

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019  
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD  
CIVIC CHAMBERS, 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

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**FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Also present: Linda F. Tatum, Director of Development Services; Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager; Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer; Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer; Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney; Amy Harbin, Project Planner; Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Project Planner; M. Wilson, Executive Assistant to the Director; Dionne Bearden, Bureau Secretary.

**Commissioners** Ron Cruz, Andy Perez, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Mark Christoffels  
**Present:** and Richard Lewis

**Commissioners** Josh LaFarga and Jane Templin  
**Absent:**

**FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega lead the flag salute.

**MINUTES**

[19-082PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of October 3, 2019.

**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, Andy Perez, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

**Absent:** 2 - Josh LaFarga and Jane Templin

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

Chair Lewis spoke.

## **SWEARING OF WITNESSES**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. [19-083PL](#) Recommendation to recommend that City Council accept Negative Declaration (ND09-19) and approve Zone Code Amendment (ZCA 19-009) to amend portions of Title 21 - Zoning of the Long Beach Municipal Code (LBMC) including Sections 21.33.045, 21.45.4009(B) and 21.45.4009(I)(3) relating to the IP Zoning District, LEED Building Rating System, and Solar Ready Roofs. (Citywide)

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Amy Harbin, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Lewis spoke.

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Josh LaFarga and Jane Templin

2. [19-084PL](#) Recommendation to recommend that the City Council 1) certify the revised Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR 03-16) based on the final set of maps approved by the Long Beach City Council on March 6, 2018; 2) adopt the updated Land Use Element to the Long Beach General Plan; 3) adopt the new Urban Design Element to the Long Beach General Plan; and 4) repeal the existing Scenic Routes Element to the Long Beach General Plan. (Citywide)

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

Chair Lewis spoke.

Lynette Ferenczy provided public comment.

Colleen McDonald provided public comment.

Janet West provided public comment.

Ann Cantrell provided public comment.

Mauna Eichner provided public comment.

Corliss Lee provided public comment.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Regina Taylor provided public comment.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

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Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

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A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Verduzco-Vega and Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau manager.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

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Chair Lewis spoke.

Alison Spindler - Ruiz, project planner, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Mark Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

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Patricia Diefenderfer, Advanced Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Josh LaFarga and Jane Templin

**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.

Lynette Ferenczy provided public comment.

Chair Lewis spoke.

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:08 p.m., Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting.

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