

#### **MEETING MINUTES CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE** PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD **CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS** CITY OF FORT LAUDE 100 N. ANDREWS AVE., FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021 - 6:00 P.M.

	June 2020-May	2021	
Board Members	Attendance	Present	Absent
Catherine Maus, Chair	Р	8	0
Mary Fertig, Vice Chair	Р	8	0
John Barranco	Р	8	0
Brad Cohen	Р	7	1
Coleman Prewitt	Р	8	0
William Rotella	Р	8	0
Jacquelyn Scott	Р	8	0
Jay Shechtman	Р	8	0
Michael Weymouth	Р	7	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 Jim Hetzel, Principal Urban Planner Trisha Logan, Historic Preservation Planner Karlanne Grant, Urban Design and Planning Yvonne Redding, Urban Design and Planning Adam Schnell, Urban Design and Planning Glen Hadwen, Sustainability Manager, Public Works Kimberly Pearson, Sustainability Coordinator, Public Works Benjamin Restrepo, Transportation and Mobility Igor Vassiliev, Public Works Brigitte Chiappetta, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

### **Communications to City Commission**

None.

#### 1. 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.

time but never advanced to the City Commission for approval. The City did, however, support that proposed closure. The Applicant was asked if pedestrian access could be granted in the subject area, but did not agree to provide it. The City does not feel the road should be open to vehicular access, but was in favor of pedestrian access.

Ms. Scott asked if the original road closure was made to prevent "cut-through" traffic in the Sailboat Bend neighborhood. Mr. Schein reiterated that the overall sentiment of nearby residents was not in favor of opening the roadway or providing pedestrian access. The proposed masonry wall and 10 ft. landscape buffer are Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) requirements for neighborhood compatibility when commercial uses abut residential areas.

Mr. Shechtman asked if the Applicant had received letters of support from the affected neighborhoods. Mr. Schein replied that the Sailboat Bend Civic Association had provided a letter in support of the project. Mr. Shechtman noted that if that neighborhood had wanted additional pedestrian access, they would have been unlikely to provide a letter. The other two neighborhoods, which are across Broward Boulevard and across the waterway from the Application, had not voted on the project, but had also indicated support.

Mr. Prewitt asked if two private homes located south of the vacation area were supportive of the project as well. Mr. Schein confirmed this, noting that the southwest lot was owned by the Applicant. The owner of the property to the southeast is a signatory to the Application.

There being no further 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.

The Board agreed by unanimous consensus to make the Staff Report part of the record for this Item.

**Motion** made by Vice Chair Fertig, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed 8-0. (Mr. Barranco abstained. A memorandum of voting conflict is attached to these minutes.)

Mr. Barranco rejoined the meeting following the vote.

It was determined that Items 2 and 3 would be heard together and voted upon separately.

2. CASE: REQUEST: \*\* PROPERTY OWNER/APPLICANT: AGENT: PLN-VAC-20080001 Vacation of Right-of-Way: 10-Foot Wide by 75-Foot Long Alley 800 Las Olas, LLC & Mustang Properties, Inc. Robert Lochrie, Lochrie & Chakas, P.A.

PROJECT NAME:	1007 East Las Olas Alley Vacation
<b>GENERAL LOCATION:</b>	1007 E. Las Olas Boulevard
ABBREVIATED LEGAL	That portion of the 10.00 foot alley lying adjacent to Lot 1
DESCRIPTION:	and the East 25.00 feet of lot 2, and lying adjacent to Lot 16
The second second second second	and the east 25.00 feet of Lot 15, Block 14, Colee Hammock
COMMISSION DISTRICT:	4 - Ben Sorensen
NEIGHBORHOOD	4 - Den Gorensen
ASSOCIATION:	Beverly Heights
ZONING DISTRICT:	Evolusive Lee Derking (XD) and Deulevard Rusiness
ZUNING DISTRICT:	Exclusive Use Parking (XP) and Boulevard Business
	(B-1)
LAND USE:	Commercial and High Density Residential
CASE PLANNER:	Trisha Logan
3. CASE:	PLN-SITE-20080001
REQUEST: * **	Site Plan Level IV Review: Rezoning from Exclusive Use
	Parking (XP) District to Community Business (CB) District with
	.18 Acres of Commercial Flex Allocation for 138-Room Hotel
	and 5,698 Square Feet of Retail Use, with Associated Parking
	Reduction
PROPERTY	Control Mills - Chernel Character Market Statistics of
OWNER/APPLICANT:	800 Las Olas, LLC & Mustang Properties, Inc.
AGENT:	Robert Lochrie, Lochrie & Chakas, P.A.
PROJECT NAME:	1007 East Las Olas
GENERAL LOCATION:	1007 E. Las Olas Boulevard
ABBREVIATED LEGAL	Lot 1, the East one-half (E ½) of Lot 2, Lot 15 and Lot 16, Block
DESCRIPTION:	14 Colee Hammock
COMMISSION DISTRICT:	4 - Ben Sorensen
NEIGHBORHOOD	4 - Den Solensen
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ASSOCIATION:	
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PROPOSED ZONING	Community Business (CB) and Boulevard Business
DISTRICT:	( <mark>B-1)</mark>
LAND USE:	Commercial and High Density Residential
CASE PLANNER:	Trisha Logan

