

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015
PLAZA LEVEL - CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
LONG BEACH, CA 90802, 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 (5:02 PM)

At 5:02 p.m., Chair Christoffels called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:02 PM)

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

Commissioners Ron Cruz, Alan Fox, Alan Fox, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Erick
Present: Verduzco-Vega, Donita Van Horik and Mark Christoffels

FLAG SALUTE (5:02 PM)

Commissioner Perez led the flag salute.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:03 PM)

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, provided the Director's Report.

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:04 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.

REGULAR AGENDA (5:04 PM)

1. [15-069PL](#) Recommend the City Council certify Supplemental EIR 02-15 and approve a Site Plan Review in conjunction with the new Long Beach Civic Center project, a four-block development consisting of a new City Hall, new Port Building for Harbor Department administration, a new Main Library, a redeveloped Lincoln Park, and private residential and commercial mixed-use buildings, in addition to three parking garages, public street extensions of Chestnut and Cedar Avenues, related infrastructure and landscaping, and the demolition of the former Long Beach Courthouse and existing City Hall building at 333 W. Ocean Boulevard in the Downtown Planned Development District (PD-30). (Districts 1 & 2)

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, introduced the item.

Jeff Fullerton, Director, Edgemoor Infrastructure and Real Estate, provided background on the project.

Paul Danna, lead architect for the project and Design Director at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, discussed the Civic Center plan.

Jeff Fullerton spoke.

Amy Bodek, introduced Joe Power, Principal at Rincon Consultants, who discussed the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the project.

Amy Bodek spoke.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Giovanna Ferraro provided public comment.

Frances Emily Dawson Harris provided public comment.

Ernesto Medrano, representing the Los Angeles and Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, provided public comment.

David Denevan provided public comment.

Gary Shelton provided public comment.

Debra Moore, Moderator for the First Congregational Church, provided public comment.

Margaret Smith, Vice President of Public Affairs for the Long Beach Public Library Foundation, provided public comment.

Bonnie Lowenthal provided public comment.

Nancy Pfeffer provided public comment.

Kraig Kojian, President and CEO, Downtown Long Beach Associates, provided public comment.

Ann Cantrell provided public comment.

Evan Braude provided public comment.

Rodney Lister provided public comment.

Allison King, Co-chair of the Historic Preservation Committee for the First Congregational Church, provided public comment.

Larry Goodhue provided public comment.

Cheryl Perry, President of Long Beach Heritage, provided public comment.

Tom Degars provided public comment.

Allison Krip provided public comment.

Charlie Hawket provided public comment.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Christoffels and Amy Bodek.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Verduzco-Vega and Amy Bodek.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Perez and Amy Bodek.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Van Horik and Amy Bodek.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to queries from Commissioner Cruz.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Verduzco-Vega and Amy Bodek.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to queries from Commissioner Templin.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Templin, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to approve the recommendation with amendments requiring the re-installation of the Civil War cannon to its original location in Lincoln Park by the City of Long Beach and the continuance of robust community outreach during the construction phase of the project. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Ron Cruz, Alan Fox, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Donita Van Horik and Mark Christoffels

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (7:10 PM)

Larry Goodhue provided public comment.

Gary Shelton provided public comment.

Ann Cantrell provided public comment.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (7:17 PM)

There were no comments from the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT (7:17 PM)

At 7:17 p.m., Chair Christoffels adjourned the meeting.

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