

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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

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**FINAL AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Templin called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Also present: Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager; Erin Weesner-McKinley, Deputy City Attorney; Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer; Sergio Gutierrez, Project Planner; Maryanne Cronin, Project Planner; Karen Baldwin, City Clerk Specialist; Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst; Nicole Amescua, Admin Analyst; Felice Anaya, Clerk; Alex Medina, Clerk.

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

**FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner LaFarga led the flag salute.

**SWEARING OF WITNESSES**

**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.**

**MINUTES**

23-014PL      Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission  
minutes of February 2, 2023

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

**Yes:** 6 - Alvaro Castillo, Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. 23-015PL Recommendation to adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration MND01-23 to allow the demolition of various existing industrial buildings totaling approximately 128,130 square feet of building area and approve a Conditional Use Permit to operate a trucking use that would accommodate 174 double stacked container stalls and 57 single stacked stalls, for a total of 231 stalls to store 405 containers across two properties addressed 1711 Harbor Avenue (CUP22-010 and 1515 W. 17th Street (CUP22-011) in the General Industrial (IG) Zoning District. The facility will operate in cooperation with the Port of Long Beach gate hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Site improvements would zero emission charge stations for on-site trucks would retain 1,746 square-foot of an existing detached building with an addition of 654-square-feet for an overall total of 2,400 square-feet to be used as an office building. (District 7)

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Sergio Gutierrez, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Vice Chair Templin spoke.

Weston Labar, Applicant, spoke.

Martin Porter provided public comment.

Matt Cullen provided public comment.

Minh Lu provided public comment.

Suaya Montoya provided public comment.

Dorothy Bryant provided public comment.

Jim Meyer provided public comment.

Paul Collins provided public comment.

Tommy provided public comment.

Tamarin provided public comment.

Roger Luke provided public comment.

Eddie Enriquez provided public comment.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Jessica Ditto, CEQA Consultant, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Christoffels and Jessica Ditto, CEQA Consultant.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Jessica Ditto, CEQA Consultant spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Castillo spoke.

Sergio Gutierrez, Project Planner, spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Sergio Gutierrez, Project Planner, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Weston Labar, Applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

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

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

**No:** 1 - Alvaro Castillo

**2. 23-016PL**

Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE-22-152 and approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP22-033) and Local Coastal Development Permit (LCDP22-059) for on-site alcohol sales (Type 47- On-Sale General - Eating Place) within a restaurant establishment located at 5854 Naples Plaza in Neighborhood Pedestrian (CNP) Zoning District. (District 3)

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

Robert Smith, Applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Castillo spoke.

Robert Smith, Applicant, spoke.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Alvaro Castillo, Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

**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.

Vice Chair Templin spoke.

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

Vice Chair Templin spoke.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Templin adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

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

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