



## PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS

100 N. ANDREWS AVE., FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

| Board Members                    | June 2021-May 2022 |         |        |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------|--------|
|                                  | Attendance         | Present | Absent |
| Jacquelyn Scott, Chair           | P                  | 6       | 0      |
| Brad Cohen, Vice Chair (d. 6:38) | P                  | 4       | 2      |
| John Barranco (arr. 6:03)        | P                  | 5       | 1      |
| Mary Fertig                      | P                  | 6       | 0      |
| Steve Ganon                      | P                  | 6       | 0      |
| Shari McCartney                  | P                  | 6       | 0      |
| William Rotella                  | P                  | 5       | 1      |
| Jay Shechtman                    | P                  | 5       | 1      |
| Michael Weymouth                 | P                  | 5       | 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

Trisha Logan, Historic Preservation Planner

Jim Hetzel, Principal Planner

Christian Cervantes, Urban Design and Planning

Karlanne Grant, Urban Design and Planning

Glen Hadwen, Sustainability Manager

Mark Williams, Urban Forester

Adam Schnell, Urban Design and Planning

Istvan Virag, Transportation and Mobility

Tedra Allen, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

#### ~~Communications to City Commission~~

~~None.~~

#### ~~I. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE~~

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

#### ~~II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES / DETERMINATION OF QUORUM~~

~~**REQUEST:** \* \*\* Rezoning from Commerce Center District (CC) to Uptown Urban Village Northwest District (UUV-NW)~~  
~~**PROPERTY OWNER/APPLICANT:** Citrix Systems, Inc. and Cypress 6261 LLC.~~  
~~**AGENT:** City of Fort Lauderdale~~  
~~**GENERAL LOCATION:** 701 W. Cypress Creek Road~~  
~~**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Corporate Park at Cypress Creek Plat, Lots 4 and 5~~  
~~**ZONING DISTRICT:** Commerce Center (CC)~~  
~~**PROPOSED ZONING:** Uptown Urban Village Northwest (UUV-NW)~~  
~~**LAND USE:** Employment Center~~  
~~**COMMISSION DISTRICT:** 1 - Heather Moraitis~~  
~~**NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION:** N/A~~  
~~**CASE PLANNER:** Jim Hetzel~~

~~Principal Planner Jim Hetzel stated that the request is for rezoning of an area in the City's Uptown. Two property owners, Citrix and Cypress 6261, are participating in a program where the City processes the rezoning with their consent. The request is to rezone from Commerce Center (CC) to Uptown Urban Village Northwest (UUV-NW). The site is slightly less than five acres in size.~~

~~There being no questions from the Board at this time, Chair Scott 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 Mr. Weymouth, seconded by Mr. Shechtman, to include the Staff Report as part of the record. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.**~~

~~**Motion made by Mr. Weymouth, seconded by Mr. Rotella, to approve the item with the attached Staff Report. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0.**~~

~~The following item was taken out of order on the agenda.~~

**6. CASE: UDP-T21012**

**REQUEST:** \* Amend City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-13.20.D.7, Downtown RAC Review Process and Special Regulations, and Section 47-24, Development Permits and Procedures, Providing For Correction to Scrivener's Errors  
**APPLICANT:** City of Fort Lauderdale  
**GENERAL LOCATION:** Citywide  
**CASE PLANNER:** Jim Hetzel

Mr. Hetzel advised that this Item would correct two sections of Code: Section 47-13.20, which addresses the Downtown Regional Activity Center (RAC) review process, and Section 47-24, which involves development permits and procedures. Both items would correct scriveners' errors and other minor mistakes.

Ms. Fertig recalled that on September 16, 2020, the Board proposed a number of amendments to the Downtown Master Plan, which were sent to the City Commission. The minutes of the November 4, 2020 City Commission meeting indicate that Staff informed the Commission they had not had sufficient time to research these proposed amendments. She asked if this research has been completed.

Ms. Fertig further clarified that the proposed amendments addressed the following:

- Tower separation
- Minimum unit size
- Parking

Ms. Parker replied that Staff adopted a parking standard which has come before the Planning and Zoning Board some months ago. Staff also addressed the remaining items and sent a communication to the City Commission identifying a number of issues on which they were not moving forward, based on analysis. This included tower separation, which was adopted with a proposed separation distance of 60 ft.

There being no other questions from the Board at this time, Chair Scott 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. McCartney, seconded by Mr. Ganon, to approve. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed 8-0.

**5. ~~CASE: UDP-T21002~~**

**~~REQUEST:~~** \* ~~Amend City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-21, Landscape and Tree Preservation Requirements~~

**~~APPLICANT:~~** ~~City of Fort Lauderdale~~

**~~GENERAL LOCATION:~~** ~~Citywide~~

**~~CASE PLANNER:~~** ~~Glen Hadwen and Mark Williams | Public Works Sustainability Division~~

~~Glen Hadwen, Sustainability Manager, showed a presentation on proposed amendments to Section 47-21 of the ULDR, which address landscape and tree preservation. These revisions were initiated in response to City Commission concerns with the preservation of specimen growth trees and the application of existing tree preservation Code to tree removal during development.~~

~~It was clarified that the area referred to in the motion was intended to be the South RAC.~~

~~Ms. Fertig reiterated that every neighborhood association in all the areas under discussion should be informed of the proposed changes.~~

~~Attorney Spence requested clarification that the motion would recommend approval of the proposed Ordinance, excluding all provisions referencing the South RAC. It was confirmed that this was correct.~~

~~In a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0.~~

~~V. COMMUNICATION TO THE CITY COMMISSION~~

~~None.~~

~~VI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE~~

~~Ms. Fertig asserted that she was troubled by any assumption that the Board was "just going to pass on what is brought before us." She requested clarification of the Board's responsibilities, and asked that the members be made aware of any time limits that may apply to the items they discuss. Mr. Barranco stated that he agreed with Ms. Fertig on this issue.~~

**VII. VOTE FOR PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD 2022 CALENDAR**

**Motion** made by Ms. Fertig, seconded by Mr. Weymouth, to approve it. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

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

Chair 

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