

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
CIVIC CHAMBERS, 5:00 PM**

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



Josh LaFarga, Commissioner
Richard Lewis, Commissioner

FINAL AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Verduzco-Vega called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Alison Spindler Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager; Erin Weesner-Mckinley, Deputy City Attorney; Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer; Scott Kinsey, Project Planner; Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner; Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst; Nicole Amescua, Administrative Analyst; Heather Flores, Secretary; Alex Medina, Clerk.

Commissioners Alvaro Castillo, Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin

Present: and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Commissioners Josh LaFarga

Absent:

FLAG SALUTE

Vice Chair Templin led the flag salute.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES

MINUTES

23-008PL Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of January 5, 2023.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning analyst, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Alvaro Castillo, Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 1 - Josh LaFarga

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. 23-009PL Recommendation to Approve the Addendum (EIRA-02-22) to the Downtown Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (SCH No.2009071006), approve Site Plan Review for the construction of three (3) eight (8)-story apartment buildings with a total of 900 dwelling units and 38,405 square feet of ground floor commercial space, and 1,383 parking stalls in at-grade parking garages (SPR22-060), and approve Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 83693 to subdivide one 170,736-square-foot lot into two lots of 101,724 and 68,712 square feet (TPM22-002), located at 450 The Promenade North/501-599 Long Beach Blvd. in the Downtown Plan Planned Development District (PD-30). (District1)

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

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Castillo spoke.

Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Verduzco-Vega and Scott Kinsey, Project Planner.

Sean Rawson, Applicant, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Alex Cherin, Applicant, spoke.

Michael Gazzano, Applicant, spoke.

Oren Hillel, Applicant, spoke.

Paul Kearney, Applicant, spoke.

Michael Gazzano, Applicant, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Castillo spoke.

Michael Gazzano, Applicant, spoke.

Oren Hillel, Applicant, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Michael Gazzano, Applicant, spoke.

Oren Hillel, Applicant, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Joseph Goldblatt provided public comment.

Leanna Noble provided public comment.

Alex Cherin provided public comment.

Carole Sergy provided public comment.

Joe Munoz provided public comment.

Sam Nieto provided public comment.

Omar Galindo provided public comment.

Ray Morales provided public comment.

Luis Garcia provided public comment.

Brian German provided public comment.

Alexia Vicente provided public comment.

Francisco Arago provided public comment.

Godfrey Wachira provided public comment.

Karen Reside provided public comment.

Pete Marsh provided public comment.

Pastor Zach provided public comment.

Jayson Baiz provided public comment.

Alex Zamora provided public comment.

Murray Zichlinsky provided public comment.

Andrew Mayorga provided public comment.

Roberto Ruiz provided public comment.

Sam Solinsky provided public comment.

Tatiana Jensen provided public comment.

Steven Donahue provided public comment.

Heron Carrillo provided public comment.

Adam Carrillo provided public comment.

Ray Lawson provided public comment.

Austin Metoyer provided public comment.

Damaris Peredia provided public comment.

William Bailey provided public comment.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst spoke.

Martin Holman provided public comment.

Kurt Canfield provided public comment.

Matt Weener provided public comment.

Alex Arellano provided public comment.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Alison provided public comment.

Ashley Craig provided public comment.

Stephanie provided public comment.

Phil Nash provided public comment.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Elena Tucci provided public comment.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Vice Chair Templin spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Castillo and Scott Kinsey, Project Planner.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Erin Weesner-McKinley, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

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Vice Chair Templin spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Castillo spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Alvaro Castillo, Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 1 - Josh LaFarga

2. 23-010PL Recommendation to Accept Categorical Exemption CE-22-187 and approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP22-025) for a two-year temporary trucking and trailer storage use, with an option for three one-year extensions potentially allowing for a total of five years, on a vacant parking lot at 2131 E. Wardlow Road in the Globemaster Corridor Specific Plan (SP-3-BP) Zoning District (District 7)

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

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Vice Chair Templin spoke.

Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Christoffels and Scott Kinsey, Project Planner.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Jim Cottrell, Applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Jim Cottrell, Applicant, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Elias provided public comment.

Lashal provided public comment.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Elena Tucci provided public comment.

Kurt Canfield provided public comment.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Octavion provided public comment.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Lewis and Jim Cottrell, Applicant.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Castillo spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Templin and Jim Cottrell, Applicant.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Vice Chair Templin spoke.

Erin Weesner-McKinley, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Verduzco-Vega and Erin Weesner-McKinley, Deputy City Attorney.

Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, spoke

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Alvaro Castillo, Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 1 - Josh LaFarga

3. 23-011PL Recommendation to receive and file the West Long Beach study session.

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

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Castillo spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Vice Chair Templin spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Kurt Canfield provided public comment.

Tony Bell provided public comment.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Castillo and Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Vice Chair Templin spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Alvaro Castillo, Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 1 - 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.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Kurt Canfield provided public comment.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst, spoke.

Tony Bell provided public comment.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Verduzco-Vega adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING - FEBRUARY 2, 2023 - 5:00 P.M.

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