

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE, 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 5:01 p.m., Acting Chair Verduzco-Vega called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Oscar Orci, Director of Development Services; Christopher Koontz, Deputy Director of Development Services; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer; Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer; Cuentin Jackson, Project Planner; Scott Kinsey, Project Planner; Anita Juhola-Garcia, Project Planner; Amy Harbin, Project Planner; Gina Casillas, Project Planner; Jonathan Iniesta, Planner; Heather Flores, Clerk Typist; Dionne Bearden, Bureau Secretary.

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

Commissioners Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis
Absent:

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Ricks-Oddie lead the flag salute.

MINUTES

[20-062PL](#)

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

Acting Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Joni Ricks-Oddie

Absent: 2 - Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

CENSUS ENGAGEMENT PRESENTATION

[20-069PL](#)

Census Engagement and Census Questionnaire Self-Response Rate Update

Christopher Koontz, Deputy Director of Development Services spoke.

Julian Cernuda presented the report.

Acting Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Christopher Koontz, Deputy Director of Development Services, presented the Director's Report.

Acting Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [20-064PL](#) Recommendation to find the proposed vacation of Via Alcalde Avenue in conformance with the adopted goals and policies of the City's General Plan (GPCC19-002) (District 8).

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

Acting Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Jeffery Pierson, Representative of Applicant, spoke.

Acting Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Joni Ricks-Oddie

Absent: 2 - Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

2. [20-065PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the fourth annual review of the Golden Shore Project Development Agreement and affirm staff's finding that the project is in compliance with the terms and conditions as required and has fulfilled the requirements for the reporting period of 2019-2020. (District 2)

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Amy Harbin, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Acting Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Joni Ricks-Oddie

Absent: 2 - Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

3. [20-066PL](#)

Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE18-156 and approve Conditional Use Permit CUP18-017 to establish a drive-through use within an existing, remodeled shopping center at 1320 Atlantic Avenue in the Community Automobile-Oriented District (CCA) zone. (District 6)

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

Acting Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Deputy Director of Development Services, spoke.

Hany Malak, applicant, spoke.

Acting Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

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Acting Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Jordan Wynne provided public comment.

Christopher Koontz, Deputy Director of Development Services spoke.

Michelle Rojas provided public comment.

Acting Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Deputy Director of Development Services spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Joni Ricks-Oddie

Absent: 2 - Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

4. [20-067PL](#)

Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE-18-155 and approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP18-016) for the sale of beer, wine and distilled spirits for off-site consumption at a newly-proposed grocery store located at 739 E. Anaheim Street in the Community Auto-Oriented (CCA) District. (District 6)

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

Acting Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Cuentin Jackson, Project Planner, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Deputy Director of Development Services, spoke.

Acting Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

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Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Deputy Director of Development Services, spoke.

Acting Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Deputy Director of Development Services, spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Joni Ricks-Oddie

Absent: 2 - Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

5. [20-068PL](#)

Recommendation to recommend that the City Council accept Statutory Exemption (SE) 20-081 and approve Zone Change (ZCHG20-001) from Regional Highway District (CHW) to Community R-4-N (CCN) and accept Statutory Exemption SE-20-081; and approve Conditional Use Permit (CUP20-005) to allow the senior housing development consisting of 67 affordable residential units. (Council District 6)

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

Acting Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Deputy Director of Development Services, spoke.

Anita Juhola-Garcia, Project Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Deputy Director of Development Services, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Acting Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Erika Villablanca, applicant, spoke.

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Commissioner Templin spoke.

Erika Villablanca, applicant, spoke.

Acting Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Deputy Director of Development Services, read the public statement of Patricia Clark.

Karen Reside provided public comment.

Myron Wollin, provided public comment.

Christopher Koontz, Deputy Director of Development Services, spoke.

Jordan Wynne provided public comment.

Acting Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Deputy Director of Development Services, spoke.

Anita Juhola-Garcia, Project Planner, spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Joni Ricks-Oddie

Absent: 2 - 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.

Jordan Wynne provided public comment.

Acting Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Ricks-Oddie spoke.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

No comments from the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Acting Chair Verduzco-Vega adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

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

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