

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017  
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM**

Donita Van Horik, Chair  
Erick Verduzco-Vega, Vice Chair  
Mark Christoffels, Commissioner  
Ron Cruz, Commissioner



Richard Lewis, Commissioner  
Andy Perez, Commissioner  
Jane Templin, Commissioner

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**FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 5:11 p.m., Chair Van Horik called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Ron Cruz, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega  
**Present:** and Donita Van Horik  
**Commissioners** Mark Christoffels and Andy Perez  
**Absent:**

Also present: Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer; Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Mark Hungerford, Planner; Steven Valdez, Planner; Fern Nueno, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Cruz led the flag salute.

**MINUTES**

17-008PL Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of February 2, 2017.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Ron Cruz, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Donita Van Horik

**Absent:** 2 - Mark Christoffels and Andy Perez

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, presented the Director's Report.

#### **SWEARING OF WITNESSES**

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.

#### **CONTINUED ITEM**

1. 17-006PL Recommendation to recommend the City Council accept Categorical Exemption CE 16-340 and approve a Zoning Code Amendment related to front yard setbacks, side yard setbacks, lot mergers, and floor area ratio maximums in the R-1-L zoning district; approve the addition of large home design standards for applicable single-family developments, citywide; and forward a Resolution to the California Coastal Commission to amend the Local Coastal Plan consistent with the proposed citywide large home design standard language. (Los Cerritos - Virginia Country Club Neighborhood - District 8) (Application No. 1602-50)

Chair Van Horik recused herself from the item.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, introduced Mark Hungerford, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Mark Hungerford responded to queries from Commissioner Lewis.

Polly Thomas provided public comment.

Barbara Shoag provided public comment.

Renee Hunt provided public comment.

Jeannie Williams provided public comment.

Kevin Kayse provided public comment.

Larry Tidball provided public comment.

Allen Thomas provided public comment.

Lavonne Miller provided public comment.

Erik Sigmund provided public comment.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Lewis and Mark Hungerford.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, responded to a query from Commissioner Lewis.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Mark Hungerford responded to a query from Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Mark Hungerford responded to a query from Commissioner Cruz.

Carrie Tai spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Templin, seconded by Commissioner Cruz, to approve the recommendation with an amendment to read recommend the City Council accept Categorical Exemption CE 16-340 and approve a Zoning Code Amendment related to front yard setbacks, side yard setbacks, lot mergers, and floor area ratio maximums in the R-1-L zoning district. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Ron Cruz, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

**Absent:** 2 - Mark Christoffels and Andy Perez

**Recused:** 1 - Donita Van Horik

**REGULAR AGENDA**

2. 17-009PL Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption 16-262 and approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow the operation of a 24-hour trucking dispatch and container storage yard, consisting of a new 1,026-square-foot office and eleven truck and four employee/guest parking spaces at 1438 W. 14th Street within the General Industrial (IG) district. (District 1) (Application No. 1611-01)

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, introduced Steven Valdez, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Steven Valdez responded to queries from Commissioner Templin.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Steven Valdez responded to a query from Commissioner Verduzco-Vega.

Steven Valdez responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Steven Valdez responded to queries from Commissioner Templin.

John Cataldo, applicant, spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Steven Valdez responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

John Cataldo spoke.

William Britt provided public comment.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Carrie Tai responded to a query from Commissioner Lewis.

Steven Valdez responded to queries from Commissioner Lewis.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Steven Valdez responded to queries from Commissioner Templin.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Carrie Tai spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Steven Valdez responded to queries from Commissioner Verduzco-Vega.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Steven Valdez responded to a query from Commissioner Cruz.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Steven Valdez responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Ron Cruz, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Donita Van Horik

**Absent:** 2 - Mark Christoffels and Andy Perez

**3. 17-010PL**

Recommendation to recommend that the City Council accept the Categorical Exemption CE 17-011 and approve Zone Change No. ZCA17-001 to change the zoning designation from PD-25 (Atlantic Avenue Planned Development) to P (Park) for property located at

612 E. Sunrise Boulevard (District 6) (Application No. 1701-06);

Accept Categorical Exemption No. CE17-012 and approve Zone Change No. ZCA17-002 to change the zoning designation from R-4-R (Moderate Density, Multi-family Residential) to P (Park) for property located at 1195 E. 15th Street (District 6) (Application No. 1701-07);

Accept Categorical Exemption No. CE17-013 and approve Zone Change No. ZCA17-003 to change the zoning designation from CCP (Commercial Community Pedestrian-Oriented) to P (Park) for property located at 1501 E. Anaheim Street (District 6) (Application No. 1701-08);

Accept Categorical Exemption No. CE17-014 and approve Zone Change No. ZCA17-004 to change the zoning designation from CS (Commercial Storage) to P (Park) for property located at 2300 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue (District 6) (Application No. 1701-09);

Accept Categorical Exemption No. CE17-015 and approve Zone Change No. ZCA17-005 to change the zoning designation from CHW (Commercial Regional Highway) to P (Park) for property located at 998 E. Pacific Coast Highway (District 6) (Application No. 1701-10); and

Accept Categorical Exemption No. CE17-016 and approve Zone Change No. ZCA17-006 to change the zoning designation from RM (Single-family for Mobile Homes) to P (Park) for property located at 5550 N. Paramount Boulevard. (District 8) (Application No. 1701-11)

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, introduced Fern Nueno, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Marshall Humphrey provided public comment.

Larry Salter provided public comment.

Dari Chan, Sweet Retreat Donuts, provided public comment.

Chair Van Horik responded to a query from Dari Chan.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Dari Chan spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a comment made by Commissioner Templin.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Ron Cruz, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Donita Van Horik

**Absent:** 2 - Mark Christoffels and Andy Perez

#### STUDY SESSION

4. 17-011PL Conduct a study session regarding sidewalk dining.

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, introduced Fern Nueno, Project Planner, who presented the study session.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Fern Nueno responded to queries from Commissioner Cruz.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Fern Nueno responded to a comment from Commissioner Templin.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Cruz and Fern Nueno.

Commissioner Cruz responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Fern Nueno responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Fern Nueno responded to a query from Commissioner Cruz.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Verduzco-Vega and Christopher Koontz.

Fern Nueno spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Lewis and Fern Nueno.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to comments made by Chair Van Horik.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Fern Nueno responded to a comment made by Commissioner Cruz.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Fern Nueno responded to queries from Commissioner Verduzco-Vega.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.



## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no comments from the public.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

Commissioner Templin spoke.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:06 p.m., Chair Van Horik adjourned the meeting.

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