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STAFF REPORT: CONSENT CALENDAR

APPLICATION NUMBER:

5-02-313

APPLICANT:

City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks

PROJECT LOCATION:

Harbor Boulevard, between 5th and 6th Street. San Pedro.

City of Los Angeles

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Modification to an existing memorial fountain within a landscaped park by adding four walls, varying from approximately 10 to 40 feet in length and 5.5 to 14 feet in

height, with re-landscaping.

Lot Area:

50,530 square feet

Pavement Coverage:

1,000 square feet

Landscape Coverage:

30,530 square feet (existing)

Zoning:

Open Space

Ht above final grade:

5 to 14 feet

LOCAL APPROVALS RECEIVED: City of Los Angeles coastal development permit ZA

20002-1610

SUBSTANTIVE FILE DOCUMENTS: San Pedro certified Land Use Plan, 1990.

SUMMARY OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed project with no special conditions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

I. MOTION, STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND RESOLUTION FOR 5-02-313:

Staff recommends that the Commission make the following motion and adopt the following resolution:

MOTION: I move that the Commission approve Coastal Development

Permit #5-02-313 pursuant to the staff recommendation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL:

Staff recommends a **YES** vote. Passage of this motion will result in approval of the permit as conditioned and adoption of the following resolution and findings. The motion passes only by affirmative vote of a majority of the Commissioners present.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PERMIT:

The Commission hereby approves a permit for the proposed development and adopts the findings set forth below on grounds that the development as conditioned will be in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act and will not prejudice the ability of the local government having jurisdiction over the area to prepare a local coastal program conforming to the provisions of Chapter 3. Approval of the permit complies with the California Environmental Quality Act because either 1) feasible mitigation measures and/ or alternatives have been incorporated to substantially lessen any significant adverse effects of the development on the environment, or 2) there are no further feasible mitigation measures or alternative that would substantially lessen any significant adverse impacts of the development on the environment.

II. STANDARD CONDITIONS:

- Notice of Receipt and Acknowledgment. The permit is not valid and development shall not commence until a copy of the permit, signed by the permittee or authorized agent, acknowledging receipt of the permit and acceptance of the terms and conditions, is returned to the Commission office.
- 2. <u>Expiration.</u> If development has not commenced, the permit will expire two years from the date this permit is reported to the Commission. Development shall be pursued in a diligent manner and completed in a reasonable period of time. Application for extension of the permit must be made prior to the expiration date.
- 3. <u>Interpretation.</u> Any questions of intent or interpretation of any condition will be resolved by the Executive Director or the Commission.

- 4. <u>Assignment.</u> The permit may be assigned to any qualified person, provided assignee files with the Commission an affidavit accepting all terms and conditions of the permit.
- 5. <u>Terms and Conditions Run with the Land.</u> These terms and conditions shall be perpetual, and it is the intention of the Commission and the permittee to bind all future owners and possessors of the subject property to the terms and conditions.
- III. SPECIAL CONDITIONS: None
- IV. FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS:

The Commission hereby finds and declares:

A. <u>Project Description and Location</u>

The applicant proposes to modify an existing memorial fountain within a landscaped park by adding four memorial walls radiating from the existing fountain, varying from approximately 10 to 40 feet in length and 5.5 to 14 feet in height, with landscaping.

The existing memorial was completed in 1988. The existing memorial consists of a circular concrete platform and deck, approximately 3 to 8 foot high wall, with a fountain at its center and an approximately 20 foot high sculpture depicting American Merchant Marines. The existing wall along the northern side of the memorial will be cut through and stairs added leading to the new four memorial walls.

The project is located within John S. Gibson Jr. Park in the San Pedro area of the City of Los Angeles on Harbor Boulevard, between 5th and 6th Streets. Surrounding development includes a motel, restaurants and office buildings to the west of Harbor Boulevard. Development to the east of the project includes railroad tracks, paved public parking, Los Angeles Maritime Museum, boat maintenance facility, and restaurants located along the main channel of the Los Angeles Harbor.

B. Public Access

The proposed development will not affect the public's ability to gain access to, and/or to use the coast and nearby recreational facilities. Therefore, as proposed the development conforms with Sections 30210 through 30214 and Sections 30220 through 30224 of the Coastal Act.

C. Recreation

The proposed development, as submitted, does not interfere with public recreational use of coastal resources and conforms with Sections 30210 through 30214 and Sections

30220 through 30223 of the Coastal Act regarding the promotion of public recreational opportunities.

D. Visual Resources

As proposed, the development is located within an existing developed area and is compatible with the character and scale of the surrounding area. Therefore, the Commission finds that the development conforms with Sections 30250 and 30251 of the Coastal Act.