Disclosures were made at this time. Mr. Weymouth recused himself from hearing the Items due to a conflict, and left the meeting while the Items were discussed.

Robert Lochrie, representing the Applicant, stated that the request is for approval of a new 138-room hotel on Las Olas Boulevard. It will be part of several larger improvements made in the area by the developers on properties they own.

Mr. Lochrie showed a visual of the hotel property, noting that its southern portion is currently zoned B-1 and the northern portion XP. The request in Item 2 is a partial alley vacation extending from the western property line to 10 Avenue, with the condition that the Applicant will dedicate a vehicular and pedestrian access easement back to the City to allow access through the alley when the project is complete. The northern portion of the property will be rezoned from XP to CB.

Mr. Lochrie reviewed the site, explaining that the Applicant will make streetscape improvements along SE 2 Court. The building on this site will be set back significantly further than the distance required, and new landscaping and lighting will be installed. The building will also be set back on 10 Terrace with a wide sidewalk, street trees, and lighting. On Las Olas Boulevard, the building will include street trees and a wide sidewalk, which will be consistent with a design already adopted to the east. Other improvements on Las Olas Boulevard include ground floor retail, a second-story terrace, and stepback of the upper floors of the building on 2 Court and 10 Terrace.

Access to the subject site will be available from 2 Court and 10 Terrace. The current driveway, which exists from Las Olas Boulevard, will be closed. All parking for the project will be below grade, which is another reason for the alley vacation. Mr. Lochrie reviewed details of the project from each side of the building.

The alley will be widened from its present state. Currently, the alley provides access in one direction from east to west. The Applicant proposes to maintain this direction while widening the roadway to provide two-way access at the hotel site. The Department of Transportation and Mobility, as well as the City's Engineering Department, agree that this proposal is acceptable. These plans are not in the Board members' information packets for the Items; however, the Applicant has requested that this change be a condition of final Development Review Committee (DRC) approval.

The project has been presented to neighborhood leaders as well as to the general public. A letter of support has been forwarded from an individual to the Board members. The Applicant agrees with Staff conditions, with the caveat that Condition #5 not be met prior to issuance of a building permit. The condition will be required in advance of any construction on the street. The Applicant meets criteria for right-of-way vacation as well as Site Plan approval and its associated rezoning.

Chair Maus asked if the Site Plan Application requires any variances or modifications from the ULDR. Mr. Lochrie confirmed that it does not. He also addressed neighborhood compatibility, noting that this is an issue when a project is adjacent to another zoning district, such as a single-family residential area. Another aspect of neighborhood compatibility applies when zoning districts are separated by rights-of-way. He noted that the subject area includes a mixture of building heights, pointing out that the project before the Board is 116 ft. in height while Code allows up to 150 ft. Moving hotel parking underground is also considered to have a positive effect on neighborhood compatibility.

The owner of a property to the north of the proposed hotel responded favorably when the Applicant's team showed him the subject site.

**Motion** made by Vice Chair Fertig, seconded by Ms. Scott, to make the Staff Report part of the record for Item 2. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (Mr. Weymouth abstained).

It was clarified that the Board's disclosures for Item 2 were also applicable to Item 3.

