CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
CIVIC CHAMBERS
AND TELECONFERENCE, 5:00 PM

Dr. Joni Ricks-Oddie, Chair
Erick Verduzco-Vega, Vice Chair
Alvaro Castillo, Commissioner
Mark Christoffels, Commissioner

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

FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Also Present: Christopher Koontz, Acting Director of Development Services; Dawn McIntosh, Assistant City Attorney; Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer; Andréa Urbas, Acting Advance Planning Officer; Scott Kinsey, Project Planner; Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner; Carline Hua, Project Planner; Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst; Heather Flores, Secretary; Bernice Guzman, Clerk.

Commissioners Present: Alvaro Castillo, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Commissioners Absent: Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga and Joni Ricks-Oddie

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Lewis led the flag salute.

MINUTES

22-046PL Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of August 4, 2022.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

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

Yes: 4 - Alvaro Castillo, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 3 - Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga and Joni Ricks-Oddie

SWEARING OF WITNESSES

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Acting Director of Development Services, spoke.

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REGULAR AGENDA

1. 22-047PL

Recommendation to recommend that the City Council adopt a resolution certifying the River Park Residential Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR-07-20, SCH#2021020492);

Recommend that the City Council adopt an ordinance approving a Zone Change (ZCHG20-002) from CS, CS (H), and R-1-N to RP-15 and RP-15 (H);

Recommend that the City Council approve Site Plan Review (SPR20-007) for construction of a new residential Planned Unit Development of 226 dwelling units consisting of 74 two-story detached single-family homes on small condominium lots, 99 two-story row townhouses, and 53 three-story

carriage townhouses, located on 15.53 acres of a 20.4-acre development site, with a park to be developed on the remaining 4.81 acres of the property;

Recommend that the City Council approve Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 82712 (VTTM20-002) to create one master ground lot and 226 airspace lots, on a 20.4-acre development site;

Recommend that the City Council adopt an ordinance approving a Development Agreement (DA20-001) between the City and Integral Communities, LLC; and,

Recommend that the City Council adopt a General Plan Conformity Certification (GPC21-003) for the vacation of 1) Baker Street between Golden Avenue and the western edge of the project site, and 2) portions of unused right-of-way on Wardlow Road adjacent to the project site. (District 7)

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Templin, to continue item to September 1, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Alvaro Castillo, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 3 - Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga and Joni Ricks-Oddie

2. 22-048PL

Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE-22-114; and, approve a Local Coastal Development Permit to demolish and replace an existing residential duplex with a new duplex and attached four-car garage

and Standards Variances for: 1) a four-foot garage setback in lieu of the required 20-feet setback; and 2) an oversized curb cut (36 feet where 20 feet maximum is allowed) on 60th Place to accommodate four (4) side by side garage parking spaces on a property located at 5925 E Seaside Walk in the R-2-I (Two-Family Residential District with Intensified Development on the Lots) Zoning District. (District 3)

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

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Castillo spoke.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Edward Gullian, Applicant, spoke.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

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

Yes: 3 - Alvaro Castillo, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 4 - Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga, Richard Lewis and Joni Ricks-Oddie

3. 22-049PL Recommendation to Find the projects listed in the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Improvement Program (FY 2023 CIP) in conformity with the General Plan. (Citywide)

Christopher Koontz, Acting Director of Development Services, introduced Carline Hua, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Castillo spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Acting Director of Development Services, spoke.

Jonathon Bolin, Public Works Representative, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Acting Director of Development Services, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

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

Yes: 4 - Alvaro Castillo, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 3 - Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga and Joni Ricks-Oddie

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.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 - 5:00 P.M.

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