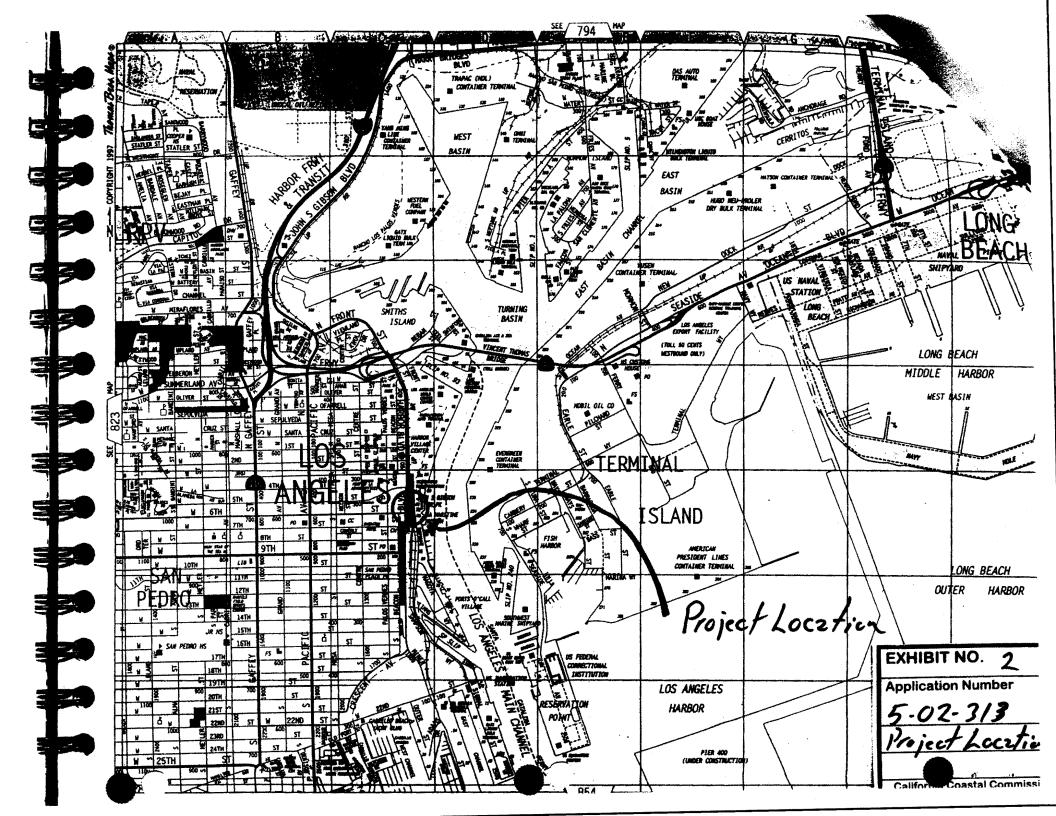
E. Local Coastal Program

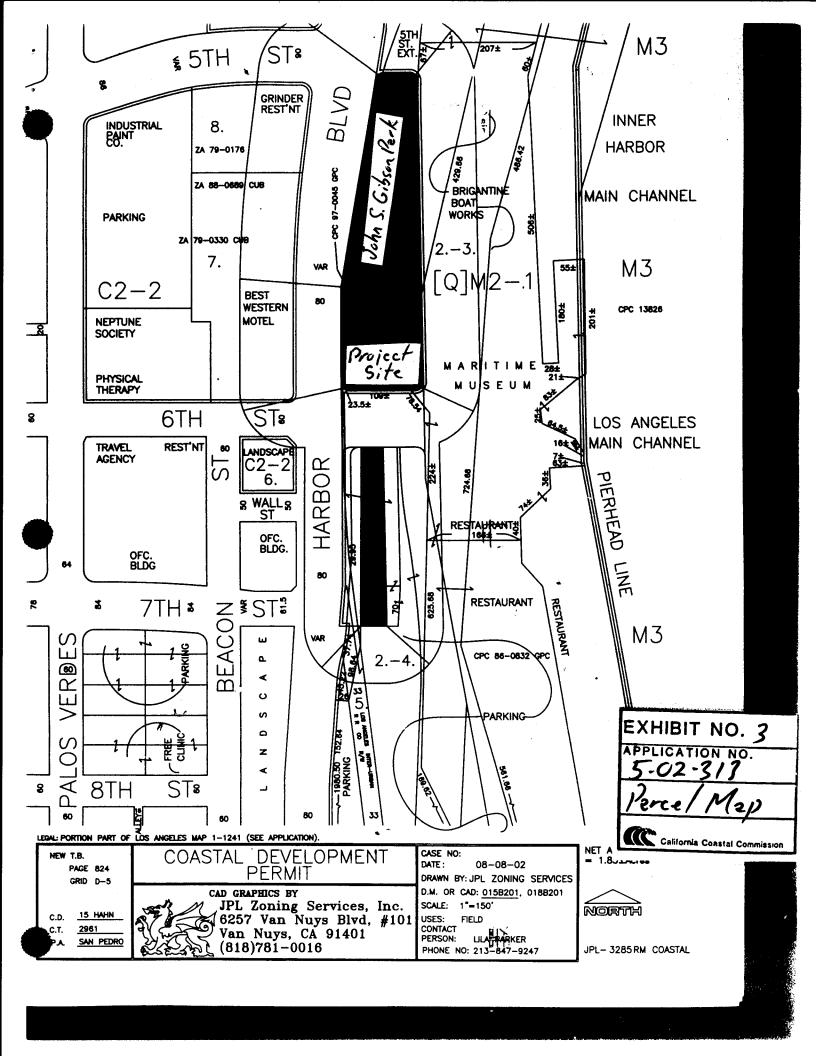
On September 12, 1990, the Commission certified, with suggested modifications, the land use plan portion of the San Pedro segment of the City of Los Angeles' Local Coastal Program. The proposed development is consistent with Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act and with the certified Land Use Plan for the area. Approval of the project will not prejudice the ability of the local government to prepare a Local Coastal Program that is in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 3.

