

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017
VETERAN'S PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
101 E. 28TH STREET, LONG BEACH, 5:00 PM**

Erick Verduzco-Vega, Chair
Richard Lewis, Vice Chair
Mark Christoffels, Commissioner



Ron Cruz, Commissioner
Josh LaFarga, Commissioner
Andy Perez, Commissioner
Jane Templin, Commissioner

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Change in location to Veteran's Park Community Center - 101 E. 28th Street

FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:00 p.m., Chair Verduzco-Vega called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Richard Lewis and

Present: Erick Verduzco-Vega

Commissioners Mark Christoffels and Ron Cruz

Absent:

Also present: Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager; Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Alexis Oropeza, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Perez led the flag salute.

MINUTES

17-076PL

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of October 5, 2017.

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

Yes: 5 - Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Richard Lewis and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 2 - Mark Christoffels and Ron Cruz

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

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.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. 17-077PL Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE17-134 and approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP17-010) to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption (ABC Type 41 License) at an existing movie theater located in a shopping center (Long Beach Towne Center), located at 7501 E. Carson Street within the Community Automobile-Oriented (CCA) District. (District 5) (Application No. 1705-17)

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, commented that the applicant had requested a continuance to November 2, 2017.

A motion was made by Commissioner Templin, seconded by Vice Chair Lewis, to continue the item to November 2, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Richard Lewis and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 2 - Mark Christoffels and Ron Cruz

2. 17-078PL

Recommendation to determine the project exempt from further environmental review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 (Subsequent Environmental Impact Reports and Negative Declarations) as the project is within the scope of the Midtown Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2015031034) and approve a Site Plan Review (SPR17-044) for the construction of a five-story mixed-use building containing 12,388 square feet of ground floor commercial space and 95 residential units at 1900-1940 Long Beach Boulevard in the Midtown Specific Plan (SP-1). (District 6) (Application No. 1709-32)

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, introduced Alexis Oropeza, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Carrie Tai responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

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

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Suny Lay Chang, Chief Operating Officer for LINC Housing, applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Suny Lay Chang responded to a query from Commissioner Perez.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Verduzco-Vega and Suny Lay Chang.

John Thomas, Chair of the Long Beach Community Investment Company, provided public comment.

Diana Budd provided public comment.

Kelly Pazelli provided public comment.

Jessica Shigley provided public comment.

Rene Castro, Director of Community Engagement for Century Villages at Cabrillo, provided public comment.

Edward Palmer provided public comment.

Tom Stout provided public comment.

Les Peters, Community Development Branch of the YMCA of Greater Long Beach, provided public comment.

Commissioner LaFarga spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to queries from Commissioner LaFarga.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to queries from Chair Verduzco-Vega.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

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

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Alexis Oropeza responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Vice Chair Lewis spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Templin, seconded by Vice Chair Lewis, to approve the recommendation.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Chair Verduzco-Vega.

Carrie Tai spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Verduzco-Vega and Carrie Tai.

Linda Tatum spoke.

Vice Chair Lewis spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Richard Lewis and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 2 - Mark Christoffels and Ron Cruz

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Robert Fox, Executive Director of the Council of Neighborhood Organizations, provided public comment.

Kary Sharp provided public comment.

Tom Stout provided public comment.

Nick Rose, Council of Neighborhood Organizations, provided public comment.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

There were no additional remarks from the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:13 p.m., Chair Verduzco-Vega adjourned the meeting.

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CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM

Erick Verduzco-Vega, Chair
Richard Lewis, Vice Chair
Mark Christoffels, Commissioner



Ron Cruz, Commissioner
Josh LaFarga, Commissioner
Andy Perez, Commissioner
Jane Templin, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:00 p.m., Chair Verduzco-Vega called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Jane
Present: Templin, Richard Lewis and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Also present: Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager; Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer;
Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Cuentin
Jackson, Planner; Craig Chalfant, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Christoffels led the flag salute.

MINUTES

17-079PL Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes
of October 19, 2017.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Templin, seconded by
Vice Chair Lewis, to approve the recommendation. The motion
carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 7 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Richard Lewis and Erick Verduzco-Vega

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Vice Chair Lewis spoke.

Linda Tatum responded to a query from Vice Chair Lewis.

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.

CONTINUED ITEM

1. 17-077PL Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE17-134 and approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP17-010) to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption (ABC Type 41 License) at an existing movie theater located in a shopping center (Long Beach Towne Center), located at 7501 E. Carson Street within the Community Automobile-Oriented (CCA) District. (District 5) (Application No. 1705-17)

Commissioner Templin spoke.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Christoffels, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to continue the item to a date uncertain. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Richard Lewis and Erick Verduzco-Vega

REGULAR AGENDA

2. 17-080PL Recommendation to approve a Site Plan Review (SPR17-017) for the construction of a new seven-story mixed-use development with 82 apartment units and 4,091 square feet of commercial retail space over a four-level parking garage located at 135 Linden Avenue within the Downtown Planned Development District (PD-30). (District 2) (Application No. 1709-49)

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

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Cuentin Jackson responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Andrew Ranallo, applicant, spoke.

David Hibber, architect, spoke.

Andrew Ranallo spoke.

Vice Chair Lewis spoke.

Andrew Ranallo responded to queries from Vice Chair Lewis.

Debbie Dobias, President of TAPS, provided public comment.

Anne Proffit provided public comment.

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

Josh Steiner provided public comment.

Joe Cross provided public comment.

Michelle Paktakan provided public comment.

Melinda Hines provided public comment.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Cuentin Jackson responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Carrie Tai responded to queries from Commissioner Christoffels.

Vice Chair Lewis spoke.

Linda Tatum responded to queries from Vice Chair Lewis.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Carrie Tai responded to a query from Chair Verduzco-Vega.

Vice Chair Lewis spoke.

Carrie Tai responded to a query from Vice Chair Lewis.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Cruz and Carrie Tai.

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

Yes: 7 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Richard Lewis and Erick Verduzco-Vega

3. 17-081PL

Recommendation to adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration ND 09-17 and approve a Site Plan Review (SPR17-067) for construction of an approximately 6,480-square-foot building addition to the east of the existing community center at Houghton Park, located at 6301 Myrtle Avenue in the Park (P) zone. (District 9) (Application No. 1708-13)

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, introduced Craig Chalfant, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

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

Vice Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Vice Chair Lewis.

Eric Lopez, Project Management Officer, Department of Public Works, responded to a query from Vice Chair Lewis.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Commissioner Perez.

Eric Lopez spoke.

Rania Alomar, RA-DA Architects, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Rania Alomar responded to queries from Commissioner Templin.

Vice Chair Lewis spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Lewis and Rania Alomar.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Rania Alomar responded to a query from Chair Verduzco-Vega.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Tony Resendez, Capital Projects Coordinator, Department of Public Works, responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Eric Lopez spoke.

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

Yes: 7 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Richard Lewis and Erick Verduzco-Vega

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 6:10 p.m., Chair Verduzco-Vega adjourned the meeting.

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