

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM**

Mark Christoffels, Chair
Donita Van Horik, Vice Chair
Ron Cruz, Commissioner



Alan Fox, Commissioner
Andy Perez, Commissioner
Jane Templin, Commissioner
Erick Verduzco-Vega, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:08 PM)

At 5:08 p.m., Chair Christoffels called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:08 PM)

Also present: Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager; Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer; Craig Chalfant, Planner; Ira Brown, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Planning Bureau Secretary.

Commissioners Ron Cruz, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Donita Van Horik and
Present: Mark Christoffels

Commissioners Alan Fox, Alan Fox and Erick Verduzco-Vega
Absent:

FLAG SALUTE (5:09 PM)

Commissioner Cruz led the flag salute.

MINUTES (5:09 PM)

16-019PL Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of March 3, 2016.

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

Yes: 5 - Ron Cruz, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Donita Van Horik and Mark Christoffels

Absent: 2 - Alan Fox and Erick Verduzco-Vega

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:09 PM)

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

Linda Tatum responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

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.

STUDY SESSION (5:12 PM)

16-020PL Conduct a study session regarding the Midtown Specific Plan.

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, who presented an overview of the Midtown Specific Plan.

Craig Chalfant, Project Planner, presented the study session item.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Christoffels and Christopher Koontz.

Craig Chalfant responded to a query from Chair Christoffels.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Christoffels and Christopher Koontz.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Van Horik and Christopher Koontz.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to queries from Commissioner Templin.

Commissioner Templin responded to a query from Christopher Koontz.

Chair Christoffels responded to queries from Commissioner Templin.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Cruz and Christopher Koontz.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Van Horik and Christopher Koontz.

Craig Chalfant responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Van Horik and Christopher Koontz.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Christoffels and Christopher Koontz.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

PLANNING COMMISSION TRAINING - Coastal Commission Development Review Process (6:12 PM)

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, presented the training item.

Ira Brown, Project Planner, further discussed the training item.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Ira Brown responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Ira Brown spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Ira Brown spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Ira Brown spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Ira Brown spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Ira Brown spoke.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Ira Brown spoke.

Linda Tatum spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Linda Tatum responded to a comment made by Commissioner Templin.

Ira Brown spoke.

Linda Tatum spoke.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Ira Brown and Linda Tatum responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Templin, Linda Tatum and Christopher Koontz.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (6:41 PM)

There was no public comment given.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (6:41 PM)

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

ADJOURNMENT (6:42 PM)

At 6:42 p.m., Chair Christoffels adjourned the meeting.

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