

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM**

Donita Van Horik, Chair
Erick Verduzco-Vega, Vice Chair
Mark Christoffels, Commissioner
Ron Cruz, Commissioner



Richard Lewis, Commissioner
Andy Perez, Commissioner
Jane Templin, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:11 p.m., Chair Van Horik called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Jane Templin,

Present: Erick Verduzco-Vega and Donita Van Horik

Commissioners Ron Cruz

Absent:

Also present: Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager; Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Mark Hungerford, Planner; Fern Nueno, Planner; Alison Spindler, Planner; Craig Chalfant, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Templin led the flag salute.

MINUTES

17-005PL Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of January 19, 2017.

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

Yes: 6 - Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Donita Van Horik

Absent: 1 - Ron Cruz

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, who provided the Director's Report.

Linda Tatum spoke.

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.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. 17-006PL Recommendation to recommend that the City Council accept Categorical Exemption CE 16-340 and approve a Zoning Code Amendment to Table 31-2A, Residential Development Standards, of the Zoning Regulations (Title 21) related to front yard setbacks, side yard setbacks, lot mergers, and floor area ratio maximums in the R-1-L zoning district. (Los Cerritos - Virginia Country Club Neighborhood - District 8) (Application No. 1602-50)

Chair Van Horik recused herself from the item.

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Mark Hungerford, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Mark Hungerford responded to a query from Commissioner Lewis.

Stacy McDaniel, Chair of the Committee to Preserve Los Cerritos, provided public comment.

Polly Thomas provided public comment.

Jeannie Williams provided public comment.

Renee Hunt provided public comment.

Jayme Mekis provided public comment.

Barbara Sherway, member of the Committee to Preserve Los Cerritos, provided public comment.

Martha Briscoe provided public comment.

Brenda Deweere provided public comment.

Lee Fukui, member of Long Beach Heritage Advocacy Committee, provided public comment.

Lavonne Miller provided public comment.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Linda Tatum responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, responded to comments made by Commissioner Christoffels.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Christoffels and Linda Tatum.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Linda Tatum responded to a comment made by Commissioner Perez.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Linda Tatum spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Templin and Linda Tatum.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Lewis and Linda Tatum.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Linda Tatum responded to a query from Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Christoffels and Linda Tatum.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Linda Tatum spoke.

Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Linda Tatum responded to a query from Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Linda Tatum responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

A motion was made by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Templin, continue the item to the Planning Commission meeting of February 16, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Andy Perez, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 1 - Ron Cruz

Recused: 1 - Donita Van Horik

2. 17-007PL Recommendation to recommend that the City Council certify Final Program EIR 03-16; adopt the Proposed Land Use Element and Urban Design Element to the General Plan, superseding the existing adopted Land Use Element and Scenic Routes Element. (Citywide) (Application No.1701-01)

Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, who introduced the item.

Fern Nueno, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

Alison Spindler, Project Planner, discussed public outreach for the Land Use

Element.

Craig Chalfant, Project Planner, discussed the Environmental Impact Report, for the project.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Christoffels and Christopher Koontz.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Larry Goodhue provided public comment.

Maureen Neely, President of Belmont Heights Community Association, provided public comment.

Jeannie Williams, Board Member of the Los Cerritos Neighborhood Association, provided public comment.

Joan Greenwood provided public comment.

Jason Harris provided public comment.

Laura Greco provided public comment.

Georgianne Reddington provided public comment.

Ann Cantrell provided public comment.

Kathleen Brady, member of the Belmont Height Community Association, provided public comment.

Renee Lawler provided public comment.

Taylor Thomas, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice, provided public comment.

Anna Christiansen provided public comment.

Susan Lopez provided public comment.

Alan Songer provided public comment.

Kerrie Aley provided public comment.

Belinda Watson provided public comment.

Corla Slee provided public comment.

Mike Laquatra provided public comment.

Neil Gotanda provided public comment.

Lee Fukui, Long Beach Heritage Advocacy Committee, provided public comment.

Mauna Eichner provided public comment.

Lynette Ferenczy provided public comment.

Dave Chupka provided public comment.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Melinda Cotton provided public comment.

Mark Payne, Panatone Development, provided public comment.

Jeanne McDonald provided public comment.

Chair Van Horik swore in a member of the public wishing to provide public comment.

David Bedderton provided public comment.

Diane Sundstrom provided public comment.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Diane Sundstrom.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Van Horik and Christopher Koontz.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Verduzco-Vega and Christopher Koontz.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Templin and Christopher Koontz.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Van Horik and Christopher Koontz.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Christoffels and Christopher Koontz.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Commissioner Christoffels.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to a query from Chair Van Horik.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Verduzco-Vega and Christopher Koontz.

A motion was made by Commissioner Verduzco-Vega, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to continue the item to a date uncertain to allow staff more time to continue working with the Wrigley neighborhood.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

The motion failed 2-4.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

Christopher Koontz responded to queries from Chair Van Horik.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A motion was made by Chair Van Horik, seconded by Commissioner Verduzco-Vega, to continue the item to a date uncertain for the purpose of engaging the public on issues of height and density in various areas of the City affected by the Land Use Element.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega responded to a query from Michael Mais.

Michael Mais spoke.

Amy Bodek spoke.

Michael Mais spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Verduzco-Vega and Amy Bodek.

Christopher Koontz spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Van Horik and Christopher Koontz.

A dialogue ensued between Amy Bodek and Chair Van Horik.

Amy Bodek spoke.

Michael Mais spoke.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Christoffels, seconded by Commissioner Templin, to continue the item to a date uncertain for the purpose of conducting a study session to look specifically at height and density in other mixed-use corridors within the City. The motion carried 5-1.

Chair Van Horik spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Verduzco-Vega, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to continue the item to a date uncertain to allow staff more time to continue working with the Wrigley neighborhood. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Andy Perez and Erick Verduzco-Vega

No: 4 - Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Donita Van Horik

Absent: 1 - Ron Cruz

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Christoffels, seconded by Commissioner Templin, to continue the item to a date uncertain for the purpose of conducting a study session to look specifically at height and density in other mixed-use corridors within the City. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mark Christoffels, Andy Perez, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega and Donita Van Horik

No: 1 - Richard Lewis

Absent: 1 - Ron Cruz

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.

Larry Goodhue provided public comment.

Debbie Dobias, President of TAPS, provided public comment.

Jason Harris provided public comment.

Jeffrey Thompson, Vice President of Alamitos Beach Neighborhood Association, provided public comment.

Becky Fairs provided public comment.

Anna Christiansen provided public comment.

Dave Chupka provided public comment.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:38 p.m., Chair Van Horik adjourned the meeting.

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