

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, March 18, 2015**

PLACE OF MEETING: City Hall, City Commission Chambers
100 North Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

TIME OF MEETING: 6:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

III. AGENDA ITEMS:

Cumulative

Board Members	Attendance	June 2014-May 2015	
		Present	Absent
Patrick McTigue, Chair	P	9	1
Leo Hansen, Vice Chair	P	10	0
Brad Cohen	P	9	1
Stephanie Desir-Jean (arr. 6:37)	P	8	2
Michael Ferber	P	10	0
Richard Heidelberger	P	3	0
James McCulla	P	10	0
Peter Witschen (arr. 6:40)	P	9	1

It was noted that a quorum was present at the meeting.

IV. COMMUNICATION TO THE CITY COMMISSION

Motion made by Mr. McCulla to communicate to the City Commission that they consider removing Criterion 2 from the list of code criteria for rezoning a parcel in the City.

Mr. McCulla explained that this criterion states substantial changes must have occurred in the subject neighborhood or area to warrant rezoning of a parcel. He pointed out that the Board has often approved or recommended the requested zoning changes even when substantial change is not demonstrated by applicants. The City's code states that the following three criteria must be met for a rezoning application:

1. The zoning district proposed is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan;
2. Substantial changes in the character of development in or near the area under consideration support the proposed rezoning;
3. The character of the area proposed is suitable for the uses permitted in the zoning district and is compatible with surrounding districts and uses.

He pointed out that any changes required under Condition 2 would also be met by either Condition 1 or 3, and concluded that Condition 2 could be removed from the three required criteria or the Ordinance could be modified to require that two of the three criteria must be met.

Pursuant to additional discussion, Mr. McCulla restated his final **Motion** as follows: That the Ordinance (code) regarding rezoning be reworded to require that the applicant meet two of the three presently stated criteria, not all of them.

Vice Chair Hansen **seconded** the **motion**. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed 8-0.