

**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2012 – 6:30 P.M.**

Cumulative

Board Members	Attendance	June 2012-May 2013	
		Present	Absent
Patrick McTigue, Chair	P	6	1
Leo Hansen, Vice Chair	P	6	1
Brad Cohen	P	4	0
Stephanie Desir-Jean	P	6	1
Michael Ferber	P	6	1
James McCulla	P	6	1
Michelle Tuggle	P	7	0
Tom Welch	P	6	1
Peter Witschen	A	5	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
Tom Lodge, Urban Design and Development
Yvonne Redding, Urban Design and Development
Randall Robinson, Urban Design and Development
Diana Alarcon, Director, Department of Transportation and Mobility
Dennis Girisgen, City Engineer
Frank Snedaker, City Architect
Tom White, Public Works
Brigitte Chiappetta, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

None.

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	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>
1.	43R12**	6300 N. Andrews Avenue
2.	16Z12** *	City of Fort Lauderdale / Lewis Landing Park
3.	77R11**	City of Fort Lauderdale / Lewis Landing Park
4.	15Z12** *	City of Fort Lauderdale / Gore Betz Park
5.	72R12**	PDKN P-4 LLC / Bokamper's Sports Bar & Grill

6. 67R12** * The Waterway Senior Housing
7. Communication to the City Commission
8. For the Good of the City

Disclosures were made, and any members of the public wishing to speak on this Item were sworn in.

Mr. Snedaker explained that the two Items concern the same property: one is a rezoning request, while the other request is for site plan approval with public purpose use. The property is a 1.25 acre parcel on the south side of the New River, acquired through the Broward County Safe Parks and Land Preservation Bond Program. Rezoning from RS-8 to Parks, Recreation, and Open Space is required in order to comply with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The site plan approval request would eliminate the perimeter walls typically required around the property. Mr. Snedaker added that the Department of Sustainable Development will be bringing forth a proposed Code amendment that would change this requirement. Another request would reduce the parking requirement from three spaces to two off-site parallel spaces. This would retain the bulk of the site for public use. Mr. Snedaker advised that the location is a small neighborhood park that would not encourage a great deal of visitor parking.

Chair McTigue asked if there is existing fencing on the property that would be eliminated. Tom White, City Landscape Architect, advised that there is currently a 6 ft. wall at the residence to the west and a 3 ft. wall at the residence to the east. A split-rail fence will be added to the south property line, as well as the remainder of the east property line before the wall. There would be no fencing along the river.

Mr. McCulla asked if the surrounding neighborhood was in favor of the proposed changes. Mr. White confirmed this, stating that there have been a number of meetings between the Parks and Recreation Department and the neighborhood.

Ms. Desir-Jean asked if the existing benches would be removed from the park. Mr. White said these would be rearranged but not removed. The wooden dock on the property is falling apart, so a new dock will be added to the east of the park. It will be a combination permanent/floating dock.

Tom Lodge, representing Urban Design and Planning, stated that the City's request would rezone the 57,828 sq. ft. parcel from RS-8 to P. This is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan. Staff recommends approval of the requests for rezoning as well as for public purpose relief from the buffer wall and parking requirements. Conditions are included in the Staff Report.

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. Welch, seconded by Vice Chair Hansen, to approve [Item 2]. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed 8-0.

Motion made by Vice Chair Hansen, seconded by Mr. Welch, to approve [Item 3 with Staff conditions]. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed 8-0.