

**Florida Building Commission
Accessibility Advisory Council
June 14, 2004
Marriott Bay Point Resort, Panama City Beach, Florida**

Vice-Chairman J R. Harding called the meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Council to order at 9:00 A.M. at the Marriott Bay Point Resort in Panama City Beach. Members present were Vice-Chairman Harding, Johnny Long and Pam Dorwarth. Staff present were Mary Kathryn Smith and Richard Shine.

In the absence of a quorum, review of the minutes of the April 19, 2004 meeting were deferred until August. Vice-Chairman Harding announced that the Council would make consensus recommendations to the Commission with respect to the waiver applications, but no formal vote could be taken.

Review of Applications for Waivers from Accessibility Requirements.

Stock Exchange Restaurant, 125 Basin Street, Daytona Beach: No one was present representing the applicant and the issue will be scheduled on the August agenda.

Southland Mall Regal 16 Cinemas, U. S. 1, Caribbean Boulevard, Miami: Vice-Chairman Harding recognized Mr. Lawrence Corley who represented the applicant. The applicant requested a waiver from providing vertical accessibility to all levels of seats in a new, \$6,000,000 16-theater movie complex. Wheelchair accessible seats and adjacent companion seating have been provided as required by Florida Code, and no accessible seats were placed at the end of any row. An estimate was submitted indicating it would cost an additional \$640,000 to install lifts in each theater. The consensus of the Council was to recommend approving the request, provided all appropriate companion seats are installed.

Health and Life Sciences Building, Florida International University, University Park, Miami: No one was present representing the applicant. Mr. Shine advised the Council that although the request was recommended for approval in July, 2003, the Commission inadvertently did not vote on the recommendation. It was resubmitted to allow proper processing to occur. The consensus of the Council was to recommend its previous decision.

Sutra Lounge, 109 S. W. 2nd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale: No one was present to represent the applicant. The consensus of the Council was that the applicant had demonstrated disproportionate cost for vertical accessibility, but expressed concern regarding the toilet room design. Staff will contact the applicant for additional information and place the waiver request on the August agenda.

Premiere Cinema, 3201 East Colonial Drive, Orlando: Mr. Daniel Farmer represented the applicant, which requested a waiver from providing vertical accessibility to all rows of seats in an existing 14-theater movie complex that is undergoing a \$2.87

million alteration. Wheelchair accessible seating locations and adjacent companion seats have been provided in accordance with the Florida Code; however, some wheelchair locations at the end of the rows. He submitted an estimate indicating it would cost an additional \$840,000-\$1,120,000 to install lifts to all rows of seats. The consensus of the Council was to recommend granting the request, provided revised plans are submitted identifying additional companion seats in twelve of the fourteen theaters, one additional accessible and two additional companion seats in Theater 13 and to relocate all accessible seating locations away from the end of the aisles.

Regal Cinemas at Gulf Coast Town Center, Ben Hill Griffin Parkway, Ft. Myers: Vice-Chairman Harding recognized Mr. Rodney Sartain as the applicant's representative. The applicant requested a waiver from providing vertical accessibility to all levels of seats in a new, \$7,000,000 16-theater movie complex. Wheelchair accessible seats and adjacent companion seating have been provided as required by the Florida Code. An estimated was submitted indicating it would cost an additional \$750,000 to install lifts to all rows of seats. The consensus of the Council was to recommend granting the request, provided the applicant submits revised plans identifying one additional companion seat in Theaters 80 and 11 and to move all accessible seats away from the aisles in Theaters 1 and 16.

The Loop, John Young Parkway, Kissimmee: Mr. Rodney Sartain represented the applicant provided as required by the Florida Code. An estimated was submitted indicating it would cost an additional \$750,000 to install lifts to all rows of seats. The consensus of the Council was to recommend granting the request, provided the applicant submits revised plans identifying one additional companion seat in Theaters 80 and 11 and to move all accessible seats away from the aisles in Theaters 1 and 16.

Cobb Lakeside 18, Lakeside Village, Lakeland: Vice-Chairman Harding recognized Mr. Rodney Sartain as the applicant's representative. The applicant requested a waiver from providing vertical accessibility to all levels of seats in a new, \$7,000,000 18-theater movie complex. Wheelchair accessible seats and adjacent companion seating have been provided as required by Florida Code. An estimate was submitted indicating it would cost an additional \$810,000 to install lifts to all rows of seats. The consensus of the Council was to recommend granting the waiver request.

Club Deep, 621 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach: Ms. Smith advised the Council the applicant requested being deferred until the August meeting.

City of Lake Mary Fire Department, 911 Wallace Road, Lake Mary: No one was present to represent the applicant which requested a waiver from making each individual toilet room accessible in the portion of a new, \$2.5 million multi-use municipal building that is used as living quarters for firefighters. The applicant contended that this is not a public area and the firefighters must be able bodied in accordance with state law. No specific estimates were provided, but if each toilet room is made accessible it will increase the square footage of the building with a corresponding increase in construction costs. The consensus of the Council was to recommended

granting the request, provided an accessible toilet for each sex is constructed in the living area. The recommendation was contingent on the use of the building remaining as a fire station, and should the occupant use change, a new waiver application must be filed.

Flagler Holding Company, Miami, Florida: Mr. Shine advised the Council that the Court has permitted the waiver application to be remanded back to the Commission for review at the August meeting. He stated Chairman Melick had advised he wanted a review of the Fire Marshal's determination a third exit was required, and a detailed cost breakdown.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 P.M.