

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015  
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 & DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 5:35 PM, Chair Burks called to order the meeting of the Cultural Heritage Commission.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Karen L. Highberger, Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers, Jan Robert  
**Present:** van Dijs and Alan Burks  
**Commissioners** Shannon Carmack and Julianna Roosevelt  
**Excused:**

ALSO PRESENT: Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer; Lynette Ferenczy, Planner; Alejandro Plascencia, Planner; Linda Vu, Deputy City Attorney; and Thelinjoris Manuel, Clerk Typist III.

**FLAG SALUTE**

There was no flag salute.

**MINUTES**

[15-035CH](#)

Recommendation to approve the Minutes of the Cultural Heritage Commission meeting held Monday, November 9, 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:** 4 - Karen L. Highberger, Louise Ivers, Jan Robert van Dijs and Alan Burks

**Abstain:** 1 - Irma Hernandez

**Excused:** 2 - Shannon Carmack and Julianna Roosevelt

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

There was no public participation.

Chair Burks spoke.

## **SWEARING OF WITNESSES**

All witnesses were sworn in by Chair Burks.

## **REGULAR AGENDA (5)**

1. [15-036CH](#) Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for construction of a 492 square foot one-story addition to the rear of an existing single-family residence at 3029 East Vista Street in the Bluff Heights Historic District. (District 3)

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

Chair Burks spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Lynette Ferenczy, Planner, spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Lynette Ferenczy, Planner, spoke and a dialogue ensued with Vice Chair Highberger.

Chair Burks spoke.

Alison Engel, Applicant, spoke.

Lynette Ferenczy, Planner, spoke.

Karen Zieba, Designer, spoke and a dialogue ensued with Chair Burks.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Karen Zieba, Designer, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Karen Zieba, Designer, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke and a dialogue ensued with Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer.

Chair Burks spoke and Karen Zieba, Designer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued with Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, and Karen Zieba, Designer.

Chair Burks spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Karen Zieba, Designer, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke and Karen Zieba, Designer, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke and Karen Zieba, Designer, spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

John Thomas, President, Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association, spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Ivers, to approve the recommendation with noted amendments to Condition number 12 and the deletion of Condition number 14. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Excused:** 2 - Shannon Carmack and Julianna Roosevelt

2. [15-037CH](#)

Recommendation to approve a modification to a previously granted Certificate of Appropriateness, Case Number HP13-0068, for exterior building improvements and the restoration of columns, pressed metal decorative building features and paint removal to expose original terra cotta tiles on an existing historic landmark building at 201 Pine Avenue. (District 2)

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

Commissioner van Dijs recused himself from this item.

Chair Burks spoke.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke and a dialogue ensued with Commissioner Ivers.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke and a dialogue ensued with John Thomas, Applicant.

Chair Burks spoke.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke and a dialogue ensued with Commissioner Hernandez.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke and a dialogue ensued with Chair Burks.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke and a dialogue ensued with John Thomas, Applicant.

A dialogue ensued with John Thomas, Applicant, and the Commissioners.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

A dialogue ensued with Vice Chair Highberger, Chair Burks, and John Thomas, Applicant.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Linda Vu, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Linda Vu, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Burks made a substitue motion.

Vice Chair Highberger seconded.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke.

Thelinjoris Manuel, Clerk, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

**A motion was made by Chair Burks, seconded by Vice Chair Highberger, to continue this item to the January 11, 2016 Cultural Heritage Commission meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Excused:** 2 - Shannon Carmack and Julianna Roosevelt

3. [15-038CH](#)

Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior building improvements, repair, paint colors, awnings, add new storefront door, new windows, and other interior alterations to an existing historic landmark building located at 117 8th Street. (District 1)

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

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Alejandro Plascencia, Planner, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Sue, Architect, spoke.

Linda Vu, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Sue, Architect, spoke.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke.

Linda Vu, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Additional witnesses were sworn in by Chair Burks.

Sue, Architect, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke and a dialogue ensued with John Thomas, Applicant.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke and a dialogue ensued with John Thomas, Applicant.

Chair Burks spoke.

A group dialogue ensued among the Commissioners.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke and a dialogue ensued with Commissioner Ivers.

Randy, Owner/Builder, spoke.

Chair Burks spoke and a dialogue ensued with Randy, Owner/Builder.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke and a dialogue ensued with John Thomas, Applicant.

Chair Burks spoke.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke and a dialogue ensued with John Thomas, Applicant.



Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke and a dialogue ensued with John Thomas, Applicant.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke and a dialogue ensued with Commissioner Ivers.

Chair Burks spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Sue, Architect, spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke and a dialogue ensued with Sue, Architect.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Sue, Architect, spoke and a dialogue ensued with Commissioner van Dijs.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke and Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Sue, Architect, spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Randy, Owner/Builder, spoke.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke and Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Sue, Architect, spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Randy, Owner/Builder, spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke and a dialogue ensued with Vice Chair Highberger.

Chair Burks spoke.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Sue, Architect, spoke and a dialogue ensued with Commissioner van Dijs.

Chair Burks spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

John Thomas, Applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Thelinjoris Manuel, Clerk, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

**A motion was made by Chair Burks, seconded by Commissioner Ivers, to continue this item to the January 11, 2016 Cultural Heritage Commission meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Excused:** 2 - Shannon Carmack and Julianna Roosevelt

Chair Burks called a five minute recess.

4. [15-039CH](#) Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior changes to the Security Pacific National Bank Building, a designated historic landmark, in conjunction with the adaptive reuse of the building located at 110 Pine Avenue within the Downtown Long Beach Planned Development District (PD-30). (District 2)

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, provided the staff report.

Chair Burks spoke.

David Takacs, Applicant, spoke and a dialogue ensued with Chair Burks.

A group dialogue ensued among the Commissioners and David Takacs, Applicant.

John Shomof, on behalf of Applicant, spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

David Takacs, Applicant, spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Chair Burks spoke and a dialogue ensued with David Takacs, Applicant.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

A dialogue ensued with David Takacs, Applicant; Commissioner van Dijs, and Chair Burks.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

David Takacs, Applicant, spoke and a dialogue ensued with Vice Chair Highberger.

A dialogue ensued with Chair Burks, Vice Chair Highberger and David Takacs, Applicant.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke and a dialogue ensued with David Takacs, Applicant.

John Shomof, on behalf of the Applicant, spoke and a dialogue ensued with Commissioner van Dijs.

Chair Burks spoke.

David Takacs, Applicant, spoke and a dialogue ensued with Chair Burks.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke and a dialogue ensued with David Takacs, Applicant.

Chair Burks spoke.

John Shomof, on behalf of the Applicant, spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Chair Burks spoke and a dialogue ensued with David Takacs, Applicant and Commissioner van Dijs.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Ivers, to approve the recommendation with a noted amendment to the color of the mesh as gray. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Excused:** 2 - Shannon Carmack and Julianna Roosevelt

5. [15-040CH](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Annual Certified Local Government Report. (Citywide)

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, provided the staff report.

Chair Burks spoke.

Commissioners Ivers spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

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

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

**Excused:** 2 - Shannon Carmack and Julianna Roosevelt

**COMMENTS FROM THE CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSIONERS**

Chair Burks spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Vice Chair Highberger spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke and a dialogue ensued with Chair Burks.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke and a dialogue ensued among the Commissioners.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Chair Burks spoke.

Commissioner van Dijs spoke.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:13 PM, there being no objection(s), Chair Burks declared the Cultural Heritage Commission meeting adjourned.

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