

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
CIVIC CHAMBERS, 5:00 PM**

Erick Verduzco-Vega, Chair
Jane Templin, Vice Chair
Alvaro Castillo, Commissioner
Mark Christoffels, Commissioner



Josh LaFarga, Commissioner
Richard Lewis, Commissioner

FINAL AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Verduzco-Vega called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Christopher Koontz, Director of Development Services; Erin Weesner-McKinley, Deputy City Attorney; Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager; Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer; Sergio Gutierrez, Project Planner; Aaron Lobliner, Project Planner; Megan Covarrubias, Project Planner; Karen Baldwin, City Clerk Specialist; Elise Roberts, Planning Analyst; Nicole Amescua, Admin Analyst; Alex Medina, Clerk.

Commissioners Alvaro Castillo, Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga, Richard Lewis,
Present: Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Castillo led the flag salute.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the evidence you shall give in this Planning Commissioner meeting shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

MINUTES

[23-017PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of February 16, 2023.

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

Yes: 5 - Alvaro Castillo, Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

Absent: 1 - Josh LaFarga

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

[23-022PL](#)

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Christopher Koontz, Director of Development Services, who presented the Director's Report.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

This PL-Agenda Item was received and filed.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [23-019PL](#) Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE21-137 and approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP21-023) to allow the operation of a 43,521 square-foot facility within an existing 100,883 square-foot commercial building on an 8.94-acre site located at 2185 South Street in the Regional Commercial Highway (CHW) Zoning District. (District 9)

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Sergio Gutierrez, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Vice Chair Templin spoke.

Sergio Gutierrez, Project Planner, spoke.

Ramiro Gomez, Project Applicant, spoke.

Ann Cantrell provided public comment.

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

Yes: 6 - Alvaro Castillo, Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

2. [23-020PL](#)

Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE22-128 and approve a Tentative Parcel Map (TPM22-003) to subdivide an existing 13,328 square-foot property into two 6,698 square-foot parcels located at 2828 E. 70th street in the Two-Family Residential (R-2-N) Zoning District. (District 9)

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Aaron Lobliner, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

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Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Castillo spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

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Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Verduzco-Vega and Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

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Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Kyle Anderson, Project Applicant, spoke.

Kurt Canfield provided public comment.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Erin Weesner-McKinley, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Alvaro Castillo, Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

3. [23-021PL](#)

Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption (CE22-174) and approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP22-035) to allow the operation of a new utility mounted wireless telecommunication facility on an existing Southern California Edison (SCE) tower at 7250 Carson Street in the Commercial Highway (CHW) Zoning District. (District 4)

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Aaron Lobliner, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Patrick Griffin, Project Applicant, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Alvaro Castillo, Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

4. [23-018PL](#)

Recommendation to recommend that the City Council adopt Environmental Impact Report EIR 03-20 State Clearinghouse No. 2019050009 and associated findings and adopt the General Plan Noise Element and associated amendments to the Noise Ordinance. (Citywide)

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

Vice Chair Templin spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Verduzco-Vega, and Christopher Koontz, Director of Development Services.

Kathy Kelton provided public comment.

Fred Owen provided public comment.

Bea Belatchen provided public comment.

Mary Mills provided public comment.

James Goodin provided public comment.

Linda Scholl provided public comment.

Kurt Canfield provided public comment.

Ann Cantrell provided public comment.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Megan Covarrubias, Project Planner, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Director of Development Services, spoke.

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Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

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Vice Chair Templin spoke.

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Erin Weesner-McKinley, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Erin Weesner-McKinley, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Commissioner LaFarga spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

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Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Castillo spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Castillo spoke.

Vice Chair Templin spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Erin Weesner-McKinley, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Christoffels, seconded by Commissioner Castillo, to approve recommendation to recommend that the City Council adopt Environmental Impact Report and associated findings and adopt the General Plan Noise Element. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Alvaro Castillo, Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

A motion was made by Commissioner Christoffels, seconded by Commissioner Castillo, to approve recommendation that the City Council adopt associated amendments to the Noise Ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Alvaro Castillo, Mark Christoffels, Josh LaFarga, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

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.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Verduzco-Vega adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

NEXT MEETING - MARCH 16, 2023 - 5:00 P.M.

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