



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
100 N. ANDREWS AVE., FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

Board Members	June 2021 – May 2022		
	Attendance	Present	Absent
Jacquelyn Scott, Chair	A	11	4
Brad Cohen, Vice Chair	P	9	3
John Barranco	A	10	2
Mary Fertig (arr. 6:03)	P	12	0
Steve Ganon	P	12	0
Shari McCartney	A	10	2
William Rotella	P	10	2
Jay Shechtman	P	10	2
Michael Weymouth	P	9	3

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
Michael Ferrera, Urban Design and Planning
Tyler Laforme, Urban Design and Planning
Adam Schnell, Urban Design and Planning
Igor Vassiliev, Public Works Department
Leslie Harmon, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

None.

I. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

~~Vice Chair Cohen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll was called and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Vice 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

~~**Motion** made to accept the minutes. [The minutes were approved by consent.]~~

Attorney 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 the property located at 2300 SW 15th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in the Residential Single-Family/Duplex Low/Medium Density District, for the development of a 34-unit two-story zero lot line residential development, Case Number UDP-S21033.

In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (6-0).

Motion made by Ms. Fertig, seconded by Mr. Weymouth, to recommend approval of Case Number UDP-21004, based on the findings of fact, the facts of the City Staff report, and based on the testimony heard by the Applicant, and the Board finds that the Application meets the applicable criteria cited in the Staff Report. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (6-0).

- 6. CASE:** UDP-V21007
REQUEST: ** Vacation of Right-of-Way: 10-Foot by 124-Foot Portion of Alley
APPLICANT: Nectaria M. Chakas, Esq., Lochrie & Chakas, P.A.
AGENT: Nectaria M. Chakas, Esq., Lochrie & Chakas, P.A.
PROJECT NAME: 777 S. Federal
GENERAL LOCATION: Portion of right-of-way, north of SE 8th Street, east of SE 4th Avenue, south of SE 7th Street and west of S Federal Highway
ABBREVIATED LEGAL DESCRIPTION: All of 10-foot alley right-of-way situated between lots 3 and 6 of fisher subdivision, lot 1, block 58, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, according to plat, recorded in PB 1, Pg 34, of public records of Miami-Dade County, Florida, less that portion of lots 3 and 6 taken for widening State Road 5, said lands lying in Broward County, Florida
ZONING DISTRICT: Regional Activity Center – City Center (RAC-CC)
LAND USE: Downtown Regional Activity Center
COMMISSION DISTRICT: 4 – Ben Sorensen
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION: Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association
CASE PLANNER: Michael P. Ferrera

Disclosures were made at this time.

Andrew Schein, representing the Applicant, stated that the request is to vacate the remainder of an alleyway, of which a portion was originally vacated in 1938. A building on the site was constructed in 1998 and lies over the remaining western portion of the alley. The Applicant wishes to "clean up" the title for the property.

Mr. Schein confirmed that a public participation meeting was held to discuss this Item.

There being no questions from the Board at this time, Vice Chair Cohen opened the public hearing. As there were no individuals wishing to speak on the Item, the Vice Chair closed the public hearing and brought the discussion back to the Board.

Motion made by Mr. Weymouth, seconded by Mr. Shechtman, that we approve the Item subject to Staff comments and the Staff conditions. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (6-0).

It was asked if the remaining three Items could be deferred until the June 15, 2022 meeting. Ms. Parker confirmed that Staff plans to present these Items at that meeting.

Motion made, and seconded by Ms. Fertig, to defer Items 7, 8, and 9 to the June 15, 2022 meeting. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

V. COMMUNICATION TO THE CITY COMMISSION

None.

VI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

~~Ms. Fertig asserted that the Board should be more cognizant of the impact letters provided by the School Board. She emphasized the necessity of maintaining the infrastructure to support Fort Lauderdale's schools, as well as the need to ensure communication between different City Departments and the School Board.~~

~~Ms. Parker recalled that the previous week, Staff met with Chief Education Officer Zoie Saunders and connected her with School Board staff. Ms. Saunders is considering coordination of future meetings with School Board representatives.~~

~~Ms. Fertig advised that there are likely boundary changes in the future for Fort Lauderdale's schools. Mr. Rotella added that the Broward Workshop's Urban Core Committee is beginning to address school concurrency as well, and has met with Ms. Saunders. While it would be very difficult to build new schools, renovation and improvement of existing schools is an option.~~

~~Ms. Fertig also addressed documents provided to the Board members earlier in the day by Attorney Wallen, requesting clarification of any statutory references that may have prompted the provision of these documents. Attorney Wallen explained that Code asks the Board to make a finding that text amendments are or are not consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan. Florida Statute 166.033 requires that Board decisions be based upon findings of fact, as this provides the public with greater clarity on why these decisions are made when they go to the City Commission for final approval or denial.~~

~~Attorney Wallen continued that Florida Statute 166.033 also mandates that the Board cite the appropriate specific Code Section as the basis for approval or denial. Members are asked to use the language provided to them when making future motions to approve or deny.~~

~~Ms. Fertig felt if the Board is asked to clarify what Code Sections are not being met, they should also have to clarify the Code requirements that are being met. She suggested that this language also be used by the City Commission in the future.~~

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 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.]