CITY OF LONG BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2017 333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM

Donita Van Horik, Chair Erick Verduzco-Vega, Vice Chair Mark Christoffels, Commissioner Ron Cruz, Commissioner



Richard Lewis, Commissioner Andy Perez, Commissioner Jane Templin, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:05 p.m., Chair Van Horik called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Ron Cruz, Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Jane Templin and Donita

Present: Van Horik

Commissioners Mark Christoffels and Erick Verduzco-Vega
Absent:

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager; Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer; Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Mark Hungerford, Planner; Fern Nueno, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Cruz led the flag salute.

MINUTES

17-058PL Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes

of August 3, 2017.

A motion was made by Commissioner Templin, seconded by Commissioner Cruz, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Ron Cruz, Richard Lewis, Andy Perez and Jane Templin

Abstain: 1 - Donita Van Horik

Absent: 2 - Mark Christoffels and Erick Verduzco-Vega

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, provided the Director's Report.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the evidence you shall give in this Planning Commission Meeting shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. 17-059PL

Recommendation to find the projects listed in the Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Improvement Program (FY 2017 CIP) in conformity with the General Plan. (Citywide) (Application No. 1707-12)

Anne Cantrell provided public comment.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, responded to queries from Anne Cantrell.

Warren Blesofsky, Long Beach Citizens for Fair Development, provided public comment.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Warren Blesofsky.

A motion was made by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Templin, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Ron Cruz, Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Jane Templin and Donita Van Horik

Absent: 2 - Mark Christoffels and Erick Verduzco-Vega

2. 17-055PL

Recommendation to receive and file the first annual review of the Golden Shore Project Development Agreement and concur with staff's finding that the project is in compliance with the terms and conditions required and has fulfilled the requirements for the reporting period of 2015 to 2017. (District 2) (Application No. 0712-01)

A motion was made by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Templin, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Ron Cruz, Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Jane Templin and Donita Van Horik

Absent: 2 - Mark Christoffels and Erick Verduzco-Vega

3. 17-056PL

Recommendation to receive and file the 2016 annual report from The Doulgas Park-Long Beach Property Owner's Association and concur with staff's finding that the project is in compliance with the terms and conditions required of the Douglas Park Development Agreement, and that the Douglas Park-Long Beach Property Owner's Association has fulfilled the requirements for the reporting period of January 2016 through December 2016. (District 5) (Application No. 1706-12)

A motion was made by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Templin, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Ron Cruz, Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Jane Templin and Donita Van Horik

Absent: 2 - Mark Christoffels and Erick Verduzco-Vega

CONTINUED ITEMS

4. 17-050PL

Recommendation to approve a Site Plan Review and Lot Merger in conjunction with the construction of a seven-story multi-family residential building containing 77 dwelling units and an integrated three-level, 105-stall parking garage at 320 Alamitos Avenue in the

Downtown Planned Development district (PD-30). (District 2) (Application No. 1701-32)

(Commissioner Lewis recused himself)

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, introduced Mark Hungerford, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Mark Hungerford responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Mark Hungerford responded to queries from Commissioner Cruz.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Mark Hungerford responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Carrie Tai responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Michael Bohn, Senior Principal with Studio One Eleven, applicant, spoke.

Mr. Salas provided public comment.

Diana Lejins provided public comment.

Ann Profitt provided public comment.

Debbie Dobias, President of TAPS, provided public comment.

Becky Ferris provided public comment.

Jeffrey Thompson, Vice President of Alamitos Beach Neighborhood Association, provided public comment.

Neal Baker provided public comment.

Angela Lopez provided public comment.

Stephanie Simon provided public comment.

Robert Mills provided public comment.

Dennis Herbert provided public comment.

Donald Marks provided public comment.

Nick Rose, Assistant Director of Council of Neighborhoods Organization, provided public comment.

Ed (no last name given) provided public comment.

Heinz Romanoff provided public comment.

Joe Sopo provided public comment.

David White provided public comment.

Constantine Aramis provided public comment.

Steve Magdaleno provided public comment.

Raman (no last name given) provided public comment.

Joe Mello provided public comment.

Alan Tolkoff provided public comment.

Warren Blesofsky, Long Beach Citizens for Fair Development, provided public comment.

Sarah Carter provided public comment.

