CITY OF LONG BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

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



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016 333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM

Richard Lewis, 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: Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager; Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Cuentin Jackson, Planner; Gina Casillas, Planner; Monica Der Gevorgian, Planner; Scott Kinsey, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

Commissioners Richard Lewis, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Donita Van Horik and Mark Present: Christoffels

Commissioners Ron Cruz, Andy Perez and Jane Templin
Absent:

FLAG SALUTE (5:08 PM)

Commissioner Lewis led the flag salute.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:09 PM)

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

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:11 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 (5:11 PM)

1. 16-057PL

Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE 16-212 and approve a Conditional Use Permit to allow a tattoo studio with an accessory art gallery located at 212 The Promenade North in the Downtown Planned Development District (PD-30). (District 2) (Application No. 1607-06)

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

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Cuentin Jackson responded to a query from Commissioner Verduzco-Vega.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

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Carlos Torres, applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Van Horik and Carlos Torres.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Carlos Torres responded to queries from Commissioner Verduzco-Vega.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Carlos Torres responded to gueries from Commissioner Lewis.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Carlos Torres responded to a query from Chair Christoffels.

Michael Gonzales provided public comment.

Nabeel Zubari provided public comment.

Ryan Smith provided public comment.

Eser Asheem provided public comment.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

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

Yes: 4 - Richard Lewis, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Donita Van Horik and Mark Christoffels

Absent: 3 - Ron Cruz, Andy Perez and Jane Templin

2. 16-058PL

Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE 16-075 and approve a Conditional Use Permit to operate a drive-through lane at a new 1,884-square-foot restaurant (Starbucks), located at 2250 E. Carson Street within the Community Automobile-Oriented (CCA) zone. (District 7) (Application No. 1603-09)

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, introduced Gina Casillas, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Kayman Wong, applicant, spoke.

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

Yes: 4 - Richard Lewis, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Donita Van Horik and Mark Christoffels

Absent: 3 - Ron Cruz, Andy Perez and Jane Templin

3. 16-059PL

Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE 16-074 and approve a Conditional Use Permit to operate a drive-through lane at a new 1,868-square-foot restaurant (Starbucks), located at 3503-3505 E. South Street, within the Community Commercial Automobile-Oriented District (CCA) zone. (District 9) (Application No. 1603-21)

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, introduced Monica Der Gegovian, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Kayman Wong, applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Van Horik and Kayman Wong.

Raymond Tanter provided public comment.

Gina Yin provided public comment.

Mark Shinuda, representing the property owner, spoke.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Mark Shinuda responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Mark Shinuda responded to queries from Commissioner Verduzco-Vega.

Christina (no last name given) provided public comment.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

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

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

Yes: 4 - Richard Lewis, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Donita Van Horik and Mark Christoffels

Absent: 3 - Ron Cruz, Andy Perez and Jane Templin

4. 16-060PL

Recommendation to approve a Site Plan Review, Tentative Tract Map, three Conditional Use Permits, two Standards Variances, and a Master Sign Program for the construction and operation of Long Beach Exchange, a regional shopping center containing retail and restaurant uses at 4069 Lakewood Boulevard. (District 5)

(Application No. 1603-01)

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Bruce DeMille, President of Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association, provided public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Verduzco-Vega, seconded by Vice Chair Van Horik, to continue the item to October 6, 2016. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Richard Lewis, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Donita Van Horik and Mark Christoffels

Absent: 3 - Ron Cruz, Andy Perez and Jane Templin

5. 16-061PL

Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE 16-169 and approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the construction of a new double-sided electronic billboard (14 x 48 feet each side), and a Standards Variance to allow construction of a billboard approximately 150 feet from a residential zoning district, located at 2035 W. Wardlow Road in the Commercial Storage (CS) zoning district. (District 7) (Application No. 1607-03)

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, introduced Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Scott Kinsey responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Scott Kinsey responded to a query from Commissioner Lewis.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Christoffels and Scott Kinsev.

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Scott Kinsey replied to queries from Commissioner Verduzco-Vega.

John Duong, applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

John Duong responded to a query from Commissioner Verduzco-Vega.

Scott Kinsey spoke.

John Duong spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Verduzco-Vega and John Duong.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

John Duong responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Scott Kinsey responded to queries from Commissioner Lewis.

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

Yes: 4 - Richard Lewis, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Donita Van Horik and Mark Christoffels

Absent: 3 - Ron Cruz, Andy Perez and Jane Templin

6. 16-062PL

Recommendation to recommend that the City Council accept Categorical Exemption 16-211, approve Zoning Code Amendment No. 1608-24 to amend portions of Title 21 on matters related to the City's triennial Building Code update, and Chapter 21.42 (Landscaping Standards) to comply with the State Water Efficiency Landscape Ordinance. (Citywide) (Application No. 1608-24)

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

A motion was made by Vice Chair Van Horik, seconded by Commissioner Verduzco-Vega, to continue the item to October 6, 2016. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Richard Lewis, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Donita Van Horik and Mark Christoffels

Absent: 3 - Ron Cruz, Andy Perez and Jane Templin

7. 16-063PL

Elect a Chair of the Planning Commission for 2016-2017.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega nominated Commissioner Van Horik as Chair of the Planning Commission for 2016-2017.

Commissioner Lewis seconded the nomination.

The motion carried unanimously to elect Donita Van Horik as the new Chair of the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

8. 16-064PL

Elect a Vice Chair of the Planning Commission for 2016-2017.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels nominated Commissioner Verduzco-Vega as the Vice Chair of the Planning Commission for 2016-2017.

Commissioner Lewis seconded the nomination.

The motion carried unanimously to elect Erick Verduzco-Vega as Vice Chair.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (6:42 PM)

Larry Goodhue provided public comment.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (6:45 PM)

There were no additional comments from the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT (6:45 PM)

At 6:45 p.m., Chair Van Horik adjourned the meeting.

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