

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2018
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM**

Richard Lewis, Chair
Mark Christoffels, Vice Chair
Erick Verduzco-Vega, Commissioner



Ron Cruz, Commissioner
Josh LaFarga, Commissioner
Andy Perez, Commissioner
Jane Templin, Commissioner

FINAL AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:00 p.m., Chair Lewis called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Ron Cruz, Jane Templin, Richard Lewis and Erick

Present: Verduzco-Vega

Commissioners Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga and Andy Perez

Absent:

Also present: Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Cuentin Jackson, Planner; Scott Kinsey, Planner; Alexis Oropeza, Planner; Nick Vasuthasawat, Planner; Dionne Bearde, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Templin lead the flag salute.

MINUTES

[18-090PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of December 6, 2018.

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

Yes: 4 - Ron Cruz, Jane Templin, Richard Lewis and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 3 - Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga and Andy Perez

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, 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. [18-091PL](#) Recommendation to receive and file the 2017 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 of the Douglas Park Development Agreement, and that the Douglas Park-Long Beach Property Owner's Association has fulfilled the requirements for the reporting period of January 2017 through December 2017. (District 5)

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Cuentin Jackson, Planner, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Cuentin Jackson, Planner, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Ann Cantrell provided public comment.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Cuentin Jackson, Planner, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Lewis and Cuentin Jackson, Planner.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

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

Yes: 3 - Ron Cruz, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Abstain: 1 - Richard Lewis

Absent: 3 - Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga and Andy Perez

2. [18-092PL](#)

Recommendation to deny an appeal (APL18-004) and uphold the November 19, 2018 decision of the Zoning Administrator to accept Categorical Exemption CE-18-237 and approve a Local Coastal Development Permit (LCDP18-033) for the trimming and on-site relocation of existing street trees, and the addition of new street trees in the public right-of-way in conjunction with a separately-permitted street improvement project located on the segment of Marina Drive between 2nd Street and Studebaker Road. (District 3)

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke and introduced Scott Kinsey, Planner, who provide the staff report.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Scott Kinsey, Planner, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Anna Christensen, Appellant, spoke.

Leslie Rash, Appellant, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Joshua Hickman, Public Works Program Manager, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Alex Cross, provided public comment.

Ann Cantrell provided public comment.

Corliss Lee provided public comment.

Melinda Cotton provided public comment.

Tahesha Knapp-Christensen provided public comment.

Larry Goodhue provided public comment.

Alex Chair provided public comment.

Juan provided public comment.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

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Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

a dialogue ensued between Commissioner Verduzco-Vega and Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Joshua Hickman, Public Works Program Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Lewis and Joshua Hickman, Public Works Program Manager.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Eric Widstrand, City Traffic Engineer, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Cruz and Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager.

Joshua Hickman, Public Works Program Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Joshua Hickman, Public Works Program Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Templin and applicant.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Joshua Hickman, Public Works Program Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Verduzco-Vega and Joshua Hickman, Public Works Program Manager.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Joshua Hickman, Public Works Program Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Lewis and Joshua Hickman, Public Works Program Manager.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Joshua Hickman, Public Works Program Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

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

Yes: 3 - Ron Cruz, Jane Templin and Richard Lewis

No: 1 - Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 3 - Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga and Andy Perez

3. [18-093PL](#)

Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption (CE-18-216) and approve Administrative Use Permit (AUP18-004) to establish a bank with a drive-through, Conditional Use Permits (CUP18-019 & CUP18-020), to establish two restaurants with drive-throughs and Vesting Tentative Parcel Map (TPM-18-003) to establish a four-parcel subdivision in conjunction with a new shopping center located at 6600 Atlantic Avenue in the Community Automobile-Oriented District (CCA).

(District 9)

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Nick Vasuthasawat, Planner and Alexis Oropeza, Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Tom Carpenter, applicant, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Enrique Chavez provided public comment.

Jonathan provided public comment.

Ricardo provided public comment.

Anna provided public comment.

Raul Nairo provided public comment.

Hilda Gaytan, Coalition for a Healthy North Long Beach, provided public comment.

Alejandra Arizmendi provided public comment.

Kate Sacknoff provided public comment.

Chu provided public comment.

Melissa Shilling provided public comment.

Soka provided public comment.

Michelle Engleman Berns provided public comment.

Kirk Davis provided public comment.

Stan Harris provided public comment.

Juan provided public comment.

Renette Maza provided public comment.

Jerry Fink provided public comment.

Linda Campbell provided public comment.

Art provided public comment.

Mark provided public comment.

Jeffrey Jackson provided public comment.

Larry Goodhue provided public comment.

Unknown provided public comment.

Enrique provided public comment.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Planner, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Lewis and Alexis Oropeza, Planner.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Verduzco-Vega and Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Cruz and Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Tom Carpenter, applicant, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Lewis and Tom Carpenter, applicant.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

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

Yes: 4 - Ron Cruz, Jane Templin, Richard Lewis and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 3 - Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga and Andy Perez

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the public are invited to address the Planning Commission on items of interest to the public within the Commission's jurisdiction. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes unless that time is extended by the Chair.

There were no comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Jane Templin spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:14 p.m., Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting.

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