

**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2012 – 6:30 P.M.**

Cumulative

Board Members	Attendance	June 2012-May 2013	
		Present	Absent
Patrick McTigue, Chair	P	4	1
Leo Hansen, Vice Chair	P	4	1
Brad Cohen	P	2	0
Stephanie Desir-Jean	P	4	1
Michael Ferber	A	4	1
James McCulla	P	4	1
Michelle Tuggle	P	5	0
Tom Welch	P	4	1
Peter Witschen	P	4	1

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

Staff

Ella Parker, Acting Urban Design and Planning Manager
D'Wayne Spence, Assistant City Attorney
Anthony Fajardo, Urban Design and Development
Tom Lodge, Urban Design and Development
Yvonne Redding, Urban Design and Development
Mohammed Malik, Chief Zoning Examiner
Brigitte Chiappetta, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

Motion made by Mr. Witschen, seconded by Ms. Desir-Jean, to request that Staff develop a process that would not require Items such as 17R12A and 18R12A, both of which relate to sign approval, to come before the Planning and Zoning Board (and also streamline the review process for residential uses in the residential office districts, which currently require the Board's review). Staff has prepared revised code language that will streamline the review process for signage in the Regional Activity Centers and anticipates making additional code improvements in the near future to address the communication in full.

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Case Number **Applicant**

Vice Chair Hansen observed that while the site plan appeared to be a good attempt to show how the proposed facility would work, he felt it attempted to fit too much into a small site. He concluded that the surrounding residential neighborhood is not at all supportive of the project.

Mr. McCulla remarked that he did not feel it was appropriate to base a decision on a preliminary site plan, which is not required for rezoning. While he advised that he respected the neighborhood's opinion, he also did not believe the project could be found incompatible in a neighborhood where several schools were already located. He concluded that the other issues raised by the neighborhood were "debatable, a matter of opinion, or rebuttable."

Mr. Cohen stated his primary concern regarding compatibility was related to the increase in traffic. While he believed a school would be a good use for the property, he did not feel two buses would be realistic to bring a portion of 600 students to the facility.

Motion made by Mr. Witschen, seconded by Ms. Tuggle, to deny, based on compatibility standards and tests that [Attorney Spence] set [forth]. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed 6-2 (Mr. Cohen and Mr. McCulla dissenting).

Attorney Spence clarified that the **motion** would be understood as a recommendation that the City Commission deny the Application.

6. St. Jerome Catholic Church and School Thomas Lodge 1P12

Request: **	Plat Approval
Legal Description:	The southeast ¼ of the northeast ¼ of the northeast quarter of section Twenty-One (21), Township Fifty (50) east, all lands lying in the City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida.
General Location:	2601 SW 9 th Avenue
District:	4

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

Mark Robbins, representing the Applicant, stated that the request was to re-plat a 10 acre site, as it was not platted in the past. Right-of-way dedications in accordance with City Code would accompany the plat.

Mr. Robbins added that he would like to amend the County plat note for the record: the school's square footage would be increased from 19,500 sq. ft. to 20,000 sq. ft.

Tom Lodge, representing the Department of Sustainable Development, stated that the Application is consistent with Objective 5 of the future land use element, which requires consistency with Broward County platting regulations. Staff supports a positive recommendation for approval.

There being no 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. Witschen, seconded by Vice Chair Hansen, to approve. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed 8-0.

At the request of the Applicant, Items 7 and 8 were heard together. It was clarified that the two Items would be voted upon separately.