

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018  
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM**

Erick Verduzco-Vega, Chair  
Richard Lewis, Vice Chair  
Mark Christoffels, Commissioner



Ron Cruz, Commissioner  
Josh LaFarga, Commissioner  
Andy Perez, Commissioner  
Jane Templin, Commissioner

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**FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 5:02 p.m., Chair Verduzco-Vega called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Richard Lewis and Erick

**Present:** Verduzco-Vega

**Commissioners** Mark Christoffels and Jane Templin

**Absent:**

Also present: Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer; Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer; Monica Kilaita, Deputy City Attorney; Steve Valdez, Planner; Karen Baldwin, City Clerk Specialist.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Cruz led the flag salute.

**MINUTES**

18-025PL      Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of April 5, 2018.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Richard Lewis and Erick Verduzco-Vega

**Absent:** 2 - Mark Christoffels and Jane Templin

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, presented the Director's Report.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Steve Valdez, Planner, 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. 18-026PL Recommendation to approve Appeal No. APL17-029 by Braden Phillips and Appeal No. APL17-030 by Jean Egan of the Zoning Administrator's decision, and adopt findings to deny a Local Coastal Development Permit (LCDP17-021) for the construction of a new three-story 3,810-square-foot single-family dwelling with a swimming pool and spa and a Standards Variance (SV17-006) allowing an attached 432-square-foot tandem two-car garage instead of an attached side-by-side two-car garage located at 5719 E. Seaside Walk within the Two-Family Residential Intensified Development (R-2-I) Zone. (District 3) (Application No. 1711-28)

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Monica Kilaita, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, presented the staff report.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Richard Lewis and Erick Verduzco-Vega

**Absent:** 2 - Mark Christoffels and Jane Templin

2. 18-027PL Recommendation to deny a Conditional Use Permit (CUP17-021) for the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption at an existing gas station and convenience store located at 6370 E. Stearns Street in the Community Auto-Oriented Commercial (CCA) zone. (District 4) (Application No. 1712-03)

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Verduzco-Vegas and Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer.

Christine provided public comment.

John Keriyo provided public comment.

Marie Lindenman provided public comment.

Unidentified woman provided public comment.

Elias provided public comment.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Perez spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Lewis, seconded by  
Commissioner Cruz, to continue this item to a date uncertain.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Richard Lewis and  
Erick Verduzco-Vega

**Absent:** 2 - Mark Christoffels and Jane Templin

3. 18-028PL Recommendation to recommend that the City Council: 1) Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration MND-04-15 and approve a Zone Change (ZCHG18-001) to re-designate a portion of the Salvation Army Campus from the I (Institutional), CCA (Community Automobile-Oriented), and R-1-N (Single Family Residential) zoning districts to SP-1 (Midtown Specific Plan); 2) Approve the Addendum to the Midtown Specific Plan EIR and a Zoning Code Amendment (ZCH18-002) to address technical errors and provide clarifying language in the Midtown Specific Plan (SP-1); 3) Approve a Site Plan Review (SPR18-020) for a new two-story gymnasium with a fitness center and activity room, a youth soccer field, and a 70-space parking lot located at 3012 Long Beach Boulevard; 4) Approve a Lot Merger (LMG18-008) to consolidate the Salvation Army Campus into two lots; and 5) Find the proposed vacation of a portion of Elm Avenue north of Spring Street, and two alleys located between Elm and Pasadena Avenues, consistent with the General Plan (GPC18-002). (District 7) (Application No. 1511-12)

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, spoke; and introduced Steve Valdez, Planner, who provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Steve Valdez, Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Carrie Tai, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Pedro Blanco, applicant, spoke.

Sergio Garcia, applicant, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Richard Dilday, applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Sergio Garcia, applicant, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Verduzco-Vega and Sergio Garcia, applicant.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Richard Lewis and Erick Verduzco-Vega

**Absent:** 2 - Mark Christoffels and Jane Templin

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

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

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:47 p.m., Chair Verduzco-Vega adjourned the meeting.

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