

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JULY 20, 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 DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 5:02 p.m., Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Jane

**Present:** Templin

**Commissioners** Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz and Donita Van Horik

**Absent:**

Also present: Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager; Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer; Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Cuentin Jackson, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Templin led the flag salute.

**MINUTES**

17-048PL      Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of July 6, 2017.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Jane Templin

**Absent:** 3 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz and Donita Van Horik

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, responded to a query from Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega.

## **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.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

2. 17-050PL Recommendation to approve a Site Plan Review and Lot Merger in conjunction with the construction of a seven-story multi-family residential building containing 77 dwelling units and an integrated four-level, 105-stall parking garage at 320 Alamitos Avenue in the Downtown Planned Development district (PD-30). (District 2) (Application No. 1701-32)

(item taken out of order)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Templin, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to continue the item to August 17, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Jane Templin

**Absent:** 3 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz and Donita Van Horik

3. 17-051PL Recommendation to recommend that the City Council approve the selected alternative for the Place Type and Height Map, superseding the existing adopted Land Use Element and Scenic Routes Element. (Citywide) (Application No. 1701-01)

(item taken out of order)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Templin, to continue the item to August 17, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Jane Templin

**Absent:** 3 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz and Donita Van Horik

1. 17-049PL Recommendation to deny an appeal and uphold the Zoning Administrator's decision to deny a Standards Variance request to allow the installation of four secondary wall signs, instead of a maximum of two secondary wall signs at an existing department store located at 2300 E. 7th Street. (District 2) (Application No. 1702-03)

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

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Cuentin Jackson responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Cuentin Jackson responded to queries from Commissioner Lewis.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Cuentin Jackson responded to a query from Commissioner Perez.

Jeff Aran, representing the applicant, spoke.

Jeff Sealy, West Coast Vice President of Real Estate for Ross Stores, spoke.

Cuentin Jackson responded to a query from Commissioner Perez.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Carrie Tai responded to a query from Commissioner Lewis.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Carrie Tai responded to a query from Commissioner Lewis.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Carrie Tai responded to a query from Commissioner Perez.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Jeff Sealy responded to a query from Commissioner Lewis.

Linda Tatum spoke.

Carrie Tai spoke.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega responded to a query from Michael Mais.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Templin, to continue the item to a date uncertain. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Jane Templin

**Absent:** 3 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz and Donita Van Horik

4. 17-052PL Recommendation to receive and file the presentation regarding the Midtown Specific Plan Annual Review.

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Templin and Christopher Koontz.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to queries from Commissioner Perez.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Lee Fukui provided public comment.

Mauna Eichner provided public comment.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Jane Templin

**Absent:** 3 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz and Donita Van Horik

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mauna Eichner provided public comment.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, responded to comments from Mauna Eichner.

Mauna Eichner spoke.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

There were no additional comments from the Planning Commission.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:00 p.m., Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega adjourned the meeting.

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