

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 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

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**FINAL AGENDA AND MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Verduzco-Vega called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Also present: Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager; Erin Weesner-McKinley, Deputy City Attorney; Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer; Cynthia de la Torre, Project Planner; Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner; Paola Tirado Escareño, Project Planner; Nicole Amescua, Admin Analyst; Felice Anaya, Clerk; Alex Medina, Clerk.

**Commissioners** Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick

**Present:** Verduzco-Vega

**Commissioners** Alvaro Castillo and Josh LaFarga

**Absent:**

**FLAG SALUTE**

Vice Chair Templin led the flag salute.

**SWEARING OF WITNESSES**

Do you swear 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.

**MINUTES**

[23-023PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes

of March 2, 2023.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

**Absent:** 2 - Alvaro Castillo and Josh LaFarga

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. [23-024PL](#) Recommendation to adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND08-22) and approve Site Plan Review (SPR 21-025) for a Long Range Development Plan, Vesting Tentative Parcel Map (VTPM 22-005), and General Plan Conformity Certification (GPC 23-001) for the three-phased expansion at the existing Holy Innocents school site, including the construction of a new school building, new church, rectory, convent, parish office, and new school gymnasium at 2500 Pacific Avenue in the Institutional (I) Zoning District and in the Midtown (SP-1) Specific Plan. (District 6)

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager introduced Leah, Spanish Translator.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Cynthia de la Torre, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Lindsay Ortega, Project Applicant, provided presentation.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Lindsay Ortega, Project Applicant, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Lindsay Ortega, Project Applicant, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Verduzco-Vega and Lindsay Ortega, Project Applicant.

Sean Devaro provided public comment.

Gina Allen provided public comment.

Chris provided public comment.

Shereene Daniel provided public comment.

Kurt Canfield provided public comment.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Katherine provided public comment.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

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Commissioner Templin spoke.

Erin Weesner-McKinley, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

**Absent:** 2 - Alvaro Castillo and Josh LaFarga

2. [23-025PL](#)

Recommendation to find that this action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and Receive and file the 2022 General Plan Implementation Report and instruct the Director of Development Services to submit the Implementation Report to the City Council, State Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and Housing and Community Development Department (HCD). (Citywide)

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Alejandro-Sanchez Lopez, Project Planner, and Paola Tirado Escareño, Project Planner, who provided the staff report.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Christoffels and Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Kirk Davis provided public comment.

Kurt Canfield provided public comment.

Christopher Martinez provided public comment.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

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Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

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Commissioner Christoffels spoke.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Mark Christoffels, Richard Lewis, Jane Templin and Erick Verduzco-Vega

**Absent:** 2 - Alvaro Castillo and Josh LaFarga

**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.

Kurt Canfield provided public comment.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

Chair Verduzco-Vega spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Verduzco-Vega adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING - APRIL 6, 2023 - 5:00 P.M.**

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