

Erick Verduzco-Vega, Chair  
Jane Templin, Vice Chair  
Alvaro Castillo, Commissioner  
Mark Christoffels, Commissioner



Josh LaFarga, Commissioner  
Richard Lewis, Commissioner

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## **FINAL AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Verduzco-Vega called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Also present: Christopher Koontz, Director of Development Services; Erin Weesner-McKinley, Deputy City Attorney; Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager; Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer; Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner; Baltazar Barrios, Project Planner; Elijo Sandoval, Project Planner; Scott Kinsey, Planner; Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst; Nicole Amescua, Administrative Analyst; Heather Flores, Secretary; Alex Medina, Clerk.

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

**Commissioners** Alvaro Castillo and Josh LaFarga  
**Absent:**

### **FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Christoffels led the flag salute.

### **MINUTES**

[23-001PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of December 15, 2022.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

**Absent:** 2 - Alvaro Castillo and Josh LaFarga

## **SWEARING OF WITNESSES**

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. [23-002PL](#) Recommendation to reopen the public hearing for Site Plan (SPR22-119) and reaffirm findings and decision from the December 15, 2022 Planning Commission hearing approving the renovation of the Long Beach Police Academy consisting of interior and exterior improvements to existing buildings, replacement of existing trailers, and site improvements, including accessibility upgrades, at the existing Long Beach Police Academy at 7290 Carson Boulevard in the Park (P) Zoning District. (District 4)

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

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Pete Marsh provided public comment.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Ann Cantrell provided public comment.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Corliss Lee provided public comment.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Suzanne provided public comment.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Verduzco-Vega and Derry Mac Mahon, Applicant.

Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner, spoke

Derry Mac Mahon, Applicant, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

**Absent:** 2 - Alvaro Castillo and Josh LaFarga

2. [23-003PL](#) Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE22-180 and approve Conditional Use Permit (CUP22-022) to allow on-site

alcohol sales and consumption of beer, wine and distilled spirits (ABC License Type 47) at a new restaurant with a bar in an existing 1,943-square-foot tenant space, located at 2038-2040 East 4th Street in the Neighborhood Pedestrian (CNP) Zoning District. (District 2)

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Baltazar Barrios, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Lewis and Baltazar Barrios, Project Planner.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Pete Sverkos, Applicant, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Lewis and Pete Sverkos, Applicant.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Erin Weesner-McKinley, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

**Absent:** 2 - Alvaro Castillo and Josh LaFarga

3. [23-004PL](#) Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption (CE22-020) and approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP22-004) to allow the operation of a new utility mounted wireless telecommunication facility on an existing Southern California Edison (SCE) tower at 7600 Long Beach Boulevard (APN: 7304-001-802) in the Public Right-of-Way (PR) Zoning District. (District 9)

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Erin Weesner-McKinley, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Christoffels, to continue item to a future date. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

**Absent:** 2 - Alvaro Castillo and Josh LaFarga

**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 Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Lynette Ferenczy provided public comment.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Verduzco-Vega adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 19, 2023 - 5:00 P.M.**

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