

**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014 – 6:30 P.M.**

Cumulative

Board Members	Attendance	June 2013-May 2014	
		Present	Absent
Patrick McTigue, Chair	P	8	0
Leo Hansen, Vice Chair	P	8	0
Brad Cohen	P	7	1
Stephanie Desir-Jean	A	6	2
Michael Ferber	P	7	1
James McCulla	P	6	2
Michelle Tuggle	P	8	0
Tom Welch	P	7	1
Peter Witschen	A	6	2

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
Eric Engmann, Urban Design and Development
Florentina Hutt, Urban Design and Development
Todd Okolichany, Urban Design and Development
Randall Robinson, Urban Design and Development
Anthony Fajardo, Chief Zoning Administrator
Brigitte Chiappetta, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

None.

I. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair McTigue called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chair introduced the Board members, and Urban Design and Planning Manager Ella Parker introduced the Staff members present. Assistant City Attorney D'Wayne Spence explained the quasi-judicial process used by the Board.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

free-standing or single-use retail in the Downtown RAC, and to omit the word "shall" in page 13, note number two, that refers to active uses on second and higher levels of structured parking [and replace the word "shall" with "may"].

In a roll call vote, the motion passed 6-1 (Mr. Cohen dissenting).

1. **Applicant / Project:** City of Fort Lauderdale
- Request: *** Amendments to ULDR Sections 47-23.5, amending provisions to provide specific on-site location criteria for buildings and structures located within business and industrial zoning districts and 47-23.9, permitting encroachment of certain pedestrian amenities within the required Interdistrict Corridor and to create a process to permit a request for a reduction of the required Interdistrict Corridor
- Case Number:** T14001
- General Location:** City-wide
- Case Planner:** Anthony Greg Fajardo
- Commission District:** City-wide

Anthony Fajardo, Chief Zoning Examiner, showed a PowerPoint presentation providing background information on the proposed ULDR Amendment. He explained that the 2035 Vision Plan, which was adopted by the City Commission in 2013, lays out a long-term vision for Fort Lauderdale through the year 2035, which was established after several forms of public outreach. The Plan sets forth a vision statement regarding what the City would like to be by 2035.

He reviewed two of the Plan's strategic initiatives:

- Develop a City-wide comprehensive public-private sidewalk policy and plan to improve sidewalks and connections; and
- Examine land use patterns and neighborhood development trends to recommend changes to the ULDR for optimal neighborhood growth, including parking, landscaping, setbacks, change of use, [and] reuse.

The Amendment before the Board is believed to further these goals toward the implementation of a safe, walkable, multimodal City. Key objectives include wide, pedestrian friendly sidewalks, active ground-floor uses, and minimal setbacks.

While these changes are generally discussed in relation to the Downtown area, certain aspects of the Downtown Master Plan may be applied City-wide. The proposed Amendment, which relates to specific inter-district corridor requirements of the ULDR, would make the following changes:

- Buildings must be located up to the setback line (with exclusions for context, such as parking or circulation);

- Allow outdoor dining and enhanced pedestrian amenities within the inter-district corridor, as well as the ability to request an exemption for encroachment of buildings into the 20 ft. buffer, subject to certain criteria.

Mr. Fajardo advised that these are examples of amenities that could be allowed within the inter-district corridor, along with enhanced landscaping and bicycle racks.

The Board members discussed the proposed Amendment, with the clarification that there may be alternatives that, while previously not considered, can better the intent and vision of the 2035 Vision Plan and the goals of the City. When site plans are submitted to Staff, there are triggers that would cause some plans to come before the Board for review; however, most would be addressed through Site Plan Level 2 review at the DRC level. If the DRC recommends against a specific application, the applicant could then appeal the decision to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Mr. Fajardo also pointed out that only limited right-of-way space is remaining, although he noted that the right-of-way on Federal Highway is very wide and could provide space for enhanced pedestrian amenities and multimodal connections.

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

Motion made by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Vice Chair Hansen, to approve. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0.

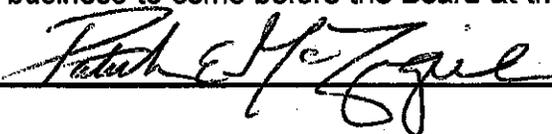
IV. COMMUNICATION TO THE CITY COMMISSION

None.

V. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITY

None.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.


Chair


Prototype

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