Historic Planner Trisha Logan noted a correction to the Staff Report for Item 2: the general location should read "north of Las Olas Boulevard" rather than Broward Boulevard. She added that Staff agrees with the Applicant's proposed adjustment to Condition #5 as described by Mr. Lochrie.

The Board agreed by unanimous consensus to make the Staff Report part of the record for Item 3 as well (Mr. Weymouth abstained).

There being no further questions from the Board at this time, Chair Maus opened the public hearing.

Viorica Neagu, private citizen, addressed Item 3, expressing concern that the proposed hotel could negatively affect water pressure in the surrounding neighborhood as well as traffic on Las Olas Boulevard and N/2 Street.

Chair Maus advised that the Applicant has been issued a letter by the City which states that the project meets adequacy requirements and will not create undue pressure on the water system. Mr. Lochrie added that a traffic report was conducted during analysis of the additional trips expected to be generated by the hotel. The project was approved by the City as meeting all requirements without the need for additional traffic improvements. He noted, however, that while water capacity and pressure were determined to be sufficient on the street, the Staff Report includes a request that the Applicant make off-site sewer improvements that will benefit other properties in the subject area. The Applicant will make these improvements at their own expense.

Chair Maus advised that the Applicant's team may be able to provide Ms. Neagu with additional information as the project moves forward. She also noted that Staff may be able to provide more information as well.

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 Vice Chair Fertig, seconded by Mr. Cohen, to approve the partial vacation of the alley [Item 2] with Staff conditions, including the alley improvement. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed 8-0. (Mr. Weymouth abstained. A memorandum of voting conflict is attached to these minutes.)

Motion made by Vice Chair Fertig, seconded by Mr. Shechtman, to approve [Item 3] with Staff conditions, including the amended Condition #5. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 7-1 (Chair Maus dissenting). (Mr. Weymouth abstained. A memorandum of voting) conflict is attached to these minutes.)

Mr. Weymouth rejoined the meeting following the vote.

4. CASE:	UDP-S20002
REQUEST: **	Site Plan Level III Review: Parking Reduction Request
PROPERTY OWNER/APPLICANT:	Zaim and Kristina Hoxha
AGENT:	Nectaria Chakas, Lochrie & Chakas, P.A.
PROJECT NAME:	3074 NE 33rd Ave Parking Reduction
<b>GENERAL LOCATION:</b>	3074 NE 33rd Avenue
ABBREVIATED LEGAL	Lauderdale Beach Ex. Unit B, PB 29, PG 22, South 1/2 Lot 2,
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	Block 27
COMMISSION DISTRICT:	2 – Steven Glassman
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION:	Central Beach Alliance HOA
<b>ZONING DISTRICT:</b>	Community Business (CB)
LAND USE:	Commercial
CASE PLANNER:	Jim Hetzel
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Nectaria Chakas, representing the Applicant, stated that the request is for a parking reduction, which would allow the Applicant to terminate a previous parking agreement made in 1991. There is an existing 1750 sq. ft. restaurant located on the subject parcel with no on-site parking. The restaurant began as a takeout business, but in 1991 was converted to a full-service restaurant, which triggered a higher parking requirement. The necessary spaces were acquired through an offsite parking agreement with the owner of a nearby parcel. This agreement was not discovered until the current developer conducted a title search.

The developer would like the existing parking agreement to be terminated, as both the circumstances and character of the neighborhood have changed since the agreement was originally executed. These changes include construction of the Bridgeside Place parking garage, which provides 504 parking spaces. This garage was constructed in the early to mid-2000s.

The Applicant requests a 100% parking reduction for the 15 spaces required by Code for the restaurant. The ULDR allows parking reductions to be requested if the Applicant can demonstrate sufficient public parking within 700 ft. of the use.

Andrews Avenue bridge crossing. The communication was well-received by the City Commission, and he received an email from the Department of Transportation and Mobility advising him that the SE 3 Avenue bridge is under Broward County jurisdiction. A project is underway to refurbish the bridge opening in 2022. The County is willing to work with the City on these improvements, beginning with a feasibility analysis to improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodations as part of the project.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 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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[Minutes prepared by K. McGuire, Prototype, Inc.]

## FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

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CITY COUNTY	THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF:
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