

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE, 5:00 PM**

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



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

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Christoffels called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Oscar Orci, Development Services Director; Christopher Koontz, Development Services Deputy Director; Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer; Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner; Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Project Planner; Jonathan Iniesta, Planner; Dionne Bearden, Bureau Secretary.

Commissioners Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Richard

Present: Lewis and Mark Christoffels

Commissioners Ron Cruz and Joni Ricks-Oddie

Absent:

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega lead the flag salute.

MINUTES

[21-017PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission meeting minutes of March 4, 2021.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Ron Cruz and Joni Ricks-Oddie

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Chair Christoffels spoke.

[21-021PL](#) Director's Report

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

SWEARING OF WITNESSES

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [21-018PL](#) Recommendation to Find that this action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and receive and file the 2020 Housing Element Annual Report and instruct the Director of Development Services to submit the Annual Report to the City Council, State Office of Planning and Research, and the California Department of Housing and Community Development. (Citywide)

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Development Services Deputy Director, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Ron Cruz and Joni Ricks-Oddie

2. [21-019PL](#)

Recommendation to find that this action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and receive and file the 2020 Land Use Element & Urban Design Element Implementation Report and instruct the Director of Development Services to submit the Implementation Report to the City Council and State Office of Planning and Research. (Citywide)

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Lara Turnbull, Health and Human Services, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

A motion was made by Chair Christoffels, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Ron Cruz and Joni Ricks-Oddie

3. [21-020PL](#)

Recommendation to Find that this action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and receive and file the 2020

Mobility Element Implementation Report and instruct the Director of Development Services to submit the Implementation Report to the City Council and State Office of Planning and Research. (Citywide)

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke and introduced Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Lara Turnbull, Health and Human Services, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Ron Cruz 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.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:51 p.m., Chair Christoffels adjourned the meeting.

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