

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 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

FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:10 p.m., Chair Van Horik called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager; Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer; Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney; Mark Hungerford, Planner; Fern Nueno, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Christoffels led the flag salute.

MINUTES

17-012PL Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of February 16, 2017.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, provided 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. 16-053PL Recommendation to certify Environmental Impact Report 01-16 and approve Site Plan Review, Conditional Use Permit, Standards Variance, and Local Coastal Development Permit entitlements in conjunction with the construction and operation of the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center, an indoor/outdoor pool facility with an adjacent passive park and cafe and restroom buildings at 4000 E. Olympic Plaza. (District 3) (Application No. 1602-54)

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

Ashley Davis, Consultant with LSA, discussed the CEQA process.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, introduced Tom Modica, Assistant City Manager, who gave a brief introduction of the project and introduced the project team.

Brent Miller, of Harley Ellis Devereaux, discussed the site plan and function components of the facility.

Michael Rotundi, Harley Ellis Devereaux, discussed the design process.

Dino D'Emilia, Project Manager, spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Carrie Tai responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

David Charles provided public comment.

Gordana Kajer provided public comment.

Michelle Black, attorney, speaking on behalf of Melinda Cotton and Jeff Miller, provided public comment.

Mel Nutter, attorney, representing Gordana Kajer, provided public comment.

Hank Wise provided public comment.

Ann Cantrell, Citizens About Responsible Planning, provided public comment.

Pat Nielson provided public comment.

Debbie McCormick provided public comment.

Jessica Payne provided public comment.

Alison Gallagher, representing Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell, provided public comment.

Kellie Canning provided public comment.

Karen Harper provided public comment.

Phil Geeson provided public comment.

Joe Weinstein, Board Member for Citizens About Responsible Planning, provided public comment.

Elizabeth Carlin provided public comment.

Lucy Johnson provided public comment.

Dave Sherlock provided public comment.

Jerry Cooley provided public comment.

Wayne Marsh provided public comment.

Rich Foster, President of Aquatics Capital of America, provided public comment.

Laurie Smith provided public comment.

Anna Christensen, LB Area Peace Network, provided public comment.

Gene Simpson provided public comment.

Kurt Schneider provided public comment.

Larry Goodhue provided public comment.

Steve Carson provided public comment.

Ron Ellis provided public comment.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Christoffels and Christopher Koontz.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Brent Miller responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Commissioner Verduzco-Vega.

Tom Modica responded to a query from Commissioner Verduzco-Vega.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Commissioner Cruz.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Templin, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to approve the recommendation with an amendment to include the adoption of the resolution together with findings and the mitigation monitoring and reporting program. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Donita Van Horik

REGULAR AGENDA

2. 17-013PL

Recommendation to transmit to the City Council the Census population totals by Council District for use in the Councilmanic Redistricting process. (Citywide) (Application No. 1701-35)

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

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Fern Nueno responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

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

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Fern Nueno responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to queries from Commissioner Christoffels.

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Linda Tatum responded to queries from Commissioner Lewis.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

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

Yes: 7 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Donita Van Horik

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no additional comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Chair Van Horik spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:55 p.m., Chair Van Horik adjourned the meeting.

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