

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019  
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

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**FINAL AGENDA AND MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Also present: Linda Tatum, Director of Development Services; Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager; Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney; Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer; Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer; Cuentin Jackson, Planner; Dionne Bearden, Bureau Secretary.

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

**Commissioners** Josh LaFarga  
**Absent:**

**FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Perez lead the flag salute.

**MINUTES**

[19-032PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission Minutes of April 18, 2019.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Andy Perez, Jane Templin,  
Richard Lewis and Erick Verduzco-Vega

**Absent:** 1 - Josh LaFarga

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, presented 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. [19-033PL](#) Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemptions CE-18-255 and CE-19-012 and approve two (2) Conditional Use Permits (CUP18-036 and CUP19-001) to operate agriculture-related uses (crop cultivator and crop distributor) for Adult-Cannabis businesses within an existing 35,000 square-foot building located at 700 W. 16th Street in the General Industrial (IG) District. (District 1)

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Cuentin Jackson, Planner, who provided the staff report.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Cuentin Jackson, Planner, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Cuentin Jackson, Planner, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Adam Bang, applicant, spoke.

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Chair Lewis spoke.

Paul Collins, architect, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Cuentin Jackson, Planner, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Verduzco-Vega and Cuentin Jackson, Planner.

Chair Lewis spoke.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Mark Christoffels, Ron Cruz, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Richard Lewis and Erick Verduzco-Vega

**Absent:** 1 - Josh LaFarga

**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.

No public comments.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Linda Tatum, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Christoffels and Linda Tatum, Director of Development Services.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:27 p.m., Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: MAY 16, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.

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