

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
CIVIC CHAMBERS, 5:00 PM**

Erick Verduzco-Vega, Chair
Jane Templin, Vice Chair
Alvaro Castillo, Commissioner
Mark Christoffels, Commissioner



Josh LaFarga, Commissioner
Richard Lewis, Commissioner

FINAL AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Verduzco-Vega called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Christopher Koontz, Director of Development Services; Erin Weesner-McKinley, Deputy City Attorney; Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager; Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer; Scott Kinsey, Project Planner; Sergio Gutierrez, Project Planner; Nicole Amescua, Admin Analyst; Felice Anaya, Clerk; Alex Medina, Clerk.

Commissioners Alvaro Castillo, Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin

Present: and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Commissioners Josh LaFarga

Absent:

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Christoffels led the flag salute.

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.

MINUTES

[23-037PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes

of May 4, 2023.

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

Yes: 5 - Alvaro Castillo, Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 1 - Josh LaFarga

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, provided the Director's Report.

Mike Mais spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Vice Chair Templin spoke.

Commissioner Castillo spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [23-038PL](#) Recommendation to receive the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) Compliance Checklist (PECC-04-22), determine that the project is within the scope of the project previously analyzed as part of the Globemaster Corridor Specific Plan (GCSP) PEIR (SCH No. 2018091021) and will not result in any new significant impacts, or impacts more severe than those studied in the PEIR, and warrants no further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15162; and approve Site Plan Review for a Master Plan (SPR22-083) in the GCSP Business Park District (SP-3-BP) for development of two industrial buildings totaling 582,595 sq. ft. on a 28.32-acre site located at 2019-2401 E. Wardlow Rd. (District 5)

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Castillo spoke.

Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Commissioner Castillo spoke.

Jim Cottrell, Project Applicant, spoke.

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Vice Chair Templin spoke.

Jim Cottrell, Project Applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Christoffels and Christopher Koontz, Director of Development Services.

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

Yes: 5 - Alvaro Castillo, Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 1 - Josh LaFarga

2. [23-039PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a study session on the proposed updates to the City's Subdivision Ordinance (Title 20) of the Long Beach Municipal Code.

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

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Sergio Gutierrez, Project Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

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

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Vice Chair Templin spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Mike Mais spoke.

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

Yes: 4 - Alvaro Castillo, Mark Christoffels, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 2 - Josh LaFarga 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.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Verduzco-Vega adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

NEXT MEETING - JUNE 1, 2023 - 5:00 P.M.

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