

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
CIVIC CHAMBERS
AND TELECONFERENCE, 5:00 PM**

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



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

FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Christoffels called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Also Present: Oscar Orci, Director of Development Services; Christopher Koontz, Deputy Director of Development Services; Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager; Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer; Andréa Urbas, Acting Advance Planning Officer; Erin Weesner-McKinley, Deputy City Attorney; Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner; Jonathan Iniesta, Planner; Shirley Perkins, Clerk; Heather Flores, Secretary

Commissioners Alvaro Castillo, Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga, Richard Lewis
Present: and Jane Templin

Commissioners Erick Verduzco-Vega and Joni Ricks-Oddie
Absent:

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner LaFarga led the flag salute.

MINUTES

[22-030PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of May 19, 2022.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Alvaro Castillo, Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga, Richard Lewis and Jane Templin

Absent: 2 - Erick Verduzco-Vega and Joni Ricks-Oddie

SWEARING OF WITNESSES

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [22-032PL](#) Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and consider an appeal filed by Rob Bellevue (APL22-004);

Accept Categorical Exemption CE-22-005; and,

Uphold the Zoning Administrator's decision to approve a Local Coastal Development Permit to demolish and replace an existing residential duplex with a new duplex and attached four-car garage and Standards Variances for: 1) a four-foot garage setback in lieu of the required 20-foot setback; and 2) two tandem parking spaces on a property located at 5925 East Seaside Walk in the R-2-I (Two-Family Residential District with Intensified Development on the Lots) Zoning District. (District 3)

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

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

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

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Ed Gulian, Applicant, spoke.

Erin Weesner-McKinley, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Lewis and Ed Gulian, Applicant.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

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Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Rob Bellevue, Appellant, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Templin and Rob Bellevue, Appellant.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Christoffels and Rob Bellevue, Appellant.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Castillo and Rob Bellevue, Appellant.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Ed Gulian, Applicant, spoke

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Braden Phillips provided public comment.

Dave Huff provided public comment.

Mike Peters provided public comment.

Jill Peters provided public comment.

Jonathan Iniesta, Planner, spoke.

Russell Gersten provided public comment.

Jonathan Iniesta, Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

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Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Deputy Director of Development Services, spoke.

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

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Commissioner Castillo spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer spoke.

Commissioner Castillo spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Erin Weesner-McKinley, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

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Commissioner LaFarga spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Erin Weesner-McKinley, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

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

Yes: 2 - Josh LaFarga and Jane Templin

No: 3 - Alvaro Castillo, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

Absent: 2 - Erick Verduzco-Vega and Joni Ricks-Oddie

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Castillo, to approve a substitute motion to uphold the appeal and direct staff to work with the applicant on an alternative parking configuration to be brought back before the Planning Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Alvaro Castillo, Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga, Richard Lewis and Jane Templin

Absent: 2 - 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.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Jonathan Iniesta, Planner, spoke.

Russell Garsten provided public comment.

Jonathan Iniesta, Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Christoffels adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: JUNE 16, 2022 - 5:00 P.M.

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