

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 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 5:06 p.m., Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Jane

Present: Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Commissioners Donita Van Horik

Absent:

Also present: Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager; Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer; Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer; Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney; Steven Valdez, Planner; Monica Der Gevorgian, Planner; Ira Brown, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Christoffels led the flag salute.

MINUTES

16-096PL Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of December 15, 2016.

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

Yes: 4 - Mark Christoffels, Andy Perez, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Excused: 2 - Ron Cruz and Richard Lewis

Absent: 1 - Donita Van Horik

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, presented the Director's Report and introduced new Planners, Anita Juhola-Garcia and Alexis Oropeza, and Planning Intern, Marcos Lopez.

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 16-098PL Find that the proposed vacation of 117.62 feet of the east/west alley located east of Daisy Avenue and south of Willow Street, at 520 W. Willow Street, is not in conformance with the adopted goals and policies of the City's General Plan. (District 7) (Application No. 1401-22)

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Richard Lewis, Andy Perez and Jane Templin

No: 1 - Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 1 - Donita Van Horik

REGULAR AGENDA

2. 16-097PL Recommendation to recommend that the City Council adopt the Findings and Statement of Overriding Consideration, certify the Environmental Impact Report (EIR 04-16), and approve a General Plan Amendment from Land Use Designation No. 10 (Institutional and School) to Land Use Designation No. 1 (Single-Family district); a Zone Change from Institutional (I) to Single-Family Residential (R-1-M); a Vesting Tentative Tract Map for a subdivision of 5.766 acres into 40 residential lots; and a Site Plan Review for 40 new detached single-family homes, located at 3655 N. Norwalk Boulevard. (District 5) (Application No. 1510-19)

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, introduced Monica Der Gevorgian, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Brian Coggins, representing Preface, the property owner, spoke.

Pamela Hayes provided public comment.

Ryan Bailey provided public comment.

Bill Larson provided public comment.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega swore in a late arriving member of the public wishing to speak.

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

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Richard Lewis, Andy Perez,
Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 1 - Donita Van Horik

3. 16-095PL Recommendation to accept Negative Declaration ND 04-16 and recommend that the City Council adopt a Resolution approving the draft Bicycle Master Plan as a technical appendix to the Mobility Element of the Long Beach General Plan. (Citywide)

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, introduced Ira Brown, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Ryan Johnson, Alta Planning and Design, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Ryan Johnson responded to queries from Commissioner Lewis.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, responded to a query from Commissioner Lewis.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Ira Brown responded to queries from Commissioner Templin.

Christopher Koontz responded to queries from Commissioner Templin.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Ira Brown spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Eric Widstrand, City Traffic Engineer, responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Sean Warner, Placemaking Manager for the Downtown Long Beach Alliance, provided public comment.

Shiela Nim provided public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Templin, 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, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 1 - Donita Van Horik

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

There were no additional comments from the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:25 p.m., Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega adjourned the meeting.

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