

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2016  
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM**

Donita Van Horik, Chair  
Erick Verduzco-Vega, Vice Chair  
Mark Christoffels, Commissioner  
Ron Cruz, Commissioner



Richard Lewis, Commissioner  
Andy Perez, Commissioner  
Jane Templin, Commissioner

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**FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER (5:08 PM)**

At 5:08 p.m., Chair Van Horik called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL (5:08 PM)**

Also present: Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Mark Hungerford, Planner; Ira Brown, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Planning Bureau Secretary.

**Commissioners** Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Jane Templin,  
**Present:** Erick Verduzco-Vega and Donita Van Horik

**Commissioners** Ron Cruz

**Absent:**

**FLAG SALUTE (5:09 PM)**

Commissioner Christoffels led the flag salute.

**MINUTES (5:09 PM)**

16-075PL Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of October 20, 2016.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Jane Templin  
and Erick Verduzco-Vega

**Abstain:** 1 - Donita Van Horik

**Absent:** 1 - Ron Cruz

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:10 PM)**

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, provided the Director's Report.

**SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:13 PM)**

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the evidence you shall give in this Planning Commission Meeting shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

**REGULAR AGENDA (5:13 PM)**

1. 16-079PL      Recommendation to deny the appeals from Melinda Cotton, Aileen Colon, and Susan Miller and uphold the decision of the Zoning Administrator to accept Categorical Exemption CE 16-022 and approve a Local Coastal Development Permit in conjunction with the proposed vacation of the 131.2-foot-long, 15-foot-wide alley west of 4100 E. Ocean Boulevard. (District 3) (Application No. 1602-01)

Commissioner Lewis recused himself from the item.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, introduced Mark Hungerford, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Mark Hungerford responded to queries from Commissioner Christoffels.

Christopher Koontz responded to queries from Commissioner Christoffels.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Mark Hungerford responded to queries from Chair Van Horik.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to queries from Commissioner Christoffels.

Susan Miller, appellant, spoke.

Melinda Cotton, appellant, spoke.

Aileen Colon, appellant, spoke.

Kurt Schneiter, applicant, spoke.

Jared Tooley provided public comment.

Ann Cantrell provided public comment.

Ray Bonaventura provided public comment.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Christoffels and Christopher Koontz.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Verduzco-Vega and Christopher Koontz.

Mark Hungerford spoke.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Melinda Cotton spoke.

Aileen Colon spoke.

Susan Miller spoke.

Kurt Schneider spoke.

Kurt Schneider responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Mark Christoffels, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Donita Van Horik

**Absent:** 1 - Ron Cruz

**Recused:** 1 - Richard Lewis

2. 16-077PL Recommendation to receive and file the 2016 Mobility Element Annual Report and instruct the Director of Development Services to submit the Annual Report to the City Council and State Office of Planning and Research. (Citywide)

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, introduced Ira Brown, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to queries from Chair Van Horik.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Commissioner Lewis.

Steve Gerhardt, Walk Long Beach, provided public comment.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Donita Van Horik

**Absent:** 1 - Ron Cruz

3. 16-078PL Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE 16-268 and recommend that the City Council adopt a Resolution approving the draft Communities of Excellence in Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity Prevention (CX3) Pedestrian Plan as a technical appendix to the Mobility Element of the Long Beach General Plan. (Districts 1, 2, 6, and 7)

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, introduced Lara Turnbull of the Health Department and Brian Ulaszewski of City Fabrick.

Lara Turnbull, Healthy Active Long Beach Project Coordinator, presented the CX3 Pedestrian Plan.

Brian Ulaszewski, City Fabrick, spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to queries from Chair Van Horik.

Brian Ulaszewski responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Lara Turnbull responded to queries from Commissioner Templin.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Lewis and Christopher Koontz.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Brian Ulaszewski responded to queries from Commissioner Perez.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Brian Ulaszewski responded to queries from Commissioner Verduzco-Vega.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to queries from Commissioner Christoffels.

Lara Turnbull responded to a comment from Commissioner Christoffels.

Steve Gerhardt, Walk Long Beach, provided public comment.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Donita Van Horik

**Absent:** 1 - Ron Cruz

#### **STUDY SESSION (7:20 PM)**

16-080PL      Conduct a Study Session regarding the Bicycle Master Plan.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, introduced Ira Brown, Project Planner, who presented the Bicycle Master Plan study session.

Ryan Johnson, consultant, discussed outreach for the Bicycle Master Plan.

Nate Baird, Mobility Officer, Public Works Department, discussed the development of the bikeway network.

Ira Brown spoke.

Sheila Nim, Co-Chair of Walk Bike Long Beach, provided public comment.

Danny Gamboa provided public comment.

Alan Crawford provided public comment.

Alison Vote, representing San Pedro CD 15 Bicycle Advisory Committee, provided public comment.

Manu Niep provided public comment.

Susanna Siem, Executive Director of United Cambodian Community, provided public comment.

Amocha Dochli provided public comment.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Commissioner Verduzco-Vega.

Eric Widstrand, City Traffic Engineer, spoke.

Nate Baird spoke.

Nate Baird responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Eric Widstrand responded to queries from Commissioner Verduzco-Vega.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Nate Baird responded to queries from Commissioner Templin.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Nate Baird responded to a query from Commissioner Perez.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to comments made by Commissioner Christoffels.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION TRAINING (8:10 PM)**

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, presented a training session on the Brown Act and Planning Commission Rules and Procedures.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Commissioner Templin.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Michael Mais discussed the Planning Commission Rules and Procedures.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Commissioner Lewis.

Michael Mais spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Michael Mais spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Verduzco-Vega and Michael Mais.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Commissioner Lewis.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (8:09 PM)**

(Item taken out of order)

Written correspondence was received into the record from Larry Goodhue.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (8:49 PM)**

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.



**ADJOURNMENT (8:51 PM)**

At 8:51 p.m., Chair Van Horik adjourned the meeting.

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