners to further improve operations. As of December, we have scanned blueprints for nearly 1,000 projects, comprising over 11,000 sheets of building plans! The Permit Center is now able to scan zoning, fire and health plans, and more efficiently assist customers with archival retrievals at the Permit Center.

The City Clerk's Office has recently announced its plans to begin paving the way toward digital record retention. They have our full support as we work together to establish a paperless building permit submittal process!



City Selected to Join National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention

Public Meetings & Events 2015



Long Beach has been selected as one of only five new cities in 2014 to join a U.S. Department of Justice National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention (Forum). The national designation will allow the City to apply for federal grant awards to implement its Safe Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan (Safe Long Beach). Adopted by the City Council in May 2014, Safe Long Beach addresses a broad safety agenda aimed at reducing all forms of violence, including domestic, child abuse, elder abuse, hate crimes, bullying, gang violence, and violent crime. Administered under the direction of Tracy Colunga, and through the efforts of the Neighborhood Services Bureau Grant Administration team, Safe Long Beach addresses a broad safety agenda aimed at reducing all forms of violence, including domestic, child abuse, elder abuse, hate crimes, bullying, gang violence, and violent crime. The Plan draws upon the City's many existing assets to target violence at its roots and attain its goal of building a safer Long Beach by 2020. City crime statistics continue to show a positive trend, with the lowest reported violent crimes in 42 years. For more information on Safe Long Beach or to view an electronic copy of the document, go to www.lbvpp.com.



The Cultural Heritage Commission meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in 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 562.570.LBDS, or visit us online at www.lbds.info.*

City Awarded \$1.5 Million CalGRIP Grant



Long Beach has been awarded a three-year, \$1.5 million California Gang Reduction, Intervention, and Prevention Program (CalGRIP) grant to support anti-gang efforts and prevent the victimization of at-risk female youth. Through the efforts of the Neighborhood Services Bureau Grant Administration team, the CalGRIP grant, referred to as "My Sister's Keeper" will be aimed at preventing gang membership and gang victimization among at-risk females between the ages of 10 and 24 years. Under the direction of Project Coordinator Teresa Gomez, the grant will include a human trafficking awareness campaign, mental health treatment, housing assistance, and mentorship. This is the seventh consecutive year that the City has been a recipient of the CalGRIP grant. Since 2008, over 2,200 Long Beach youth and families have been served by CalGRIP funded programs and services. The Long Beach GRIP Program will work in partnership with the Long Beach Police Department, Long Beach Unified School District, and other contributing partners on this project. For more information on CalGRIP, visit www.lbds.info/neighborhood_services/human_dignity_program/long_beach_grip_project.asp.

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