

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
CULTURAL HERITAGE
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022
411 W. OCEAN BLVD
CIVIC CHAMBERS AND
TELECONFERENCE, 5:00 PM**

Kathleen Irvine, Chair
Kevin McGuan, Vice Chair
Mark Grisafe, Commissioner
Mary Hinds, Commissioner



Tasha Hunter, Commissioner
Julianna Roosevelt, Commissioner
Dr. Lourdes Ramos, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Irvine called the meeting to order at 5:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager; Andrea Urbas, Acting Advance Planning Officer; Michael J. Mais, Attorney at Law, Retired Annuitant - Management Support; Alejandro Plascencia, Project Planner; Gina Casillas, Project Planner; Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner; Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst; Shirley Perkins, Clerk; Heather Flores, Secretary.

Commissioners Mark Grisafe, Mary Hinds, Tasha Hunter, Lourdes Ramos, Kevin
Present: McGuan and Kathleen Irvine

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner McGuan led the flag salute.

MINUTES

[22-014CH](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes of March 29, 2022

A motion was made by Vice Chair McGuan, seconded by Commissioner Hinds, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mark Grisafe, Mary Hinds, Tasha Hunter, Lourdes Ramos, Kevin McGuan and Kathleen Irvine

Absent: 1 - Julianna Roosevelt

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, presented the Director's Report.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Andrea Urbas, Acting Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [22-017CH](#) Recommendation to receive and file for final action, a memo regarding the interpretation and implementation of the Historic District Design Guidelines, Historic District Ordinances and Architectural Style Guides relating to substitutes materials on existing contributing structures, non-contributors and new construction. The use of substitute materials for windows and siding will continue to be prohibited on contributing structures in historic districts but will no longer be prohibited on non-contributing structures built outside the period of significance, or on detached new construction.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Alejandro Plascencia, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Commissioner Grisafe spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Grisafe spoke.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Tim Lloyd provided public comment.

Ann Kramer provided public comment.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Jeff Mallin provided public comment.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Marco Pizzo provided public comment.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Maureen Neeley provided public comment.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Jim White provided public comment.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Irvine spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinds, seconded by Vice Chair McGuan, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mark Grisafe, Mary Hinds, Tasha Hunter, Lourdes Ramos, Kevin McGuan and Kathleen Irvine

Absent: 1 - Julianna Roosevelt

2. [22-015CH](#)

Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a new one-story, 1,522-square-foot single-family residence (primary residence) in the front half of the property and a detached single-car garage, as well as converting an existing 701-square-foot-dwelling unit over an existing three-car garage to an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) at a property located at 3521 Falcon Avenue. The existing two-story structure at the rear of the site is not a contributing structure within California Heights Historic District. (District 5)

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Gina Casillas, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Irvine spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Grisafe and Alejandro Plascencia, Project Planner.

Gina Casillas, Project Planner, spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Grisafe spoke.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Robert Mungo, applicant, spoke.

Tori Jones, architect, spoke.

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Chair Irvine spoke.

Tori Jones, architect, spoke.

Commissioner Grisafe spoke.

Tori Jones, architect, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Grisafe and Robert Mungo, applicant.

Tori Jones, architect, spoke.

Commissioner Grisafe spoke.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Susan provided public comment.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Susan provided public comment.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Marco Pizzo provided public comment.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Commissioner Grisafe spoke.

Alejandro Plascencia, Project Planner, spoke.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Commissioner Grisafe spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Michael Mais, Attorney at Law, Retired Annuitant - Management Support, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Irvine and Vice Chair McGuan.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Commissioner Grisafe spoke.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Tori Jones, architect, spoke.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Grisafe spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Grisafe spoke.

Alejandro Plascencia, Project Planner, spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Grisafe spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Vice Chair McGuan spoke.

Commissioner Grisafe spoke.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Vice Chair McGuan spoke.

Chair Irvine spoke.

A motion was made by Chair Irvine, seconded by Commissioner Grisafe, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mark Grisafe, Mary Hinds, Tasha Hunter, Lourdes Ramos, Kevin McGuan and Kathleen Irvine

Absent: 1 - Julianna Roosevelt

3. [22-018CH](#)

Recommendation to Approve a Certificate of Appropriateness to remove an existing carport and construct a new detached, 16-foot tall one-story structure consisting of two 334 square foot Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) with loft areas in the rear half of the lot at a multi-family property located at 1162 - 1168 Loma Vista Drive in the Willmore City Planned Development Plan (PD-10). The existing property is not a contributing property within Drake Park/Willmore City Historic District. (District 1)

Chair Irvine recused herself from this item.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Vice Chair McGuan spoke.

Commissioner Grisafe spoke.

Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner, spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Grisafe spoke.

Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner, spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Grisafe spoke.

Vice Chair McGuan spoke.

Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner, spoke.

Vice Chair McGuan spoke.

James Johnson, applicant, spoke.

Vice Chair McGuan spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Antonio Paz provided public comment.

Vice Chair McGuan spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Rene Torres provided public comment.

Vice Chair McGuan spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Vice Chair McGuan spoke.

Commissioner Grisafe spoke.

Alejandro Plascencia, Project Planner, spoke.

Mike Mais, Attorney at Law, Retired Annuitant - Management Support, spoke.

Commissioner Grisafe spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Vice Chair McGuan spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Mark Grisafe, Mary Hinds, Tasha Hunter, Lourdes Ramos and Kevin McGuan

Absent: 1 - Julianna Roosevelt

Recused: 1 - Kathleen Irvine

4. [22-016CH](#)

Recommendation to deny the appeal and uphold the partial denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness to legalize front yard work including the installation of a low perimeter wall; the installation of a new concrete walkway and steps; the installation of a gate across the porch; the removal of the 12-inch tall concrete curb abutting the driveway; installation of pavers to widen the driveway; and the repainting the house, garage and low wall on an existing one-story single-family dwelling, addressed as 3758 California Avenue, a contributing structure located in the California Heights Historic District. (District 5)

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Gina Casillas, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

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Elena D'Orio, appellant, spoke.

Chair Irvine spoke.

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Chair Irvine spoke.

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Commissioner Grisafe spoke.

Elena D'Orio, appellant, spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Elena D'Orio, appellant, spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Elena D'Orio, appellant, spoke.

Alejandro Plascencia, Project Planner, spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Elena D'Orio, appellant, spoke.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Louise Ivers provided public comment.

Michelle Arend-Ekhoff provided public comment.

Manny Valenzuela provided public comment.

Karen Highberger provided public comment.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Susan provided public comment.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Mike Mais Attorney at Law, Retired Annuitant - Management Support, spoke.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Susan provided public comment.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Susan provided public comment.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Tamara Staples provided public comment.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Marco Pizzo provided public comment.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Jeff Mallin provided public comment.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Commissioner Grisafe spoke.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Mike Mais, Attorney at Law, Retired Annuitant - Management Support, spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ramos, seconded by Vice Chair McGuan, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mark Grisafe, Mary Hinds, Lourdes Ramos, Kevin McGuan and Kathleen Irvine

Absent: 2 - Tasha Hunter and Julianna Roosevelt

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the public are invited to address the Cultural Heritage 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 Irvine spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Tamara Staples provided public comment.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Acting Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Tamara Staples provided public comment.

Chair Irvine spoke.

Tamara Staples provided public comment.

Chair Irvine spoke.

COMMENTS FROM CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Irvine adjourned the meeting at 7:39 P.M.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2022 - 5:00 P.M.

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