

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021  
HELD VIA 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 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Commissioners** Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Richard  
**Present:** Lewis and Mark Christoffels

**Commissioners** Joni Ricks-Oddie  
**Absent:**

**FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Lewis lead the flag salute.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

**MINUTES**

[21-031PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission meeting minutes of April 15, 2021.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Richard Lewis and Mark Christoffels

**Absent:** 2 - Erick Verduzco-Vega and Joni Ricks-Oddie

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

21-032PL          Director's Report

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

## **SWEARING OF WITNESSES**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. [21-033PL](#)          Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, deny the appeal of Robert and Janice Deardurff (APL21-001); and approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for the painting of two murals and changing building façade paint colors on elevations of an existing commercial building located at 2800 East 4th Street. The property is developed with a noncontributing structure located in the Bluff Heights Historic District. The application includes an alternate mural proposal for Planning Commission consideration. (District 2)

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Advance Planning Officer, introduced Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

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

Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner, spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

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Chair Christoffels spoke.

Michael Forrest, applicant, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Jonathan Iniesta, Planner, spoke.

Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Angela Morris provided public comment.

Donna Sievers provided public comment.

Adelita Lopez provided public comment.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - 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.**

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Gale Shapiro provided public comment.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Andrew Lopez provided public comment.

Jennifer Celio provided public comment.

Mike Moreno provided public comment.

Anthony Glavis provided public comment.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Chair Christoffels.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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