CITY OF LONG BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 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 (5:09)

At 5:09 p.m., Chair Christoffels called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:09 PM)

Also present: Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager; Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer; Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Ira Brown, Planner; Nick Vasuthasawat, Planner; Cuentin Jackson, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

Commissioners Ron Cruz, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Donita Van Present: Horik, Mark Christoffels and Alan Fox

Commissioners Andy Perez Absent:

FLAG SALUTE (5:10 PM)

Commissioner Fox led the flag salute.

MINUTES (5:10 PM)

16-043PL

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of July 21, 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, Jane Templin, Donita Van Horik, Mark Christoffels

and Alan Fox

Excused: 1 - Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 1 - Andy Perez

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:11 PM)

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, 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.

STUDY SESSION (5:13 PM)

16-045PL Conduct a study session on SEASP.

(Commissioner Verduzco-Vega arrived at 5:15 p.m.)

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, who introduced the project consultant team.

Wendy Nowak, Placeworks, presented the Southeast Area Specific Plan study session item.

Nicole Morris, Placeworks, discussed the project Environmental Impact Report.

Wendy Nowak spoke.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Jan Hall provided public comment.

Bob Ladd provided public comment.

Ken Croft provided public comment.

Howard Davis, representing the Naples Improvement Association, provided public comment.

Douglas Sprague provided public comment.

Janice Dahl provided public comment.

Dustin Batten, Los Angeles County Business Federation, provided public comment.

Linda Pemberton provided public comment.

Julie Dean provided public comment.

Anne Cantrell provided public comment.

Dave Chupa provided public comment.

Richard Roth provided public comment.

Jeff Miller provided public comment.

Mel Nutter provided public comment.

Kerrie Aley provided public comment.

Alan Songer provided public comment.

Susan Miller provided public comment.

Anna Christensen provided public comment.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Melinda Cotton provided public comment.

Gordona Kajer provided public comment.

Elizabeth Lambe, Executive Director of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust, provided public comment.

Pat Towner provided public comment.

Andy Macaffey provided public comment.

Rebecca Caudillo Jones provided public comment.

Larry Goodhue provided public comment.

Mike Buhbe provided public comment.

Diane Sunstrom provided public comment.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Christoffels and Christopher Koontz.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to queries from Commissioner Verduzco-Vega.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Jason Pak, Traffic Consultant for the project, responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Cruz and Christopher Koontz.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Chair Christoffels.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

REGULAR AGENDA (8:00 PM)

1. 16-044PL

Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption 16-199 and find the projects listed in the Proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Capital Improvement Program (FY 2017 CIP) in conformity with the General Plan. (Citywide) (Application No. 1607-26)

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Ira Brown, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Malcolm Oscarson, Budget Manager of Public Works, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Sean Crumby, Deputy Director of Public Works, responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Malcom Oscarson responded to a guery from Commissioner Fox.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Malcom Oscarson responded to a query from Chair Christoffels.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Sean Crumby responded to a query from Chair Christoffels.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Chair Christoffels.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

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: 6 - Ron Cruz, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Donita Van Horik, Mark Christoffels and Alan Fox

Absent: 1 - Andy Perez

2. 16-046PL

Recommendation to accept CE 16-012 and approve a Conditional Use Permit for a new roof-mounted telecommunication facility for Verizon Wireless on an existing industrial warehouse, located in PD-32 Douglas Park North. (District 5) (Application No. 1601-01)

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, presented Nick Vasuthasawat, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Brianna Noler, applicant, responded to a guery from Commissioner Templin.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Nick Vasuthasawat responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Brianna Noler responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

A motion was made by Commissioner Verduzco-Vega, seconded by Commissioner Cruz, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Ron Cruz, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Donita Van Horik, Mark Christoffels and Alan Fox

Absent: 1 - Andy Perez

3. 16-047PL

Recommendation to approve a Site Plan Review and a Tentative Parcel Map for the construction of four 2-story office buildings with a total of 96,448 square feet and 368 parking spaces, located at the northwest corner of Lakewood Boulevard and Conant Street in the Douglas Park Planned Development South District (PD-32). (District 5) (Application No. 1606-05)

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, introduced Cuentin Jackson, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Cuentin Jackson responded to a query from Commissioner Cruz.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Christoffels and Cuentin Jackson.

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, responded to a query from Chair Christoffels.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Jan van Dijs, applicant, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Jan van Dijs responded to a query from Chair Christoffels.

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

Yes: 6 - Ron Cruz, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Donita Van Horik, Mark Christoffels and Alan Fox

Absent: 1 - Andy Perez

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (8:49 PM)

There were no additional comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (8:49 PM)

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

ADJOURNMENT (8:49 PM)

At 8:49 p.m., Chair Christoffels adjourned the meeting.

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