

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE, 5:00 PM**

Mark Christoffels, Chair
Joni Ricks-Oddie, Vice Chair
Erick Verduzco-Vega, Commissioner



Ron Cruz, Commissioner
Josh LaFarga, Commissioner
Jane Templin, Commissioner
Richard Lewis, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:04 p.m., Chair Christoffels called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Oscar Orci, Director of Development Services; Christopher Koontz, Deputy Director of Development Services; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager; Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer; Scott Kinsey, Project Planner; Jonathan Iniesta, Planner, Monica Jaime, Bureau Secretary.

Rollcall

Commissioners Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin and Mark Christoffels
Present:

Commissioners Erick Verduzco-Vega, Richard Lewis and Joni Ricks-Oddie
Absent:

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Cruz lead the flag salute.

MINUTES

21-022PL Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission meeting minutes of March 18, 2021.

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

Yes: 4 - Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin and Mark Christoffels

Absent: 3 - Erick Verduzco-Vega, Richard Lewis and Joni Ricks-Oddie

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

21-023PL Director's Report

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [21-025PL](#) Recommendation to deny the appeal and uphold the Zoning Administrator's decision to deny a Reasonable Accommodation request for an elevator hall for a roof deck on a proposed single-family dwelling to exceed the height limits of the R-2-S zoning district. (District 3).

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, who provided the staff report.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Ronald Natale, applicant and appellant, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Steven Sennikoff, architect, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Templin and Ronald Natale, applicant and appellant.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Deborah Bloomberg provided public comment.

Dianne Blackford provided public comment.

Jeff Miller provided public comment.

Melinda Cotton provided public comment.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, spoke.

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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.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:39 p.m., Chair Christoffels adjourned the meeting.

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