

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2015
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM**

Mark Christoffels, Chair
Donita Van Horik, Vice Chair
Ron Cruz, Commissioner



Alan Fox, Commissioner
Andy Perez, Commissioner
Jane Templin, Commissioner
Erick Verduzco-Vega, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:03 PM)

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

ROLL CALL (5:03 PM)

Also present: Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager; Jeff Winklepleck, Current Planning Officer; Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Angela Reynolds, Deputy Director of Development; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

Commissioners Ron Cruz, Alan Fox, Alan Fox, Jane Templin, Donita Van Horik
Present: and Mark Christoffels

Commissioners Andy Perez and Erick Verduzco-Vega
Absent:

FLAG SALUTE (5:04 PM)

Commissioner Templin led the flag salute.

Chair Christoffels introduced new Planning Commissioner Ron Cruz.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

MINUTES (5:04 PM)

[15-055PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of September 17, 2015.

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

Yes: 3 - Alan Fox, Jane Templin and Donita Van Horik

Abstain: 2 - Ron Cruz and Mark Christoffels

Absent: 2 - Andy Perez and Erick Verduzco-Vega

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:08 PM)

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, presented the Director's Report.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:10 PM)

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.

CONSENT CALENDAR (5:10 PM)

1. [15-056PL](#) Recommendation to receive and file the annual report from The Douglas Park-Long Beach Property Owner's Association and concur with staff's finding that the project is in compliance with the terms and conditions required under the Douglas Park Development Agreement, and has duly fulfilled the requirements for the reporting period of January 2014 through December 2014. (District 5) (Application No. 1509-16)

Chair Christoffels spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Ron Cruz, Alan Fox, Jane Templin, Donita Van Horik and Mark Christoffels

Absent: 2 - Andy Perez and Erick Verduzco-Vega

STUDY SESSION (5:13 PM)

2. [15-058PL](#) Recommendation to conduct a study session regarding the Land Use Element and Urban Design Element. (Citywide)

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced the study session item regarding the Land Use Element and Urban Design Element.

Angela Reynolds, Deputy Director of Development, provided a brief overview of the study session item.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, discussed the Land Use Element.

Jami Williams, consultant with RRM Design Group, discussed the Urban Design Element.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Angela Reynolds spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Commissioner Cruz.

Angela Reynolds spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Templin and Linda Tatum.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Angela Reynolds responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Anne Cantrell provided public comment.

Ryan Wiggins provided public comment.

Paul Buchanan provided public comment.

Joe Sopo provided public comment.

Elizabeth Lambe, Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust, provided public comment.

Tom Morrell provided public comment.

Maureen Neeley, President of the Belmont Heights Community Association, provided public comment.

John Case provided public comment.

Stella Ursua, Green Education Incorporated, and Chair of the Neighborhood Work Group at Building Healthy Communities, provided public comment.

Melinda Cotten provided public comment.

Larry Goodhue provided public comment.

Margarite Morrell provided public comment.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to queries from Chair Christoffels.

Angela Reynolds spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Chair Christoffels.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Linda Tatum responded to a query from Chair Christoffels.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to comments made by Chair Christoffels.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to comments made by Chair Christoffels.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

3. [15-059PL](#)

Recommendation to conduct a study session to review the Planning Commission Rules and Procedures.

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced the study session item regarding Planning Commission Rules and Procedures.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, presented the study session item.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Chair Christoffels.

Michael Mais spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Michael Mais spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Chair Christoffels.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Commissioner Cruz.

Michael Mais spoke.

Anne Cantrell provided public comment.

Michael Mais responded to queries from Anne Cantrell.

Mike Murchison provided public comment.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Mike Murchison.

Mike Murchison spoke.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (7:15 PM)

There were no additional comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (7:20 PM)

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck, Current Planning Officer, responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

ADJOURNMENT (7:24 PM)

At 7:24 p.m., Chair Christoffels adjourned the meeting.

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