

FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

August 3, 2010
Orlando, Florida

Minutes Pending Approval

The Council meeting convened at 9:00 AM.

Members Present: Barbara Page, Chris Masal, Julia Kates, William Riha

Members Absent: Jack Humburg, Catherine Powell

Approval of June 8, 2010 Minutes: Bill Riha indicated the minutes needed amending to reflect he did attend the meeting. The minutes were approved with the amendment.

Following approval of the June 8, 2010 meeting minutes, the Council reviewed the following applications for waivers of Florida Accessibility Code requirements.

1. Fidelity National Financial Aircraft Hanger, 14601 Whirlwind Avenue, Jacksonville

Analysis: The applicant is requesting a waiver for providing vertical accessibility to the second floor of an existing structure. The project is an alteration to the second floor of a two story aircraft hanger consisting of offices, restrooms on the first floor (3,942 sq ft) and vacant space on the second floor (2,944 sq ft) that will be altered. The total cost of the alteration to the second floor is \$10,699. Cost proposals for an elevator obtained by the applicant exceed \$35,000. The altered space is to be used by the company's pilots.

Council Recommendation: Approve based on undue hardship

Motion: Julie Blum-Kates

Second: Barbara Page

Vote: Unanimous

2. AME Research Building, University, Tallahassee

Analysis: The applicant is requesting a waiver of providing vertical accessibility to all levels of seating in seminar room 106, in this is a new building. The proposed A.M.E research building consists of a two story 60,337 SF institution building on the FSU campus. The owner proposes to provide all accessible seating at the front and back of the auditorium. The laboratory also

provides office space for the administration and faculty. Total cost for this project is estimated at \$20,084,073.00.

Council Recommendation: Approve based on unnecessary hardship

Motion: Julie Blum-Kates

Second: Bill Riha

Vote: Unanimous

3. Picerne Building Storage Annex, 247 North Westmonte Drive, Altamonte Springs

Analysis: This project is a change of occupancy from an existing bus garage to storage with addition of a mezzanine. The applicant is requesting a waiver from providing vertical accessibility to a storage mezzanine and accessible parking and accessible route to the Annex Building and provides the following information. The total area of first floor and mezzanine is 1,633 SF. Mezzanine cost \$15,500. Estimated vertical access costs: elevator \$75,000; lift \$18,000; LULA \$30,000. There is no existing pedestrian path to the Annex Building, no accessible parking and no accessible entrance. Site work and building entrance modification cost estimate \$8600. No permanent work stations. Building used for storage of boxed files and building plans.

Council Recommendations:

Issue 1: Vertical access to storage area mezzanine

Recommendation: Approve due to unnecessary hardship

Motion: Barbara Page

Second: Julie Blum-Kates

Vote: Unanimous

Issue 2: Accessible route to storage annex and accessible parking

Recommendation: Deny due to lack of jurisdiction

Motion: Barbara Page

Second: Julie Blum-Kates

Vote: Unanimous

4. University of South Florida Soccer Park, 4202 E. Fowler Avenue, Tampa

Analysis: The applicant is requesting a waiver for providing vertical accessibility to every level in a newly designed stadium with 500 fixed seats. Total cost of new construction for this project is \$3.5 million. Note: the owner proposes alternative compliance to s.553.509, F.S., Vertical accessibility, by providing accessible seating configurations consistent with U.S Department of Justice Disability Rights on Accessible Stadiums.

Council Recommendation: Approve based on unnecessary hardship

Motion: Julie Blum-Kates
Second: Bill Riha
Vote: Unanimous

5. Miami Beach Cineatheque, 1130 Washington Avenue Miami Beach

Analysis: The applicant is requesting a waiver from providing vertical accessibility to all levels of theater stadium seating in a \$150,000 alteration to existing space. The space to be altered is a tenant space in a building owned by Miami Beach. The applicant proposes to place the required 4 wheel chair spaces at the finished floor level.

Council Recommendation: Approve waiver of vertical access to all levels based on technically infeasible

Motion: Barbara Page
Second: Julie Blum-Kates
Vote: Unanimous

Motion to adjourn, 10:30 AM

Motion: Barbara Page
Second: Julie Blum-Kates
Vote: Unanimous