CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2019
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
CIVIC CHAMBERS, 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

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:00 p.m., Chair Lewis called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Linda Tatum, Director of Development Services; Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager; Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer; Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Cynthia de la Torre, Project Planner; Cuentin Jackson, Project Planner; M. Wilson, Executive Assistant to the Director; Dionne Bearden, Bureau Secretary.

Commissioners Present: Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Cruz lead the flag salute.

MINUTES

19-079PL Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of September 19, 2019.

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

Yes: 7 - Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Fiahna Cabana, Community Outreach Specialist, presented report.

Chair Lewis 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. 19-080PL

Recommendation to find that the environmental impacts of the Drive-Through Urban Design Guidelines were assessed in the previously adopted Negative Declaration, ND 03-19, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and that no further environmental analysis is required and adopt Drive-Through Design Guidelines, in accordance with Section 1002(f) of Article X of the City Charter.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Cynthia de la Torre, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Steve Gerhardt provided public comment.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

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Chair Lewis spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

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

Yes: 7 - Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

2. 19-081PL Recommendation to adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration (ND10-19) and approve a Site Plan Review (SPR18-032) for two new industrial buildings measuring 48,657 and 46,215 square feet located at 1601 San Francisco Avenue in the General Industrial (IG) District. (District 1)

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Cuentin Jackson, Project Planner, who provided the staff report.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Cuentin Jackson, Project Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Eddie Rivera provided public comment.

Jessie Marquez provided public comment.

Ray Lawson provided public comment.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Clark Neuhoff, applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

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

Yes: 7 - Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Mark Christoffels and 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.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Commissioner Templin spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:37 p.m., Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: October 17, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.

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