

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021  
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD  
CIVIC CHAMBERS  
AND TELECONFERENCE, 5:00 PM**

Mark Christoffels, Chair  
Joni Ricks-Oddie, Vice Chair  
Erick Verduzco-Vega, Commissioner



Josh LaFarga, Commissioner  
Jane Templin, Commissioner  
Richard Lewis, Commissioner

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**FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Christoffels called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Also present: Christopher Koontz, Development Services Deputy Director; Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer; Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Advance Planning Officer; Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner; Elise Roberts, Administrative Analyst; Ashley Wiegelman, Assistant Admin Analyst; Heather Flores, Secretary; Dionne Bearden, Secretary.

**Commissioners** Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Joni

**Present:** Ricks-Oddie and Mark Christoffels

**Commissioners** Richard Lewis

**Absent:**

**FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner LaFarga led the flag salute.

**MINUTES**

[21-072PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission meeting minutes of September 16, 2021.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Mark Christoffels

**Absent:** 1 - Richard Lewis

## **SWEARING OF WITNESSES**

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, provided the Director's Report.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

21-073PL Recommendation to elect a Chair for the Planning Commission for 2021-2021.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Verduzco-Vega, seconded by Commissioner LaFarga, to elect Dr. Joni Ricks-Oddie as Chair of the Planning Commission for 2021-2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Mark Christoffels

**Absent:** 1 - Richard Lewis

[21-074PL](#) Recommendation to elect a Vice Chair for the Planning Commission Chair for 2021-2022.

Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Templin, seconded by Commissioner Christoffels, to approve recommendation to elect Erick Verduzco-Vega as Vice Chair of the Planning Commission for 2021-2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Mark Christoffels

**Absent:** 1 - Richard Lewis

1. [21-075PL](#) Recommendation to recommend that the City Council approve EIR addendum EIRA-02-21 and adopt the 2021-2029 General Plan Housing Element. (Citywide)

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, and Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Advance Planning Officer, presented the staff report.

Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Elsa Tung provided public comment.

Jonathan Jager provided public comment.

Daniel Luu provided public comment.

Gaby Hernandez provided public comment.

Kate Deionna provided public comment.

Susana Sngien provided public comment.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Christoffels and Patricia

Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Development Services Deputy Director, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Christoffels and Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Development Services Deputy Director, spoke.

Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Ricks-Oddie and Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Development Services Deputy Director, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Templin and Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager.

Christopher Koontz, Development Services Deputy Director, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Mark Christoffels

**Absent:** 1 - 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**

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

At 6:43 p.m., Chair Ricks-Oddie adjourned the meeting.

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