

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

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015  
CITY HALL  
7TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
333 W. OCEAN BLVD.  
LONG BEACH, CA 90802, 5:30 PM**

Alan Burks, Chair  
Karen Highberger, Vice Chair  
Shannon Carmack, Commissioner



Louise Ivers, Commissioner  
Irma Hernandez, Commissioner  
Jan Robert van Dijs, Commissioner  
Julianna Roosevelt, Commissioner

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**FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 5:34 PM, Chair Burks called to order the meeting of the Cultural Heritage Commission.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Karen L. Highberger, Louise Ivers, Jan Robert van Dijs, Alan

**Present:** Burks and Julianna Roosevelt

**Commissioners** Shannon Carmack and Irma Hernandez

**Excused:**

ALSO PRESENT: Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer; Alejandro Plascencia, Planner; Lynette Ferenczy, Planner; Gina Casillas, Planner; and Thelinjoris Manuel, Clerk Typist III.

**FLAG SALUTE**

There was no flag salute due to being in a different location without a flag.

**MINUTES**

[15-032CH](#)

Recommendation to approve the Minutes of the Cultural Heritage Commission meeting held Monday, September 14, 2015 and receive and file the Notice of Adjournment for October 12, 2015.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Karen L. Highberger, Louise Ivers, Jan Robert van Dijs, Alan Burks and Julianna Roosevelt

**Excused:** 2 - Shannon Carmack and Irma Hernandez

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, provided the Director's Report in the absence of Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Glenda Gable, Long Beach Resident, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Glenda Gable, Long Beach Resident, spoke.

Laurie Smith, Long Beach Resident, spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

A group conversation ensued with Commissioner Ivers, Chair Burks, and Laurie Smith, Long Beach Resident.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke and a dialogue ensued with Laurie Smith, Long Beach Resident.

## **SWEARING OF WITNESSES**

All witnesses were sworn in by Chair Burks.

## **CONTINUED ITEM (1)**

1. [15-024CH](#) Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness

request to construct a new 1,272 square foot two-story residence with an attached two-car garage, and a new detached two-car garage at 2455 East 4th Street. The property is a contributing structure within the Rose Park South Historic District. (District 2)

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, introduced Lynette Ferenczy, Planner, who provided the staff report.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Lynette Ferenczy, Planner, spoke.

Chair Burks, spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Lynette Ferenczy, Planner, spoke and a dialogue ensued with Commissioner van Dijs.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Ron Akin, Jr., Applicant, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke and a dialogue ensued with Ron Akin, Jr., Applicant.

Chair Burks spoke.

Amy Dominetta, Rose Park Resident, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Amy Dominetta, Rose Park Resident, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke and a dialogue ensued with Amy Dominetta, Rose Park Resident.

Gretchen Swanson, Rose Park Resident, spoke.

Ron Akin, Sr., Applicant, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Ron Akin, Jr., Applicant, spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Ron Akin, Jr., Applicant, spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke and Chair Burks spoke.

Commissioner Roosevelt spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Ron Akin, Jr., Applicant, spoke and a dialogue ensued with Commissioner van Dijs.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ivers, seconded by Commissioner van Dijs, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness with note amendments. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Karen L. Highberger, Louise Ivers, Jan Robert van Dijs, Alan Burks and Julianna Roosevelt

**Excused:** 2 - Shannon Carmack and Irma Hernandez

## **REGULAR AGENDA (2)**

1. [15-033CH](#) Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness request for a 378 square foot one-story addition to an existing single-family residence, and an 81 square foot addition to expand

an existing garage located at 720 E. 35th Street in the California Heights Historic District. (District 7)

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, introduced Alejandro Plascencia, Planner, who provided the staff report.

Commissioner Roosevelt spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Alejandro Plascencia, Planner, continue with presenting the staff report.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Alejandro Plascencia, Planner, continued with the staff report.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Alejandro Plascencia, Planner, spoke and a dialogue ensued with Vice Chair Highberger.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Alejandro Plascencia, Planner, spoke and a dialogue ensued with Chair Burks.

Lynette Ferenczy, Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke and a dialogue ensued among the Commissioners.

Alejandro Plascencia, Planner, spoke and a dialogue ensued with Commissioner Ivers.

A dialogue ensued among the Commissioners.

Chair Burks spoke.

Alejandro Plascencia, Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Bunthoeun Long, Applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke and a dialogue ensued with Alejandro Plascencia, Planner.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Commissioner Roosevelt spoke.

Bunthoeun Long, Applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner van Dijs, seconded by Commissioner Roosevelt, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness with the noted amendments to remove the wood on the top of the front and side wall. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Karen L. Highberger, Louise Ivers, Jan Robert van Dijs, Alan Burks and Julianna Roosevelt

**Excused:** 2 - Shannon Carmack and Irma Hernandez

**2. [15-034CH](#)**

Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness request to legalize the demolition of a garage and the construction of a new two-car garage located at 660 Mira Mar Avenue. The property is a contributing structure located within the boundaries of the Belmont Heights Historic District. (District 3)

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, introduced Gina Casillas, Planner, who provided the staff report.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Gina Casillas, Planner, spoke and a dialogue ensued with Vice Chair Highberger.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Commissioner Roosevelt spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Commissioner Roosevelt spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Rene Acosta, Applicant, spoke.

Maureen Neely, Belmont Heights Historic District, spoke.

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Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Maureen Neely, Belmont Heights Historic District, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Maureen Neely, Belmont Heights Historic District, spoke and a dialogue ensued with Commissioner van Dijs.

Chair Burks spoke and a dialogue ensued with Rene Acosta, Applicant.

A dialogue ensued with Commissioner van Dijs and Maureen Neely, Belmont Heights Historic District.

Rene Acosta, Applicant, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke and a dialogue ensued with Rene Acosta, Applicant.

Commissioner Roosevelt spoke.

Rene Acosta, Applicant, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Rene Acosta, Applicant, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Maureen Neely, Belmont Heights Historic District, spoke.

Rene Acosta, Applicant, spoke and a dialogue ensued with Chair Burks and



Maureen Neely, Belmont Heights Historic District.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Rene Acosta, Applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Commissioner Roosevelt spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

A dialogue ensued among the Commissioners.

Gina Casillas, Planner, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Commissioner Roosevelt spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

**A motion was made by Chair Burks, seconded by Commissioner Ivers, to hold the item and continue it to the next regular meeting on January 11, 2016. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Karen L. Highberger, Louise Ivers, Jan Robert van Dijs, Alan Burks and Julianna Roosevelt

**Excused:** 2 - Shannon Carmack and Irma Hernandez

**COMMENTS FROM THE CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSIONERS**

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Laurie Smith, Resident, spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke and a dialogue ensued with Laurie Smith, Resident.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:27 PM, there being no objection(s), Chair Burks declared the Cultural Heritage Commission meeting adjourned.

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