

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016
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 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:10 PM)

At 5:10 p.m., Chair Van Horik called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:10 PM)

Also present: 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; Cuentin Jackson, Planner; Steven Valdez, Planner; Jorge Ramirez, Planner; Mark Hungerford, Planner; Scott Kinsey, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

Commissioners Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Erick
Present: Verduzco-Vega and Donita Van Horik

Commissioners Jane Templin
Absent:

FLAG SALUTE (5:10 PM)

Commissioner Cruz led the flag salute.

MINUTES (5:11 PM)

[16-089PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of December 1, 2016.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Donita Van Horik

Absent: 1 - Jane Templin

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:12 PM)

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

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:14 PM)

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.

REGULAR AGENDA (5:14 PM)

1. [16-091PL](#) Recommendation to receive and file the 2015 annual report from The Douglas 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 2015 through December 2015. (District 5)

(Commissioner Lewis recused himself)

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, introduced Cuentin Jackson, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Cuentin Jackson responded to queries from Chair Van Horik.

A motion was made by Commissioner Christoffels, seconded by Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Andy Perez, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Donita Van Horik

Absent: 1 - Jane Templin

Recused: 1 - Richard Lewis

2. [16-090PL](#)

Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE 16-277 and find the proposed vacation of a City alley north of Spring Street between Elm Avenue to the east and Long Beach Boulevard to the west in conformance with the adopted goals and policies of the City's General Plan. (District 7) (Application No. 1611-22)

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, introduced Steven Valdez, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Steven Valdez responded to queries from Commissioner Verduzco-Vega.

Richard Dilday, President of Kardent Design, representing the applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Richard Dilday responded to queries from Commissioner Christoffels.

Richard Dilday responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Richard Dilday spoke.

Larry Goodhue provided public comment.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Linda Tatum responded to a query from Commissioner Perez.

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

Yes: 6 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Donita Van Horik

Absent: 1 - Jane Templin

3. [16-092PL](#) Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE 16-254 and approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) request to allow the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at an existing movie theater located at 2025 E. 4th Street within the Commercial Neighborhood Pedestrian (CNP) zone. (District 2) (Application No. 1610-13)
- (Commissioner Lewis recused himself)
- Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, introduced Jorge Ramirez, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.
- Commissioner Christoffels spoke.
- Jorge Ramirez responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.
- Commissioner Christoffels spoke.
- Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.
- Commissioner Cruz spoke.
- Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.
- Jorge Ramirez responded to a query from Commissioner Verduzco-Vega.
- A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Verduzco-Vega and Linda Tatum.
- Jan van Dijs, applicant, spoke.
- Commissioner Christoffels spoke.
- Jan van Dijs responded to queries from Commissioner Christoffels.
- Commissioner Cruz spoke.
- Jan van Dijs responded to queries from Commissioner Cruz.
- Linda Tatum responded to a query from Commissioner Cruz.
- Chair Van Horik spoke.

Jan van Dijs responded to queries from Chair Van Horik.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Andy Perez, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Donita Van Horik

Absent: 1 - Jane Templin

Recused: 1 - Richard Lewis

4. [16-093PL](#)

Recommendation to deny the appeal of Jeff Miller and uphold the decision of the Zoning Administrator to accept Categorical Exemption CE 16-229 and approve a Local Coastal Development Permit in conjunction with a temporary story pole installation on the site of the proposed Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center at 4000 E. Olympic Plaza. (District 3) (Application No. 1609-18)

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

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Christoffels and Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Jeff Miller, appellant, spoke.

Dino D'Emilia, applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Linda Tatum responded to queries from Commissioner Christoffels.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Linda Tatum responded to a query from Commissioner Verduzco-Vega.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Verduzco-Vega and Dino D'Emilia.

Linda Tatum responded to a query from Commissioner Verduzco-Vega.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Carrie Tai responded to a query from Commissioner Lewis.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Linda Tatum responded to a query from Commissioner Cruz.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Dino D'Emila responded to queries from Commissioner Verduzco-Vega.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Dino D'Emilia responded to queries from Commissioner Lewis.

Gordana Kajer provided public comment.

Ann Cantrell provided public comment.

Marvin Jones provided public comment.

Genevieve Holbreck provided public comment.

Anna Christiansen provided public comment.

Susan Miller provided public comment.

Melinda Cotton provided public comment.

Mary Parsell provided public comment.

Don Smith provided public comment.

Kurt Schneider provided public comment.

Parks Wesson provided public comment.

Lucy Johnson provided public comment.

Larry Goodhue provided public comment.

Erin Earlywine provided public comment.

Jeff Miller spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Michael Mais responded to queries from Commissioner Christoffels.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Commissioner Verduzco-Vega.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Mark Hungerford responded to a query from Commissioner Verduzco-Vega.

Dino D'Emilia spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Dino D'Emilia responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Linda Tatum responded to queries from Commissioner Christoffels.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Carrie Tai responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega to approve the recommendation.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Chair Van Horik to approve the recommendation with an amendment to approve the five

pole design with a flag at 70 feet and a flag at 25 feet.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Cruz responded to a query from Commissioner Lewis.

The substitute motion failed by a vote of 3 to 3.

In response to a query from Chair Van Horik, Commissioner Perez restated his original motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Donita Van Horik

No: 1 - Ron Cruz

Absent: 1 - Jane Templin

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Chair Van Horik, to approve the recommendation with an amendment to approve the five pole design with a flag at 70 feet and a flag at 25 feet. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz and Donita Van Horik

No: 3 - Richard Lewis, Andy Perez and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 1 - Jane Templin

5. [16-094PL](#)

Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE 16-094 and deny the appeal and uphold the Zoning Administrator's decision to approve a Local Coastal Development Permit for the construction of a new storm drain outlet to the Los Cerritos Flood Control Channel for the Belmont Shores Mobile Estates mobile home park, to replace the existing storm drain outlet, including a complete replacement of the site's 50-year-old direct-discharge stormwater system with a modern, code-compliant stormwater system, and various on-site upgrades of sewer, water, electrical, and gas infrastructure for the mobile home park, located at 6230 Marina View Drive in Subarea 10a of the PD-1 zoning district (South East Area Development Improvement Plan). (District 3) (Application Nos.

LCDP 1604-04, Appeal No. 1610-16)

This PL-Agenda Item was withdrawn.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (7:16 PM)

Gordana Kajer provided public comment.

Ann Cantrell provided public comment.

Larry Goodhue provided public comment.

Mary Parsell provided public comment.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Patricia Younis provided public comment.

Melinda Cotton provided public comment.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Jeff Miller provided public comment.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (7:31 PM)

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

ADJOURNMENT (7:32 PM)

At 7:32 p.m., Chair Van Horik adjourned the meeting.

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