



HUNTINGTON BEACH PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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Downtown Specific Plan/Parking Master Plan Update

The Economic Development and Planning Departments will be hosting a community workshop to obtain input from residents, property owners, business owners, and developers in preparation for updating the Downtown Specific Plan and Parking Master Plan. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 20, at the Art Center (538 Main Street) from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. (location subject to change). The purpose of the update is to modify the current development regulations to promote development of under-utilized parcels and to devise parking management strategies that reflect current and future parking demands. For additional information on this meeting, please contact Paul DaVeiga, Project Manager, Economic Development Department, at 536-5544; or Ron Santos, Associate Planner, Planning Department, at 536-5561.

Planning Commission Elects New Officers

At the January 8, 2008 regular Planning Commission meeting, the Commission held its annual reorganization. Former Vice-Chair Tom Livengood was elected as the new Chair, replacing John Scandura. Elizabeth Shier-Burnett was elected as the new Vice-Chair. The Planning Commission roster for 2008 is:

Tom Livengood: Chair

Elizabeth Shier-Burnett: Vice Chair

Devin Dwyer: Commissioner

Blair Farley: Commissioner

John Scandura: Commissioner

Joe Shaw: Commissioner

Fred Speaker: Commissioner

Beach Boulevard/Edinger Avenue Corridor Study Update

The City Council held a study session on the Beach Boulevard/Edinger Avenue Corridor study on January 7, 2008. The planning consultant, Freedman, Tung and Bottomley, provided an informal review of the recommendations for the Edinger Avenue corridor. Tierra West, the economic consultant, discussed potential market impacts for Edinger Avenue. The study focused primarily on the Edinger Avenue portion of the study as there are significant developments that are in the early entitlement stage including Bella Terra Phase II and The Ripcurl. A copy of both the FTB and the Tierra West presentations are available on the Planning Department website at http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Government/Departments/Planning/major/Beach_Edinger.cfm.

Staff Planner: Rosemary Medel

Staff Planner attains Green Building Certification

Hayden Beckman, Planning Aide, became a 'Certified Green Building Professional' by completing training by the Build It Green organization and passing the requisite exam. The certification, which is valid for two years, will add to the Planning Department's expertise in the growing field of energy efficiency and sustainable development.