



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

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PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**100 N. ANDREWS AVE., FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>June 2020-May 2021</b>		
	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Catherine Maus, Chair	P	9	0
Mary Fertig, Vice Chair	P	9	0
John Barranco	P	9	0
Brad Cohen	P	8	1
Coleman Prewitt	P	9	0
William Rotella	P	9	0
Jacquelyn Scott	P	9	0
Jay Shechtman	P	9	0
Michael Weymouth	P	8	1

It was noted that a quorum was present at the meeting.

**Staff**

Ella Parker, Urban Design and Planning Manager  
D'Wayne Spence, Assistant City Attorney  
Shari Wallen, Assistant City Attorney  
Jim Hetzel, Principal Urban Planner  
Karlanne Grant, Urban Design and Planning  
Yvonne Redding, Urban Design and Planning  
Brigitte Chiappetta, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

**Communications to City Commission**

None.

**I. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Maus called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll was called and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Urban Design and Planning Manager Ella Parker introduced the Staff members present.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES / DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

**Motion** made by Ms. Scott, seconded by Mr. Shechtman, to approve the minutes from the January meeting. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

**III. PUBLIC SIGN-IN / SWEARING-IN**

~~Mr. Weymouth asked how parking and open space would be addressed for the project. Ms. Toothaker stated that there is no Site Plan at this point, nor are parking calculations currently available.~~

~~Mr. Weymouth asked if the Applicant needs the requested rezoning in order to proceed with developing a Site Plan. Ms. Toothaker advised that the RAC CC is a better zoning for the property than RAC WMU, as confirmed by the newly adopted Downtown Master Plan. It is possible that in the future, Staff may initiate other rezoning requests in order to make the area's zoning match the character areas shown on the Downtown map.~~

~~In a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-1 (Mr. Weymouth dissenting).~~

**4. CASE:  
REQUEST: \***

**UDP-T21001**

Amend City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-37B.4; List of Permitted and Conditional Uses – Uptown Urban Village North East (UUV-NE); Uptown Urban Village North West (UUV-NW); Uptown Urban Village South East (UUV-SE); Uptown Urban Village South West (UUV-SW); Uptown Urban Village South Central (UUV-SC)

**PROPERTY**

**OWNER/APPLICANT:**

City of Fort Lauderdale

**GENERAL LOCATION:**

Uptown Project Area

**CASE PLANNER:**

Jim Hetzel

Jim Hetzel, Principal Urban Planner, explained that this request is for a Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) amendment to permitted and conditional uses for the Uptown zoning districts. Staff had missed a small number of items related to Social Service Residential Facilities (SSRFs).

**Motion** made by Ms. Scott, seconded by Mr. Barranco, to include the Staff Report as part of the record. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

There being no questions from the Board at this time, Chair Maus opened the public hearing. As there were no individuals wishing to speak on the Item, the Chair closed the public hearing and brought the discussion back to the Board.

**Motion** made by Ms. Scott, seconded by Vice Chair Fertig, to approve. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed 9-0.

**V. COMMUNICATION TO THE CITY COMMISSION**

~~Ms. Scott requested clarification of how a Chick-Fil-A restaurant was approved on US-1, pointing out that no stacking lanes exist at the site. Vice Chair Fertig also asked what could be done differently in the future to prevent this from recurring, expressing concern~~



- Consensus-driven approach should be applied to the application of standards
- More certainty should be built into the application review process

In 2014, the City Commission added the Central Beach Master Plan as an initiative and approved a contract for a consultant to begin work. Multiple stakeholder meetings and workshops have been held, primarily in 2016 and 2017, to outline goals and collect data. In 2018, a draft of the Central Beach Architectural Research Survey was completed and presented to the newly elected City Commission. Between late 2018 and the present, Staff has proposed amendments and continued their outreach efforts. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, they have proposed changes based on stakeholder and public feedback and made presentations in late 2020.

The overall elements Staff plans to present are:

- Providing use tables similar to those in the rest of Code
- Proposed more prescriptive dimensional requirements
- Proposed that the point system be made more prescriptive and less subjective
- Proposed open space requirements
- Proposed standards to address the pedestrian realm
- Proposed changes to DRC procedures

Staff hopes to bring these amendments before the Board in May at a special meeting. The most recent draft of the Central Beach Master Plan is available on the City's web page.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Any written public comments made 48 hours prior to the meeting regarding items discussed during the proceedings have been attached hereto.



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Chair



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[Minutes prepared by K. McGuire, Prototype, Inc.]