

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021  
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE, 5:00 PM**

Dr. Joni Ricks-Oddie, Chair  
Erick Verduzco-Vega, Vice Chair  
Mark Christoffels, Commissioner



Jane Templin, Commissioner  
Josh LaFarga, Commissioner  
Richard Lewis, Commissioner

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**FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ricks-Oddie called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Also present: Oscar Orci, Director of Development Services; Christopher Koontz, Deputy Director of Development Services; Mike Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager; Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer; Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Advance Planning Officer; Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner; Heather Flores, Secretary; Mary Ann DiBernardo, Clerk Typist.

**Commissioners** Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Richard Lewis, Mark Christoffels,  
**Present:** Erick Verduzco-Vega and Joni Ricks-Oddie

**FLAG SALUTE**

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega led the flag salute.

Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

**MINUTES**

[21-082PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission meeting minutes of October 21, 2021.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Richard Lewis, Mark Christoffels, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Joni Ricks-Oddie

## **SWEARING OF WITNESSES**

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, presented the Director's Report.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. [21-083PL](#) Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and consider an appeal filed by Ben Knight (APL21-009); Accept Categorical Exemption CE-21-063; and, Uphold the Zoning Administrator's decision to approve an Administrative Use Permit, AUP21-026, and Local Coastal Development Permit LCDP21-027, for off-site, joint-use parking to be provided for nine (9) parking stalls at 5790 East 2nd Street to serve a restaurant located at 5716 East 2nd Street in the CNP Zoning District. (District 3).

At 5:10 Meeting took a short break due to technical difficulties.

Chair Ricks-Oddie resumed the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Steve Phillips and Michael Dene, Applicants, spoke.

Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Ben Knight, Appellant, spoke.

Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Justin Roth, Applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Ben Knight, Appellant, spoke.

Michael Dene, Applicant, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Michael Dene, Applicant, and Ben Knight, Appellant.

Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Carl Dene, Applicant, spoke.

Marin Howard provided public comment.

Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Michael Dene, Applicant, spoke.

Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Steven Moon provided public comment.

Carl Dene, Applicant, spoke.

Joan Fitz provided public comment.

Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Steve Phillips, Applicant, spoke.

Martin Howard provided public comment.

Steve Phillips, Applicant, spoke.

Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Lewis and Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Lewis and Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Richard Lewis, Mark Christoffels, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Joni Ricks-Oddie

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the public are invited to address the Planning Commission on items of interest to the public within the Commission's jurisdiction. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes unless that time is extended by the Chair.**

**COMMENTS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:08 p.m., Chair Ricks-Oddie adjourned the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, December 2, 2021 - 5:00 p.m.

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