

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM**

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



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

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:01 p.m., Chair Lewis called the meeting to order

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Richard Lewis and
Present: Erick Verduzco-Vega
Commissioners Ron Cruz and Jane Templin
Absent:

Also present, Linda Tatum, Director of Development Services; Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Nick Vasuthasawat, Planner; Maryanne Cronin, Planner; Alexis Oropeza, Planner; Amy Harbin, Planner; Gabriel Barreras, Planner; Dionne Bearden, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega lead the flag salute.

MINUTES

[18-075PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of October 4, 2018.

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

Yes: 5 - Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Richard Lewis and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 2 - Ron Cruz and Jane Templin

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager presented the Director's Report.

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. [18-072PL](#) Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE-18-138 and approve a Site Plan Review (SPR18-051) and Conditional Use Permit (CUP18-012), for the construction and operation of a new 3-story, self-storage building of 116,877 square-feet, located at 2035 W. Wardlow Road, in the Commercial Storage (CS) District. (District 7) (Application No. 1805-31)

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Cuentin Jackson, Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Applicant spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Christoffels, seconded by Commissioner Verduzco-Vega, to accept recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Richard Lewis and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 2 - Ron Cruz and Jane Templin

2. [18-073PL](#)

Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE-18-221 and approve a modification to an existing Site Plan Review (SPR/MOD18-026) and approve a new a Local Coastal Development Permit (LCDP18-010) to permit the conversion of an existing amenity space into a one-bedroom residential unit located at 40 Cedar Walk, in the Downtown Shoreline Planned Development District (PD-6) zoning district. (District 2) (Application No. 1805-15)

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Gabriel Barraras, Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Max Freeman, Development Manager at Camden, applicant spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez, Richard Lewis and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 2 - Ron Cruz and Jane Templin

3. [18-074PL](#)

Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE-18-162 and approve a modification to an existing Site Plan Review, Local Coastal Development Permit, and Adaptive Reuse approvals (SPR/MOD18-010) to add 12 units, 21 parking spaces, a reduction in an existing amenity space, an increase in building height, and approve Tentative Tract Map (TTM17-004) to convert the apartment development to condominiums located at 200 W. Ocean Boulevard, located in the Downtown Shoreline Planned Development District (PD-6) zoning district. (District 2) (Application No. 1804-22)

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Nick Vasuthasawat and Amy Harbin, Planner, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega was called to speak.

Nick Vasuthasawat, Planner, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Matt Wister, applicant, spoke.

Jan Van Dijs, applicant, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Jan Van Dijs, applicant, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Christoffels and applicant.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, and Vice Chair Christoffels.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Jan Van Dijs, applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A dialogue ensued between applicant and Commissioner Verduzco-Vega.

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

Yes: 4 - Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga, Andy Perez and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 2 - Ron Cruz and Jane Templin

Recused: 1 - Richard Lewis

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.

There was no public participation.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

There were no further comments from the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Christoffels adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 1, 2018 - 5:00 p.m.

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