CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 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 5:00 p.m., Chair Van Horik called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager; Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer; Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Anita Juhola-Garcia, Planner; Alexis Oropeza, Planner; Scott Kinsey, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

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

Also present: Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager; Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer; Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Anita Juhola-Garcia, Planner; Alexis Oropeza, Planner; Scott Kinsey, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Lewis led the flag salute.

MINUTES

17-046PL Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of June 15, 2017.

A motion was made by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Templin, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Donita Van Horik and Jane Templin

Absent: 1 - Erick Verduzco-Vega

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. 17-047PL Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE 17-048 and approve a Tentative Parcel Map and Local Coastal Development Permit to subdivide an existing 20,000-square-foot lot to create two separate lots, Parcel 1 - an 8,000-square-foot lot, and Parcel 2 - a 12,000-square-foot lot, located at 3065 East Ocean Boulevard in the R-2-L zoning district. (District 3) (Application No. 1702-15)

(Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega arrived at 5:06 p.m.)

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, introduced Anita Juhola-Garcia, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Christoffels and Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Linda Tatum responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Carrie Tai responded to a query from Commissioner Cruz.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Carrie Tai and Christopher Koontz responded to queries from Commissioner Templin.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Anita Juhola-Garcia responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Carrie Tai responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Carrie Tai responded to queries from Commissioner Templin.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Roger Fricke provided public comment.

Robert Fox, Executive Director, Council of Neighborhood Organizations, provided public comment.

Dave Berry provided public comment.

Michelle Fricke provided public comment.

Rhiannon Aykre provided public comment

Laura Toner provided public comment.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Laura Toner.

Laura Toner spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Christoffels and Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney.

Linda Tatum responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Linda Tatum responded to queries from Commissioner Lewis.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Anita Juhola-Garcia responded to a query from Commissioner Perez.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Anita Juhola-Garcia responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Linda Tatum responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Carrie Tai responded to a query from Commissioner Cruz.

Anita Juhola-Garcia responded to a query from Commissioner Cruz.

Carrie Tai responded to a query from Commissioner Cruz.

Commissioner Cruz responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Anita Juhola-Garcia responded to a query from Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, responded to queries from Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Robert Tavasci, applicant, responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Van Horik and Robert Tavasci.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Templin and Robert Tavasci.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Linda Tatum spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Linda Tatum responded to a query from Commissioner Lewis.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Linda Tatum spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Linda Tatum responded to a query from Commissioner Lewis.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

A motion was made by Chair Van Horik, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to approve the recommendation with an amendment to add conditions requiring a site inspection to verify the actual number of units on the site, removal of iron security bars from the sitting room window, and recordation of a covenant limiting the number of units to four on Parcel 2, prior to the recordation of the final map. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. 17-035PL Recommendation to recommend that the City Council find this action exempt for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Statutory Exemption 17-136 in the State CEQA Guidelines and approve a City-initiated Zoning Code Amendment to Title 21 of the Long Beach Municipal Code (LBMC) pertaining to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). (Citywide) (Application No. 1702-04)

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, introduced Alexis Oropeza, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

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

Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, responded to queries from Commissioner Templin.

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

Laura Lindgren provided public comment.

Alan Crawford provided public comment.

Jan Griffin provided public comment.

Robert Fox, Executive Director, Council of Neighborhood Organizations, provided public comment.

John Friese provided public comment.

Kisan Chovan provided public comment.

Diane Sundstrom, Belmont Heights Community Association, provided public comment.

Linda Pemberton, Board Member, Belmont Heights Community Association, provided public comment.

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

Lisa Mann provided public comment.

Matt Giangrande provided public comment.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Carrie Tai responded to queries from Commissioner Templin.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Linda Tatum responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Scott Kinsey responded to a comment made by Commissioner Christoffels.

Linda Tatum spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Christoffels and Scott Kinsey.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Scott Kinsey responded to queries from Chair Van Horik.

Carrie Tai responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

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

Scott Kinsey responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Amy Bodek spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Alexis Oropeza responded to a query from Commissioner Lewis.

Scott Kinsey responded to queries from Commissioner Lewis.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Scott Kinsey responded to a query from Commissioner Cruz.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Cruz and Amy Bodek.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Templin responded to a query from Commissioner Lewis.

Commissioner Lewis responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Lewis responded to a query from Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega.

A motion was made by Templin, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to approve the recommendation with an amendment to reduce the maximum unit size from 1,200 square feet or 50 percent of the lot size to 1,000 square feet or 50 percent of the lot size, whichever is less. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Larry Goodhue provided public comment.

Janet West provided public comment.

Robert Fox provided public comment.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

There were no additional comments from the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:32 p.m., Chair Van Horik adjourned the meeting.

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