

CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM

Alan Fox, Chair
Mark Christoffels, Vice Chair



Molly Campbell, Commissioner
Phil Saumur, Commissioner
Donita Van Horik, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:07 PM)

At 5:07 p.m., Chair Fox called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:07 PM)

Also present: Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Jeff Winklepleck, Acting Planning Administrator; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

Commissioners Alan Fox, Donita Van Horik, Mark Christoffels, Molly Campbell

Present: and Phillip Saumur

FLAG SALUTE (5:07 PM)

Commissioner Van Horik led the flag salute.

MINUTES (5:08 PM)

14-076PL Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of October 2, 2014.

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

Yes: 4 - Alan Fox, Mark Christoffels, Molly Campbell and Phillip Saumur

Abstain: 1 - Donita Van Horik

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:10 PM)

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, presented the Director's Report.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:12 PM)

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 (5:12 PM)

1. 14-077PL Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit request to

allow a 240-square-foot Electronic Message Center Sign (EMCS) for the Long Beach Convention Center-Center Theater at 300 E. Ocean Boulevard, and receive Categorical Exemption CE 14-121. (District 2) (Application No. 1408-13)
Jeff Winklepleck, Acting Planning Administrator, presented the staff report.

Matthew Wister, representing the applicant, spoke.

Diana Lejins provided public comment.

Ben Rockwell provided public comment.

Jeff Winklepleck responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Commissioner Campbell spoke.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Van Horik, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Alan Fox, Donita Van Horik, Mark Christoffels, Molly Campbell and Phillip Saumur

2. 14-078PL

Recommendation to recommend that the City Council adopt an Ordinance, in whole or in part, amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by adding Chapter 21.66 and repealing Chapter 5.89 to establish restrictions and prohibitions on the establishment and operation of medical marijuana businesses, and consider Categorical Exemption CE14-127. (Citywide) (Application No. 1401-21)

Jeff Winklepleck, Acting Planning Administrator, presented the staff report.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Michael Mais spoke.

Kendra Carney responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Chair Fox spoke.

Kendra Carney responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Chair Fox spoke.

Ben Rockwell provided public comment.

Chair Fox spoke.

Jack Smith, speaking on behalf of LBCPAC, provided public comment.

Pat Parris Appleby provided public comment.

Nicholas Chemenko provided public comment.

Diana Lejins, Chair of Long Beach Medical Marijuana Task Force, provided public comment.

David Zink provided public comment.

Jeff Abrams provided public comment.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Campbell spoke.

Kendra Carney responded to queries from Commissioner Campbell.

Kendra Carney responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Commissioner Van Horik responded to a query from Michael Mais.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Commissioner Campbell spoke.

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

Chair Fox spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Van Horik, seconded by Vice Chair Christoffels, to approve the recommendation with an amendment to remove Item No. 3 from Page 38 relating to wholesale sales and alter the point system on Page 22 for Items d (i) and (ii) removing specific references to felonies and misdemeanors and instead adding a positive two points for no criminal history. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Alan Fox, Donita Van Horik, Mark Christoffels, Molly Campbell and Phillip Saumur

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (6:09 PM)

Jeff Abrams provided public comment.

Diana Lejins provided public comment.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (6:12 PM)

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Commissioner Campbell spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Chair Fox spoke.

ADJOURNMENT (6:15 PM)

At 6:15 p.m., Chair Fox adjourned the meeting.

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