Adam Carrillo, Economic Development Manager for Downtown Long Beach Alliance, provided public comment.

Janet West provided public comment.

Paul Huddle provided public comment.

Vita Banks provided public comment.

Jan van Dijs provided public comment.

Susan Collins provided public comment.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Van Horik and Christopher Koontz.

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Van Horik and Jan van Dijs.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Cruz and Linda Tatum.

Mark Hungerford responded to a query from Commissioner Cruz.

Linda Tatum responded to queries from Commissioner Cruz.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Linda Tatum responded to a query from Commissioner Cruz.

Carrie Tai responded to a query from Commissioner Cruz.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Van Horik and Linda Tatum.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Commissioner Cruz.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Cruz, to approve the recommendation with an amendment to add a condition that the developer pursue a decoupling of the parking and make excess parking available to the neighborhood at a market rate on a monthly basis. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Ron Cruz, Andy Perez, Jane Templin and Donita Van Horik

Absent: 2 - Mark Christoffels and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Recused: 1 - Richard Lewis

5. 17-051PL

Recommendation to recommend that the City Council approve the selected alternative for the Place Type and Height Map, superseding the existing adopted Land Use Element and Scenic Routes Element. (Citywide) (Application No. 1701-01)

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, introduced Fern Nueno, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to queries from Chair Van Horik.

Shane Whitehead, Midtown Neighborhood Association, provided public comment.

Allene Symons, Secretary of North Alamitos Beach Association, provided public comment.

Nick Rose, Assistant Director of Council of Neighborhoods Organizations, provided public comment.

Anne Cantrell, Director of Citizens About Responsible Planning, provided public comment.

Laurie Angel provided public comment.

Joe Mello, Chair of Los Altos Center Adjacent Neighborhood, provided public comment.

Kim Toskis provided public comment.

Corliss Lee provided public comment.

Alan Tolkoff provided public comment.

Dot Cannon provided public comment.

Chair Van Horik swore in late arriving members of the public wishing to provide testimony.

Joan Greenwood, President of Wrigley Neighborhood Alliance, provided public comment.

Mike Laquatra provided public comment.

Jennifer Beaver provided public comment.

Annie Greenfeld, representing Magnolia Industrial Group, provided public comment.

Diana Budd provided public comment.

Adam Wolven, President of the Wrigley Association, provided public comment.

Renee Lawler provided public comment.

Bill Teal provided public comment.

Dodie Reddington provided public comment.

Lee Fukui provided public comment.

Mauna Eichner provided public comment.

Sarah Carter provided public comment.

Ryan Caldera provided public comment.

Lynette Ferenczy provided public comment.

Rick Ivey, Vice President of Los Cerritos Neighborhood Association and member of CONO, provided public comment.

Joe Weinstein, President of Citizens for Responsible Planning, provided public comment.

Christine Applequist provided public comment.

Janet West provided public comment.

Warren Blesofsky, Long Beach Citizens for Fair Development, provided public comment.

Raman (no last name given) provided public comment.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Lewis and Christopher Koontz.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to queries from Chair Van Horik.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Templin and Christopher Koontz.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

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Amy Bodek responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Van Horik and Christopher Koontz.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

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Chair Van Horik spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Linda Tatum spoke.

Commissioner Perez responded to a query from Linda Tatum.

Amy Bodek spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Amy Bodek spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Amy Bodek spoke.

Commissioner Perez responded to a query from Amy Bodek.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to queries from Commissioner Lewis.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

A motion was made by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Templin, to continue the item to a date uncertain to allow for more community stakeholder engagement. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Jane Templin and Donita Van Horik

No: 1 - Ron Cruz

Absent: 2 - Mark Christoffels and Erick Verduzco-Vega

STUDY SESSION

6. 17-060PL

Conduct a study session regarding the Los Cerritos Wetlands Oil Consolidation and Restoration Project Environmental Impact Report.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, presented the study session item.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to queries from Commissioner Lewis.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Warren Blesofsky, Long Beach Citizens for Fair Development, provided public comment.

Anne Cantrell provided public comment.

Mary Parsell, El Dorado Audubon, provided public comment.

Elizabeth Lambe, Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust, provided public comment.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no additional comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

There were no additional comments from the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:30 p.m., Chair Van Horik adjourned the meeting.

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