

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE, 5:00 PM**

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



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

FINAL AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Christoffels called the meeting to order 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Christopher Koontz, Deputy Director of Development Services; Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager; Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer; Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Advance Planning Officer; Mike Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Cuentin Jackson, Project Planner; Refugio Torres-Campos, Project Planner; Sergio Gutierrez, Project Planner; Elise Roberts, Community Engagement Specialist; Baltazar Barrios, Planning Intern; Jonathan Iniesta, Planner; Dionne Bearden, Bureau Secretary.

Commissioners Josh LaFarga, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Richard Lewis, Joni
Present: Ricks-Oddie and Mark Christoffels

FLAG SALUTE

Vice Chair Ricks-Oddie led the flag salute.

MINUTES

[21-045PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of June 17, 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner LaFarga, seconded by Vice Chair Ricks-Oddie, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Josh LaFarga, Richard Lewis, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Mark Christoffels

Absent: 1 - Erick Verduzco-Vega

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, presented the Director's Report.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [21-046PL](#) Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE20-101 and approve a Tentative Parcel Map (TPM20-007) and Standards Variance to subdivide an existing 4,500-square-foot parcel into two separate 2,250-square-foot lots located at 224-230 Sunset Street, in the R-1-N (Single Family Residential District with Standard Lots) Zoning District and approve a Final Parcel Map Waiver pursuant to LBMC Section 20.12.140. (District 8)

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

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

Abdul Hogue, applicant, spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Josh LaFarga, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Richard Lewis, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Mark Christoffels

2. [21-047PL](#) Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE21-073 and approve Administrative Use Permit AUP21-014, and Conditional Use

Permit CUP21-003, to establish and operate a retail wine shop with accessory marketplace and wine tasting located at 1147 Loma Avenue in the R-4-R (moderate-density multifamily residential) zoning district. (District 4)

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Mike Mais, Assistance City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Cuentin Jackson, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Cuentin Jackson, Project Planner, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Christoffels and Cuentin Jackson, Project Planner.

Derek Burnham, applicant, spoke.

Alicia Kemper, applicant, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Vice Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Alicia Kemper, applicant, spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ricks-Oddie, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, to approve recommendation with a modification to the conditions of approval to modify the hours of operation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Josh LaFarga, Richard Lewis, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Mark Christoffels

Recused: 1 - Erick Verduzco-Vega

3. [21-048PL](#) Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE21-038 and

approve a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale of beer, wine, and distilled spirits for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant, 2,270 square-feet in size, located at 4262 Atlantic Avenue in the Neighborhood Pedestrian-Oriented Commercial (CNP) Zoning District. (District 8)

Alexis, Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Refugio Torres-Campos, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Liliger Damaso, applicant, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Josh LaFarga, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Richard Lewis, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Mark Christoffels

4. [21-049PL](#)

Recommendation to recommend that the City Council adopt the following actions to establish land use (PlaceType) designations and zoning districts and to dedicate, as public open space and parkland 12 existing, City-owned mini-parks, parks, greenway parks and natural open spaces:

1) Accept Negative Declaration ND 01-20 for the Parks Zoning & Dedication Project (Round 1) - May 2021;

2) Approve a General Plan Amendment (GPA20-002) to the PlaceType map of the Land Use Element of the General Plan to change the PlaceTypes of the subject parks from their existing PlaceTypes to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType;

3) Approve a Zoning Code Amendment (ZCA20-016) modifying Title 21 of the Long Beach Municipal Code to add the 12 subject parks to Table 35-2 (Park Dedications/Designations);

4) Approve a Zone Change (ZCHG20-008) to change the zoning districts of the subject parks from their existing zoning districts to the Park (P) zoning district where necessary, and rezone a 0.1 acre, noncontiguous remnant parcel of Orizaba Park from Park (P) to Light

Industrial (IL) so that it can have appropriate oversight and be better maintained; and

5) Approve dedication of the 12 subject parks in perpetuity for public open space use, and;

6) Remove the 0.1 acre, noncontiguous remnant parcel located at the southwest corner of E. 14th Street and N. Orizaba Ave. from the area dedicated as Orizaba Park.

Following are the recommended actions for each of the twelve mini-parks, parks, greenway parks and open spaces subject to this action:

Craftsman Village Park - General Plan Amendment to change the PlaceType designation from Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from two-family residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); and Dedicate.

C. David Molina Park - Dedicate.

Donald Douglas Plaza - General Plan Amendment to change the PlaceType designation from Regional Serving Facility (RSF) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from Douglas Park (PD-32) Planned Development District to Park (P); and Dedicate.

Grace Park - General Plan Amendment to change the PlaceType designation from Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Merge three (3) lots; and Dedicate.

Jenni Rivera Memorial Park - Rezone from Commercial Storage (CS) to Park (P); and Dedicate.

Locust Tot Lot - General Plan Amendment to change the PlaceType designation from Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from two-family residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); and Dedicate.

Mary Molina Community Garden - General Plan Amendment to change the PlaceType designation from Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from

two-family residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); and Dedicate.

Miracle on 4th Street Park - Rezone from Neighborhood Commercial & Residential (CNR) to Park (P); and Dedicate.

Orizaba Park - General Plan Amendment to change the PlaceType designation from Neighborhood Serving Center or Corridor Low Density (NSC-L) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from Two-Family Residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); Rezone 0.1 acre, noncontiguous remnant parcel from Park (P) to Light Industrial (IL) and remove from dedication; Merge six (6) lots; and Dedicate.

Pacific & 6th Community Garden - Rezone from Downtown Specific Plan (PD-30) to Park (P); and Dedicate.

Pacific Electric Railway Greenbelt - Rezone from Two-Family Residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); and Dedicate.

Willow Springs Park - General Plan Amendment to change the PlaceType designation from Community Commercial (CC) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from Medium Industrial (IM) to Park (P) consistent with parcel boundary; and Dedicate.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke and introduced Jennifer Ly, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Advance Planning Officer, introduced Meredith Reynolds, Deputy City Manager, who spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Vice Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner LaFarga, seconded by Vice Chair Ricks-Oddie, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Josh LaFarga, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Richard Lewis, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Mark Christoffels

5. [21-050PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a presentation on the Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission and the redistricting process.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Advance Planning Officer, introduced Bradley Bounds, City Manager's Office, who provided the presentation.

Vice Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Vice Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Bradley Bounds, City Manager's Office, spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Josh LaFarga, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Richard Lewis, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Mark Christoffels

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 three minutes unless that time is extended by the Chair.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Christoffels and Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:10 p.m., Chair Christoffels adjourned the meeting.

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