

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 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 5:00 p.m., Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Jane Templin and Erick

**Present:** Verduzco-Vega

**Commissioners** Richard Lewis, Andy Perez 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; Craig Chalfant, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Christoffels led the flag salute.

**MINUTES**

17-053PL      Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of July 20, 2017.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

**Absent:** 3 - Richard Lewis, Andy Perez and Donita Van Horik

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

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, 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.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. 17-054PL Recommendation to adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND 02-16) and approve a Site Plan Review, Standards Variance, and Conditional Use Permit for the construction of three 65-foot-high, 44,500-square-foot buildings for a 300-megawatt battery storage facility on the Alamitos Generating Station property located at 690 N. Studebaker Road, in the Southeast Area Development and Improvement Plan (SEADIP / PD-1) area. (District 3) (Application No. 1608-11)

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, who presented the staff report.

Stephen O'Kane, Director of Sustainability and Compliance for AES, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Stephen O'Kane responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Stephen O'Kane responded to queries from Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Stephen O'Kane responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Warren Blesofsky, Long Beach Citizens for Fair Development, provided public comment.

Dave Chupa provided public comment.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Carrie Tai responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Carrie Tai responded to queries from Commissioner Christoffels.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Carrie Tai responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

**Absent:** 3 - Richard Lewis, Andy Perez and Donita Van Horik

## **STUDY SESSION**

2. 17-057PL Conduct a study session regarding the Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (MUST) facility.

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, introduced Craig Chalfant, Project Planner, who introduced the study session item.

Alvin Papa, Assistant City Engineer, discussed the project components and

operation.

Kekoa Anderson, KOA Consulting, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Templin and Alvin Papa.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Alvin Papa responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Alvin Papa spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Alvin Papa responded to a query from Commissioner Cruz.

Kekoa Anderson spoke.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Alvin Papa responded to a query from Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega.

Kekoa Anderson spoke.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Templin and Alvin Papa.

Kekoa Anderson spoke.

Warren Blesofsky, Long Beach Citizens for Fair Development, provided public comment.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Warren Blesofsky, Long Beach Citizens for Fair Development, provided public comment.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

There were no additional comments from the Commission.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:26 p.m., Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega adjourned the meeting.

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