CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

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.

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~~

sidewalks. She reiterated that the facility would provide a shuttle or golf cart so employees are not asked to walk.

Ms. Fertig asked if provision of the shuttle was considered a mitigating circumstance. It was clarified that if shuttle service was provided from all parking spaces as a condition of approval, this would mitigate the issue; however, having employees cross the train tracks made the proposition unacceptable.

Ms. Toothaker also clarified that there is a bus stop for public transportation "very close" to the subject property. The 36, 21, and 10 bus lines serve an area within a four-minute walk of the site, including one stop on Sunrise Boulevard.

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. Fertig, seconded by Mr. Shechtman, to approve, adopting the conditions in the Staff Report and the shuttle during the hours of operation, to transport all the patrons or employees, whoever needs to get to the location; the parking agreements need to be executed and recorded, and a parking reduction order must be recorded in public records at the Applicant's expense.

Ms. Fertig commented that the neighborhood surrounding the facility is very active, and that the appropriate civic association and neighbors across the street have provided the Applicant with letters of support. She felt the association would have considered all negatives associated with the project, and that the shuttle service made a significant difference.

Mr. Shechtman observed that the City's Downtown area is becoming increasingly dense, and expressed concern with the need for barricades that would prevent pedestrians from stepping onto the railroad tracks. He suggested that the Board discuss this further at the end of the meeting.

Assistant City Attorney Shari Wallen read the following Resolution into the record:

A Resolution of the Planning and Zoning Board of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, approving a Site Plan Level III development permit for a catering services facility and a parking reduction for the property located at 1115 NE 9th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and 1123 NE 9th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in the Heavy Commercial/Light Industrial Business zoning District, Case UDP-S20010.

In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed 7-2 (Mr. Barranco and Mr. Weymouth dissenting).

Vice Chair Cohen left the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

4. **CASE:** UDP-Z21003

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~~

~~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.

Jacquelyn L Scott

Chair

Prototype

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