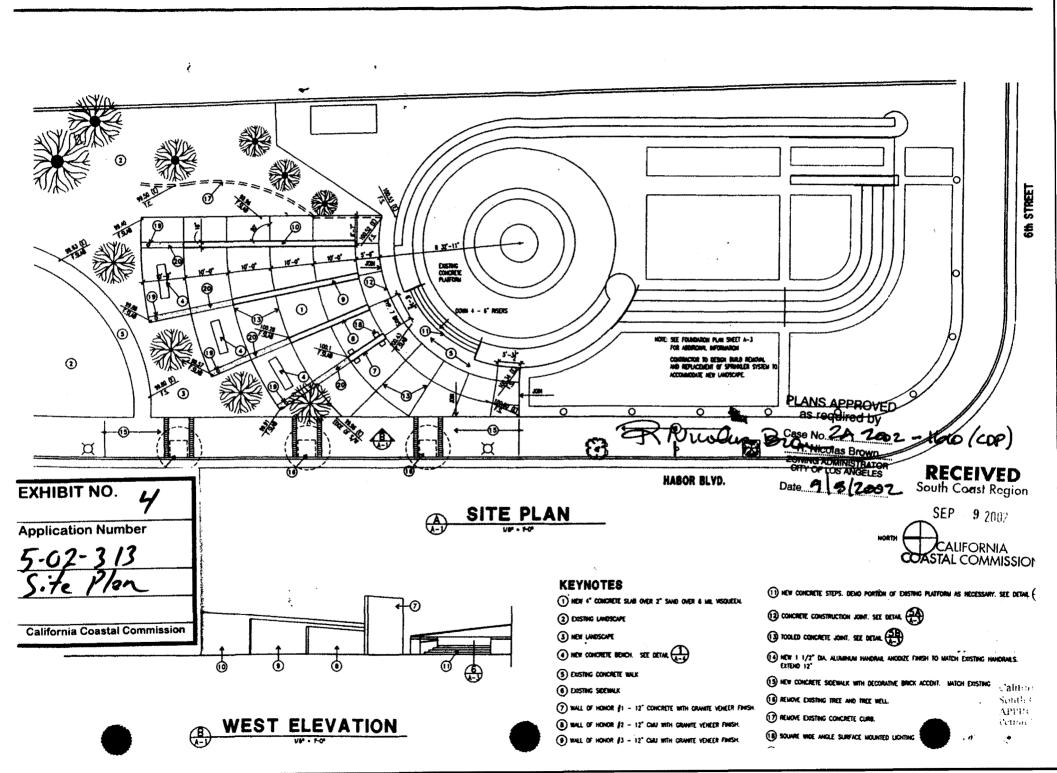
F. California Environmental Quality Act

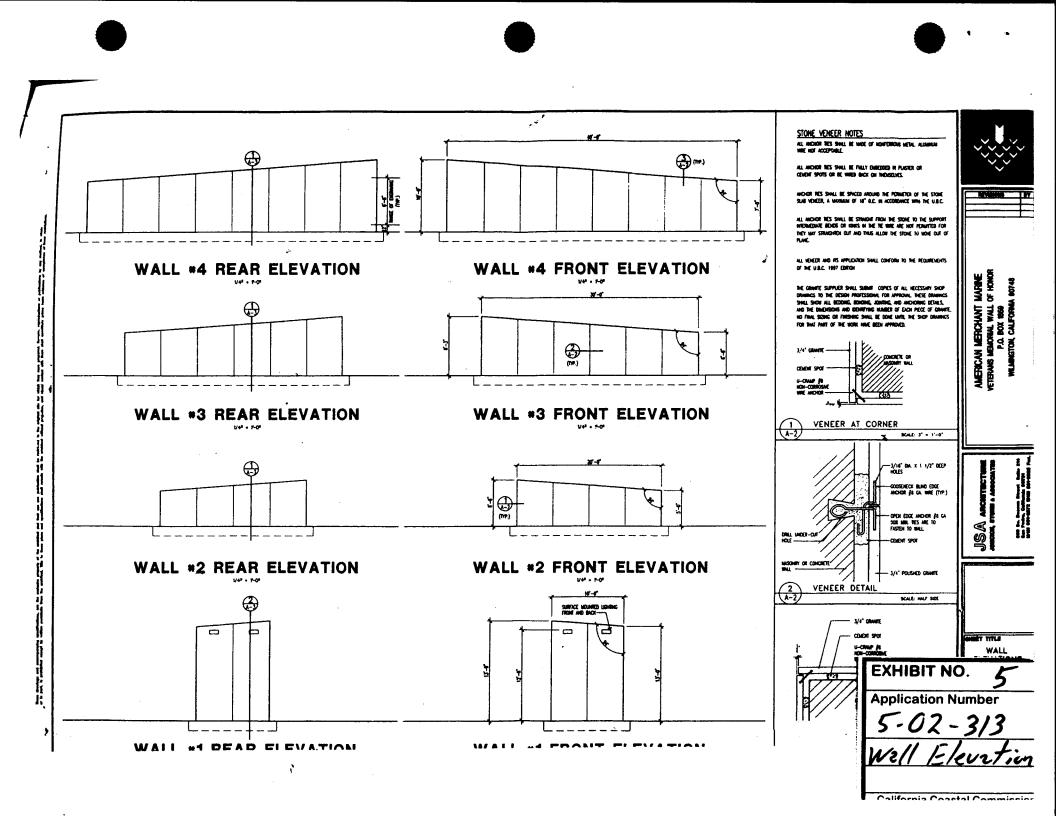
As proposed, there are no feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures available which would substantially lessen any significant adverse effect which the activity may have on the