

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019  
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM**

Richard Lewis, Chair  
Mark Christoffels, Vice Chair  
Erick Verduzco-Vega, Commissioner



Ron Cruz, Commissioner  
Josh LaFarga, Commissioner  
Andy Perez, Commissioner  
Jane Templin, Commissioner

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## **FINAL AGENDA AND MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Christoffels called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Jane

**Present:** Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

**Commissioners** Richard Lewis

**Absent:**

Also present: Linda Tatum, Director of Development Services; Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Anita Juhola-Garcia, Planner; Fiahna Cabana, Community Engagement Specialist; Dionne Bearden, Secretary.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Templin lead the flag salute.

### **MINUTES**

18-094PL

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of December 20, 2018.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez and Jane Templin

**Absent:** 2 - Richard Lewis and Erick Verduzco-Vega

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

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, presented the Director's Report.

Fiahna Cabana, Community Engagement Specialist, spoke.

#### **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. 18-095PL Recommendation to determine that the project is within the scope of the project previously analyzed as part of the Downtown Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2009071006) and warrants no further environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162; and approve a Site Plan Review (SPR18-052) and Vesting Tentative Tract Map (TTM18-052, No. 74290) in conjunction with the construction of a seven-story mixed-use building containing 157 dwelling units, 9,000 square feet of commercial space, and an integrated two-level, 209-stall parking garage at 507 Pacific Avenue in the Downtown Planned Development district (PD-30). (District 1)

Anita Juhola-Garcia, Planner, presented the staff report.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega joined the meeting.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Templin and Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Randy Morris, architect, spoke.

Scott Anastasi, applicant, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Ned Basin provided public comment.

David provided public comment.

Guss Romero provided public comment.

Danielle Amulder provided public comment.

Steven Smith provided public comment.

Cathy Edem provided public comment.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Verduzco-Vega and Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Scott Anastasi, applicant, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Christoffels and Scott Anastasi, applicant.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez,  
Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

**Absent:** 1 - Richard Lewis

2. 18-096PL

Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE-18-232 and approve a Modification (Mod18-018) of a previously approved Administrative Use Permit (AUP 0703-18) allowing establishment of a homeless shelter in an industrial building located at 1368 Oregon Avenue in the General Industrial (IG) District. (District 1)

Anita Juhola-Garcia, Planner, presented the staff report.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Veronique Johnson, applicant, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Christoffels and Veronique Johnson, applicant.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Veronique Johnson, applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Veronique Johnson, applicant, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Verduzco-Vega and Veronique Johnson, applicant.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Veronique Johnson, applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Veronique Johnson, applicant, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Unknown provided public comment.

David Arroyo provided public comment.

Steven Smith provided public comment.

John Montgomery Jr. provided public comment.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Andy Perez spoke.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

**Absent:** 1 - Richard Lewis

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the public are invited to address the Planning Commission on items of interest to the public within the Commission's jurisdiction. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes unless that time is extended by the Chair.**

Cathy Edem provided public comment.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

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

No further comments from the Planning Commission.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:18 p.m., Vice Chair Christoffels adjourned the meeting.

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