

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JULY 20, 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 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:02 p.m., Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Jane
Present: Templin

Commissioners Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz and Donita Van Horik
Absent:

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; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Templin led the flag salute.

MINUTES

17-048PL Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission
minutes of July 6, 2017.

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

Yes: 4 - Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Jane Templin

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, responded to a query from Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega.

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

2. 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 four-level, 105-stall parking garage at 320 Alamitos Avenue in the Downtown Planned Development district (PD-30). (District 2) (Application No. 1701-32)

(item taken out of order)

A motion was made by Commissioner Templin, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to continue the item to August 17, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Jane Templin

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

3. 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)

(item taken out of order)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Templin, to continue the item to August 17, 2017.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Jane Templin

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

1. 17-049PL Recommendation to deny an appeal and uphold the Zoning Administrator's decision to deny a Standards Variance request to allow the installation of four secondary wall signs, instead of a maximum of two secondary wall signs at an existing department store located at 2300 E. 7th Street. (District 2) (Application No. 1702-03)

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.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Cuentin Jackson responded to queries from Commissioner Lewis.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Cuentin Jackson responded to a query from Commissioner Perez.

Jeff Aran, representing the applicant, spoke.

Jeff Sealy, West Coast Vice President of Real Estate for Ross Stores, spoke.

Cuentin Jackson responded to a query from Commissioner Perez.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Carrie Tai responded to a query from Commissioner Lewis.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Carrie Tai responded to a query from Commissioner Lewis.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Carrie Tai responded to a query from Commissioner Perez.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Jeff Sealy responded to a query from Commissioner Lewis.

Linda Tatum spoke.

Carrie Tai spoke.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega responded to a query from Michael Mais.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Templin, to continue the item to a date uncertain.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Jane Templin

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

4. 17-052PL Recommendation to receive and file the presentation regarding the Midtown Specific Plan Annual Review.

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Templin and Christopher Koontz.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to queries from Commissioner Perez.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Lee Fukui provided public comment.

Mauna Eichner provided public comment.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

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

Yes: 4 - Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Jane Templin

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mauna Eichner provided public comment.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, responded to comments from Mauna Eichner.

Mauna Eichner spoke.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

There were no additional comments from the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:00 p.m., Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega adjourned the meeting.

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Mark Christoffels, Commissioner
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Richard Lewis, Commissioner
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FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Jane Templin and Erick

Present: Verduzco-Vega

Commissioners Richard Lewis, Andy Perez and Donita Van Horik

Absent:

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

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Christoffels led the flag salute.

MINUTES

17-053PL

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of July 20, 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 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 3 - Richard Lewis, Andy Perez and Donita Van Horik

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, presented 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.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. 17-054PL Recommendation to adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND 02-16) and approve a Site Plan Review, Standards Variance, and Conditional Use Permit for the construction of three 65-foot-high, 44,500-square-foot buildings for a 300-megawatt battery storage facility on the Alamitos Generating Station property located at 690 N. Studebaker Road, in the Southeast Area Development and Improvement Plan (SEADIP / PD-1) area. (District 3) (Application No. 1608-11)

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, who presented the staff report.

Stephen O'Kane, Director of Sustainability and Compliance for AES, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Stephen O'Kane responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Stephen O'Kane responded to queries from Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Stephen O'Kane responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

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

Dave Chupa provided public comment.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Carrie Tai responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Carrie Tai responded to queries from Commissioner Christoffels.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Carrie Tai responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

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

Yes: 4 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 3 - Richard Lewis, Andy Perez and Donita Van Horik

STUDY SESSION

2. 17-057PL Conduct a study session regarding the Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (MUST) facility.

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, introduced Craig Chalfant, Project Planner, who introduced the study session item.

Alvin Papa, Assistant City Engineer, discussed the project components and

operation.

Kekoa Anderson, KOA Consulting, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Templin and Alvin Papa.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Alvin Papa responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Alvin Papa spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Alvin Papa responded to a query from Commissioner Cruz.

Kekoa Anderson spoke.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Alvin Papa responded to a query from Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega.

Kekoa Anderson spoke.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Templin and Alvin Papa.

Kekoa Anderson spoke.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

There were no additional comments from the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:26 p.m., Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega adjourned the meeting.

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