environment. Therefore, the Commission finds that the proposed project is the least environmentally damaging feasible alternative and can be found consistent with the requirements of the Coastal Act to conform to CEQA.

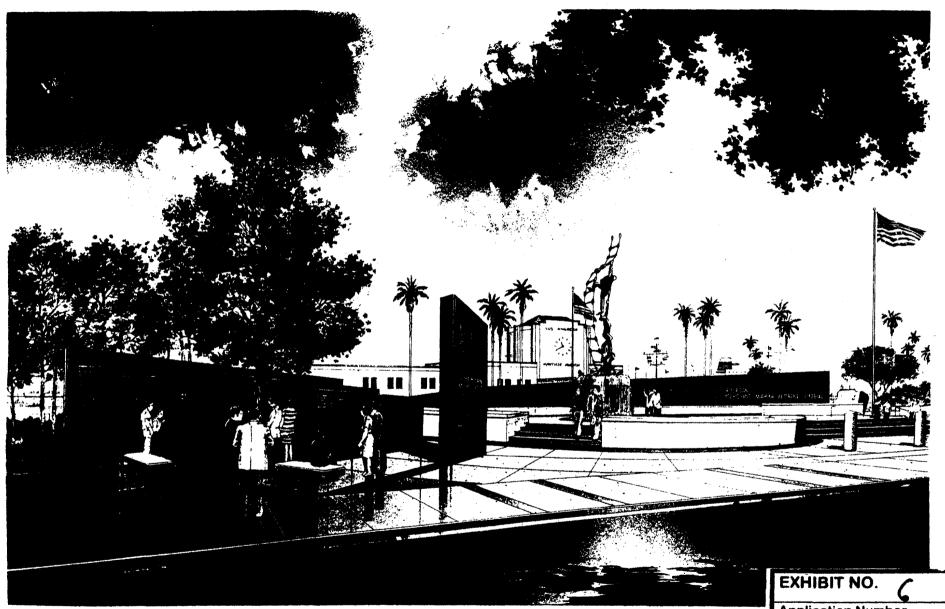












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