

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020
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
Jane Templin, Commissioner
Joni Ricks-Oddie, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Also present: Linda F. Tatum, Director of Development Services; Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager; Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Alejandro Plascencia, Project Planner; Marcos Lopez, Project Planner; Nick Vasuthasawat, Project Planner; Dionne Bearden, Bureau Secretary.

Commissioners Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega,
Present: Joni Ricks-Oddie, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

FLAG SALUTE

Vice Chair Christoffels lead the flag salute.

MINUTES

[20-007PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of January 16, 2020.

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

Yes: 7 - Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Joni Ricks-Oddie, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, presented the Director's Report.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [20-008PL](#) Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE19-211 and approve Conditional Use Permit CUP19-035 to establish an indoor aquatic farm at a 23,400-square-foot industrial building located at 625 West Anaheim Street in the General Industrial (IG) Zoning District. (District 1)

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Marcos Lopez, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Marcos Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

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Chair Lewis spoke.

Stephen Sutton, applicant, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

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

Yes: 7 - Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Joni Ricks-Oddie, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

2. [20-009PL](#)

Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE19-144 and approve a Conditional Use Permit CUP19-015 to establish a fitness gym in an existing building located at 5400 Cherry Avenue within the Light Industrial (IL) Zoning District. (District 8)

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

Chair Lewis spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Ricks-Oddie spoke.

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

Yes: 7 - Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Joni Ricks-Oddie, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

3. [20-010PL](#)

Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE19-259 and

approve a Modification to a Site Plan Review SPR19-031 and Local Coastal Development Permit LCDP 19-024 for a previously approved adaptive reuse project (Application No. 1409-15) to add six residential units for a total of 80 units within the Ocean Center Building, a City-Designated Historic Landmark, in the Coastal Zone, located at 110 West Ocean Boulevard in the Downtown Shoreline Planned (PD-6) Development District. (District 2)

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Alejandro Plascencia, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Todd Lemmis, applicant, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Alejandro Plascencia, Project Planner, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

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

Yes: 7 - Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Joni Ricks-Oddie, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

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.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:37 p.m., Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: February 20, 2020 - 5:00 p.m.

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