

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM**

Donita Van Horik, Chair
Erick Verduzco-Vega, Vice Chair
Mark Christoffels, Commissioner
Ron Cruz, Commissioner



Richard Lewis, Commissioner
Andy Perez, Commissioner
Jane Templin, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:01 p.m., Chair Van Horik called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Ron Cruz, Richard Lewis, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Donita Van

Present: Horik

Commissioners Mark Christoffels, Andy Perez and Jane Templin

Absent:

Also present: Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer; Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer; Gina Casillas, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega led the flag salute.

MINUTES

[17-033PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of May 4, 2017.

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

Yes: 3 - Ron Cruz, Richard Lewis and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Abstain: 1 - Donita Van Horik

Absent: 3 - Mark Christoffels, Andy Perez and Jane Templin

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, presented the Director's Report.

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.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [17-034PL](#) Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE 17-020 and find the proposed vacation of a segment of Pasadena Avenue, south of 33rd Street and north of the San Diego Freeway (I-405), in conformance with the goals and policies of the City's General Plan. (District 7) (Application No. 1701-36)

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, introduced Gina Casillas, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Gina Casillas responded to a query from Commissioner Lewis.

William Russell, representing the applicant, spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega, seconded by Commissioner Cruz, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Ron Cruz, Richard Lewis, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Donita Van Horik

Absent: 3 - Mark Christoffels, Andy Perez and Jane Templin

STUDY SESSION

2. [17-036PL](#) Conduct a study session regarding the Centercal 2nd + PCH project.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, introduced the study session item.

Steve Shaul, representing CenterCal, presented the study session item.

Christopher Koontz discussed the Environmental Impact Report for the project.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to queries from Commissioner Lewis.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Steve Shaul responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, responded to queries from Chair Van Horik.

A dialogue ensued between Eric Widstrand, City Traffic Engineer, and Chair Van Horik.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Van Horik and Steve Shaul.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Commissioner Lewis.

Ayjia Flowers, representing CREED LA, provided public comment.

Charlie Durnin provided public comment.

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

Chair Van Horik swore in a late arriving member of the public wishing to speak.

Warren Blesofsky, Long Beach Citizens for Fair Development, provided public comment.

Chair Van Horik responded to a query from Warren Blesofsky.

Warren Blesofsky spoke.

Amy Bodek spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Eric Widstrand spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Eric Widstrand responded to comments made by Chair Van Horik.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega and Amy Bodek.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no additional comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

There were no additional comments from the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:07 p.m., Chair Van Horik adjourned the meeting.

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