

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
CIVIC CHAMBERS, 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

FINISHED AGEND AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Also present: Oscar Orci, Deputy Director of Development Services; Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer; Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Nick Vasuthasawat, Project Planner; Scott Kinsey, Project Planner; Amy Harbin, Project Planner; Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner; M. Wilson, Executive Assistant to the Director.

Commissioners Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega,
Present: Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

Commissioners Ron Cruz
Absent:

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Perez lead the flag salute.

MINUTES

[19-085PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of October 17, 2019.

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

Yes: 6 - Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

Absent: 1 - Ron Cruz

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, presented the Director's Report.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES

Chair Lewis spoke.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [19-086PL](#) Recommendation to receive and file the one-year report on the operation of the STARS Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center (BHUCC), provided as required by conditions of approval of Application No. 1611-08, located at 3200-3220 Long Beach Boulevard, in the Midtown Specific Plan (SP-1). (District 7)

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Steve Albrecht, applicant, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Templin and Scott Kinsey, Project Planner.

Chair Lewis spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

Absent: 1 - Ron Cruz

2. [19-087PL](#)

Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE-18-216 and approve two Conditional Use Permits to establish on premise alcohol sales (Alcoholic Beverage Control License - Type 47 [On-Sale General for Bona Fide Public Eating Place]) within two 1,250-square-foot restaurant tenant spaces and outdoor patio area at the Uptown Commons shopping center located at 625 E. Artesia Blvd., Units A & B, in the Community Automobile Oriented (CCA) Zoning District. (District 9)

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Nick Vasuthasawat, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Lewis and Nick Vasuthasawat, Project Planner.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Nick Vasuthasawat, Project Planner, spoke.

Tom Carpenter, applicant, spoke.

Ranette Maza provided public comment.

Linda Campbell provided public comment.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

Absent: 1 - Ron Cruz

3. [19-088PL](#) Recommendation to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (ND13-19) and approve a Site Plan Review (SPR18-056) and a Local Coastal Development Permit (LCDP18-034) for the demolition of existing structures and development of two concrete tilt-up industrial buildings (91,700 square feet and 47,500 square feet, respectively) with surface parking and associated landscaping on a 6.69 acre site located in the Coastal Zone at 300 Studebaker Road within the Southeast Area Development and Improvement Plan (SEADIP) (PD-1) area; approve a Standards Variance (SV18-004) request to provide a portion of the required thirty percent on-site open space on off-site vacant parcels (1.81 acres of land) located on the northwest and southwest corners of the intersection of Studebaker Road and Loynes Drive; and approve a Lot Line Adjustment (LLA18-002) to reposition the north-south property line between vacant parcels on the west side of Studebaker Road to the east side of Studebaker Road. (District 3)

Commissioner Perez recused himself.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Mark Payne, applicant, spoke.

Janice Dahl provided public comment.

Don Rodriguez provided public comment.

Dave Shukla provided public comment.

Tommy Favie provided public comment.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Ann Cantrell provided public comment.

Corliss Lee provided public comment.

Anna Christensen provided public comment.

Chair Lewis spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Christoffels and Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner, spoke.

Mark Payne, applicant, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Mark Payne, applicant, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

Absent: 1 - Ron Cruz

Recused: 1 - Andy Perez

4. [19-089PL](#)

Recommendation to adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND 08-19) and approve a Site Plan Review (SPR18-032) for the onshore

improvements to the Long Beach Cruise Terminal including expansion of the existing parking structure to include approximately 650 parking stalls, the reconfiguration of the leasehold traffic lanes near the parking garage, and abandonment and fill of the existing tunnel system located at 231 Windsor Way in the PD-21 Zoning District. (District 2)

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Amy Harbin, Project Planner.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Stefano Borzone, applicant, spoke.

Vicky Rey and Stefano Borzone, applicants, spoke.

Stefano Borzone, applicant, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Stefano Borzone, applicant, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Andrea Ricko provided public comment.

Jerilyn L. Mendoza provided public comment.

Richard Pruitt provided public comment.

Ernie Chavez provided public comment.

Bruce Matthews provided public comment.

Carleen Lyden Walker provided public comment.

Gilbert Angulo provided public comment.

Paul Ramirez provided public comment.

Sherinna Gilbert provided public comment.

Susan Vasquez provided public comment.

Tommy Favaee provided public comment.

Marnie Primer provided public comment.

Ann Cantrell provided public comment.

Corliss Lee provided public comment.

Anna Christensen provided public comment.

Barry Sedlik provided public comment.

Executive Director of the Coalition on the Environment provided public comment.

Julius Vaehaemaeki provided public comment.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Mike Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Amy Harbin, Project Planner, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Amy Harbin, Project Planner, spoke.

Mike Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Mike Mais, Assistant City Attorney, and Chair Lewis.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced William Walters, Project Consultant who spoke.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Applicant spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

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

Yes: 4 - Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Jane Templin and Richard Lewis

No: 2 - Erick Verduzco-Vega and Mark Christoffels

Absent: 1 - Ron Cruz

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.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Chair Lewis spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 5, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.

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