



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
700 NW 19 AVENUE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33311  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Michael Weymouth, Chair	P	4	0
Brad Cohen, Vice Chair	P	2	2
John Barranco	P	3	1
Mary Fertig	P	3	1
Steve Ganon	P	3	1
Marilyn Mammano	P	3	1
Shari McCartney	P	4	0
Patrick McTigue	P	4	0
Jay Shechtman	P	3	1

**Staff**

Shari Wallen, Assistant City Attorney  
Jim Hetzel, Principal Urban Planner  
Karlanne Devonish, Urban Design and Planning  
Nancy Garcia, Urban Design and Planning  
Leslie Harmon, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

**Communication to City Commission**

**Motion** made by Vice Chair Cohen, seconded by Ms. Fertig, to allow video appearance at board meetings when there is a quorum physically present, with remote appearance permitted no more than three times a year, and that members attending remotely be allowed to participate and vote. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed 8-1 (Chair Weymouth dissenting).

**I. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Weymouth called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Chair introduced the Board members present.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES / DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

**Motion** made by Ms. McCartney, seconded by Mr. Ganon, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Cohen and Ms. Fertig arrived at 6:03 p.m.

**III. PUBLIC SIGN-IN / SWEARING-IN**

~~Mr. Schein advised that the College's current operations are within a parcel zoned B-2. They hope to move into an Office Park (OP) parcel; however, trade schools are not permitted in County OP zoning.~~

~~Mr. Schein explained that when the subject parcel was originally annexed by the City, its Future Land Use designation was changed from County to City; however, the zoning was not changed. This means any activity on the site requires additional communication between the City and County zoning departments. The Applicant had originally proposed a change to B-1 zoning, but it was determined that Commerce Center (CC) was more appropriate for an office park.~~

~~At this time Chair Weymouth 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. Mammano, seconded by Vice Chair Cohen, that we approve the rezoning. In a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously (9-0).~~

**2. CASE: UDP-T23007**

**REQUEST:** \* Amend City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-27, Notice Procedures for Public Hearings  
**APPLICANT:** City of Fort Lauderdale  
**GENERAL LOCATION:** Citywide  
**CASE PLANNER:** Karlanne Devonish

Karlanne Devonish, representing Urban Design and Planning, stated that this Item would address Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-27, which addresses notice for public hearings. The request would change public participation requirements for Site Plan Level II developments, requiring applicants to notify civic associations located within 300 ft. of a project site of the date, time, and place of Development Review Committee (DRC) meetings. Notice will be sent by regular mail or email, and must be sent at least 21 days before the DRC meeting.

For development projects within Regional Activity Center (RAC) zoning districts or land use, the applicant must notify civic associations and property owners within 300 ft. of the date, time, and location of the applicant's project presentation. Notice for civic associations must be sent via regular mail and email, while notice will be sent via regular mail only for property owners. This must be done at least 30 days before the applicant seeks preliminary DRC approval.

Ms. Mammano pointed out that Section 47-27.4.c, which addresses Site Plan Level III approval, the amendment would remove the words "rezoning requests" and "right-of-way vacation requests." Ms. Devonish explained that the rezoning and vacation

sections already have their own subsections which provide for their notice requirements. It would be redundant to include the above terms.

At this time Chair Weymouth 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. McTigue, seconded by Ms. Mammano, to approve. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (9-0).

~~3. CASE: UDP T23008~~

~~**REQUEST:** \* Amend City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-29, Administration and Boards, General~~

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

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

~~**CASE PLANNER:** Karlanne Devonish~~

~~Ms. Devonish stated that this amendment would address ULDR Section 47-29, which covers administration and boards. It would change the number of years that Planning and Zoning Board and Historic Preservation Board members will serve. The reason for the amendment is consistency with the City Commission terms, which have been changed from three to four years.~~

~~Ms. Mammano asked how this change would affect current Board members. Assistant City Attorney Shari Wallen explained that the amendment would be effective as of the date the Ordinance is passed by the City Commission. Once it has been adopted, current members' terms would change to four years total.~~

~~At this time Chair Weymouth 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.~~

~~Mr. Ganon observed that the current City Commissioners' terms will be up in November 2024, when they will be reelected or new Commissioners will be elected. He requested clarification of whether this meant all Board members' terms would expire at that time and begin a new four-year term if reappointed. Attorney Wallen advised that this would not be the case: Board members shall serve four years from the date of their appointment.~~

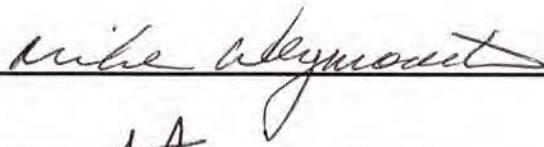
~~**Motion** made by Mr. McTigue, seconded by Ms. Mammano, to approve. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed 8-1 (Mr. Barranco dissenting).~~

~~V. COMMUNICATION TO THE CITY COMMISSION~~

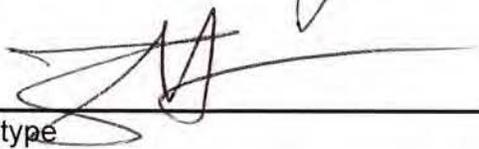
**VI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 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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Chair

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