

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE, 5:00 PM**

Mark Christoffels, Chair
Joni Ricks-Oddie, Vice Chair
Erick Verduzco-Vega, Commissioner



Josh LaFarga, Commissioner
Jane Templin, Commissioner
Richard Lewis, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Christoffels called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Erick Verduzco-Vega, Richard Lewis, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Mark

Present: Christoffels

Commissioners Josh LaFarga and Jane Templin

Absent:

FLAG SALUTE

MINUTES

[21-060PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission meeting minutes of August 5, 2021.

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

Yes: 3 - Erick Verduzco-Vega, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Mark Christoffels

Abstain: 1 - Richard Lewis

Absent: 2 - Josh LaFarga and Jane Templin

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, presented the Director's Report.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [21-056PL](#) Recommendation to find the proposed vacation of the portions of 55th Way, 56th Way, and 56th Street west of Paramount Boulevard, Langport Avenue, and two unnamed, east-west, alleys generally located between 55th Way to the south and 56th Way to the north, in conformance with the adopted goals and policies of the City's General Plan (GPC20-001). (District 8)

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Sergio Gutierrez, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Vice Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

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Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Gary Hammerle, Applicant, spoke.

Nick Dunlap, Applicant, spoke.

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Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Gary Hammerle, Applicant, spoke.

Nick Dunlap, Applicant, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Nick Dunlap, Applicant, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Christoffels and Nick Dunlap, Applicant.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

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A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Lewis and Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

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A dialogue ensued between Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, and Commissioner Lewis.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Vice Chair Ricks-Oddie, to approve recommendation with modifications. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Erick Verduzco-Vega, Richard Lewis, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Mark Christoffels

Absent: 2 - Josh LaFarga and Jane Templin

2. [21-057PL](#)

Recommendation to recommend that the City Council approve a Street Name Change request to rename ten (10) private streets within the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center located at 5901 E. 7th Street in the Institutional (I) Zoning District. (District 3)

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Sergio Gutierrez, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Christoffels and Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager.

Link Hinsley, Applicant, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Christoffels and Link Hinsley, Applicant.

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

Yes: 4 - Erick Verduzco-Vega, Richard Lewis, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Mark Christoffels

Absent: 2 - Josh LaFarga and Jane Templin

3. [21-058PL](#)

Recommendation to find the projects listed in the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Improvement Program (FY 2022 CIP) in conformity with the

General Plan. (Citywide)

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Jennifer Ly, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Marilyn Surakus, Public Works, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Verduzco-Vega, seconded by Chair Christoffels, to approve recommendation.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Erick Verduzco-Vega, Richard Lewis, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Mark Christoffels

Absent: 2 - Josh LaFarga and Jane Templin

4. [21-059PL](#)

Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE21-030 and concur with and receive and file the rescindment of the Zoning Administrator's Classification of Use determination previously approved by Planning Commission on April 21, 2011 with regards to shipping containers as building materials for dwelling units and additions to dwelling units in residential zones to: 1) allow shipping containers as building materials for dwelling units, including accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and those in historic landmark districts and on sites on which designated historic landmarks are located and 2) establish that the use of metal shipping containers as a building material for dwelling units is suitable, by-right and is not subject to Site Plan Review. (Citywide)

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Advance Planning Manager, introduced Refugio Torres-Campos, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

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Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

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

Yes: 4 - Erick Verduzco-Vega, Richard Lewis, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Mark Christoffels

Absent: 2 - Josh LaFarga and Jane Templin

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

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Christoffels and Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager.

Christopher Koontz, Deputy Director of Development Services, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Christoffels adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, September 2, 2021 - 5:00 p.m.

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