# CITY OF LONG BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

# THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 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

# FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

# **CALL TO ORDER**

# **ROLL CALL**

Also present: Oscar Orci, Director of Development Services; Christopher Koontz, Deputy Director of Development Services; Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager; Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer; Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Advance Planning Officer; Sergio Gutierrez, Project Planner; Elise Roberts, Administrative Analyst, Heather Flores, Secretary; Dionne Bearden, Bureau Secretary.

Commissioners Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Richard Lewis, Joni

Present: Ricks-Oddie and Mark Christoffels

Commissioners Josh LaFarga
Absent:

# **FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Templin lead the flag salute.

#### **MINUTES**

21-061PL

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission meeting minutes of August 19, 2021.

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

Yes: 4 - Erick Verduzco-Vega, Richard Lewis, Joni Ricks-Oddie and

Mark Christoffels

Abstain: 1 - Jane Templin

Absent: 1 - Josh LaFarga

# **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Deputy Director of Development Services, spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

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Chair Christoffels spoke.

#### **SWEARING OF WITNESSES**

# **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. 21-062PL Recommendation to find the proposed vacation of a portion of public right-of-way abutting 3770 East Willow Street in conformance with the adopted goals and policies of the City's General Plan (GPC21-001). (District 5)

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Jonathan Iniesta, Project

Planner, who presented the staff report.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Jonathan Iniesta, Project Planner, spoke.

Lori Gangemi, Applicant, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Richard Lewis, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Mark Christoffels

Absent: 1 - Josh LaFarga

# 2. 21-063PL

Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption 21-055; approve a Site Plan Review for the construction of 84, three-story, townhomes, a 567 square foot community room, and a 2,294 square foot commercial space on a vacant 3.20 acre site; and approve Tentative Tract Map No. 83407 to create two lots, with 84 airspace residential condominiums on Lot 1, and a 3,600-square-foot site for the commercial use on Lot 2, located at 5801-5893 Atlantic Avenue, 5882-5892 Linden Avenue and 501 E South Street in the Mixed Use 3-A Zoning District (MU3-A). (District 9)

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

Vice Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

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Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Sergio Gutierrez, Project Planner, spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Shaheen Sadeghi, Applicant, spoke.

Alex Hernandez, Applicant, spoke.

Vice Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Alex Hernandez, Applicant, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Ricks-Oddie and Alex Hernandez, Applicant.

Shaheen Sadeghi, Applicant, spoke.

Diane Ripley provided public comment.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Richard Lewis, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Mark Christoffels

Absent: 1 - Josh LaFarga

3. 21-064PL Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE21-056 and approve Conditional Use Permit 21-009 (CUP 21-009) to allow off-site

alcohol sales (Type 20 - Beer and Wine) and Instructional Tasting (Type 86) in a butcher shop within an existing 754 square-foot commercial space located at 901 E. Wardlow Road within the Community Commercial Automobile-Oriented (CCA) Zoning District. (District 7)

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

Ted Marino, Representative of Applicant, provided public comment.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

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Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Lewis and Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

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Commissioner Templin spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Ted Marino, Representative of Applicant, spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Richard Lewis, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Mark Christoffels

Absent: 1 - Josh LaFarga

**4.** 21-065PL

Recommendation to continue the project at 636 Locust Avenue to the next Planning Commission meeting on September 16, 2021.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Richard Lewis, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Mark Christoffels

Absent: 1 - 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.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD: Thursday, September 16, 2021 - 5:00 p.m.

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Chair Christoffels adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

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