

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
CULTURAL HERITAGE  
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017  
333 W. OCEAN BLVD  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:30 PM**

Alan Burks, Chair  
Karen Highberger, Vice Chair  
Shannon Carmack, Commissioner  
Jan Robert van Dijs, Commissioner



Kathleen Irvine, Commissioner  
Julianna Roosevelt, Commissioner  
Craig Smith, Commissioner

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**FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Burks called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

Also present: Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager; Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer; Nick Vasuthasawat, Planner; Alejandro Plascencia, Planner

**Commissioners** Shannon Carmack, Jan Robert van Dijs, Kathleen Irvine,  
**Present:** Julianna Roosevelt, Craig Smith, Karen L. Highberger and Alan Burks

**FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Carmack led the flag salute.

**MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Highberger, seconded by Commissioner van Dijs, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Jan Robert van Dijs, Kathleen Irvine, Julianna Roosevelt, Craig Smith, Karen L. Highberger and Alan Burks

**Abstain:** 1 - Shannon Carmack

17-030CH Recommendation to receive and file the Cultural Heritage Commission minutes of August 14, 2017.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

## **SWEARING OF WITNESSES**

All witnesses were sworn in.

## **REGULAR AGENDA (3)**

- 1    17-028CH      Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness request for a 980-square-foot addition to an existing 1,220-square-foot two-story rear unit with an attached two-car garage and a new 441-square-foot detached two-car garage for the existing front unit located at 627 Temple Avenue. The existing building is a Contributing Structure within the Rose Park South Historic District. (District 2)

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, introduced Nick Vasuthasawat, Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Burks spoke.

Nick Vasuthasawat responded to queries from Chair Burks.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Hung N. Le, applicant, spoke.

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Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

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Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Nick Vasuthasawat spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Commissioner Roosevelt spoke.

Commissioner Irvine spoke.

Hung N. Le, applicant, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Joshua Kline, neighbor, spoke.

Doug Gibbs spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

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Christopher Koontz spoke.

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Chair Burks spoke.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Commissioner Roosevelt spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner van Dijs, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve recommendation with the added conditions to work with the applicant to reduce the massing and blocking of the new garage, work on the final details of the perimeter fence along the alley, and incorporation of a grasscrete finish or other permeable subsurface along the approach of the new garage.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Jan Robert van Dijs, Kathleen Irvine, Julianna Roosevelt, Craig Smith and Alan Burks

**No:** 2 - Shannon Carmack and Karen L. Highberger

**2** 17-027CH

Recommendation to designate the building located at 3215 E. 3rd Street as a local Historic Landmark property. (District 2)

Alejandro Plascencia, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

Chair Burks spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Alejandro Plascencia spoke.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Alejandro Plascencia spoke.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Commissioner Highberger spoke.

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Alejandro Plascencia spoke.

Commissioner Roosevelt spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Lizbeth Ramirez provided public comment.

Chair Burks spoke.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Shannon Carmack, Jan Robert van Dijs, Kathleen Irvine, Julianna Roosevelt, Craig Smith, Karen L. Highberger and Alan Burks

**3** 17-029CH Recommendation to conduct a study session on 240 Long Beach Blvd.

Commissioner van Dijs recused himself.

Alejandro Plascencia presented the staff report.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Cliff Ratkovich, applicant, spoke.

Richard Lewis spoke.

Linda Tatum spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Richard Lewis spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Cliff Ratkovich spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Richard Lewis spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Cliff Ratkovich spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Cliff Ratkovich spoke.

Richard Lewis spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Richard Lewis spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Richard Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Irvine spoke.

Richard Lewis spoke.

Alejandro Plascencia spoke.

Commissioner Carmack spoke.

Cliff Ratkovich spoke.

Commissioner Roosevelt spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Christopher Koonz spoke.

Commissioner Carmack spoke.

Cliff Ratkovich spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION**

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Burks adjourned the meeting at 7:24 PM.

## **GUIDE FOR PERSONS INTENDING TO SPEAK**

**This guide has been prepared as an aid so that you will be able to express your opinions briefly and clearly before the Commission and thus increase the effectiveness of your presentation. Remarks are generally limited to 3 minutes.**

- 1. State your name and address.**
- 2. Organization you represent, if any.**
- 3. State whether for or against the proposal.**

**Your statement should include all pertinent facts within your knowledge; avoid gossip, emotion and repetition. It is important to discuss only those matters relating to the hearing and to tie your discussion of the facts directly to the decision you wish the Commission to reach. A clear, concise and non-repetitive argument is impressive.**