ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
TELECONFERENCE MEETING FROM TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA
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2:00 PM

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL PRESENT:

Carol Stachurski, M. Chairperson       Joe Del Vecchio
Paul Viksne                           James Woolyhand

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL NOT PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Chip Sellers                           Mo Madani
April Hammonds                         Nick DuVal
Thomas Campbell                        Chris Howell
Chip Sellers                           Robert Benbow
Welcome:

Time:  2:00 pm

Mr. Sellers welcomed everyone to the teleconference call of the Accessibility Advisory Council. He asked that staff identify themselves for the record.

Roll Call:

Mr. Sellers performed roll call for the Accessibility Advisory Council. A quorum was determined with 4 out of 4 members present.

Agenda Approval:

Mr. Del Vecchio entered a motion to accept the agenda as posted. Mr. Viksne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

Approval of the Minutes from August 4, 2016:

Mr. Del Vecchio entered a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Viksne seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4 to 0.

Accessibility Waivers:

241 MIAMI LLC Waiver # 175 -

Mr. Sellers presented the waiver for 241 Miami LLC based on economic hardship and technical infeasibility deferred from the October 3, 2016 meeting for estimates.

The applicant was not on the call. It was determined that the estimates requested from the application deferral had not been received.

Mr. Del Vecchio entered a motion to deny based on lack of response and lack of evidence. Mr. Viksne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

Courtside Grille Waiver # 177 -

Mr. Sellers presented the waiver for Courtside Grille based on economic hardship deferred from the October 3, 2016 meeting for drawings and pictures to be provided.

Thomas Kosharek, owner was present on the call.
Courtside Grille Waiver # 177 - (cont.):

The Council viewed the drawings and photographs and asked questions of Mr. Kosharek. Mr. Kosharek was responsive to all of the questions presented.

Mr. Del Vecchio entered a motion to grant to the extent necessary. Mr. Woolyhand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

S2R Properties #203 -

Mr. Sellers presented the waiver for S2R properties based on historical significance and economic hardship.

Scott Kotorba and Matt Rossi were present on the call representing S2R Properties.

The Council viewed the drawings and photographs and asked questions of Mr. Kotorba. Mr. Kotorba was responsive to all of the questions presented.

Mr. Del Vecchio entered a motion to grant based on historical significance economic hardship. Mr. Woolyhand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

The Atlantis Building #191

Mr. Sellers presented the waiver for The Atlantis Building based on economic hardship.

Rebecca Collura and Randy Harris were present on the call representing The Atlantis Building.

Ms. Hammonds advised this waiver clearly exceeded the 20% threshold.

Mr. Schiffer asked questions as a public member. Ms. Collura provided responses.

Mr. Viksne entered a motion to grant based on economic hardship. Mr. Del Vecchio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

1443 West Suites Hotel #192 -

Mr. Sellers presented the waiver for 1443 West Suites Hotel based on economic hardship.

Maria Martinez Cuerda, owner was present on call representing 1443 West Suite Hotels.

Mr. Del Vecchio entered a motion to grant based on economic hardship. Mr. Viksne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.
A&S Courier International, LLC #196 -

Mr. Sellers presented the waiver for A&S Courier International, LLC based on economic hardship. He advised that this waiver was previously denied by the Council.

Hernan Lugo and Byron Andino were present on the call representing A & A Courier International, LLC.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the project estimates and the changes that occurred and how the numbers were established.

Mr. Viksne entered a motion to defer this request pending clarification of the estimate numbers and the exact projects that will be included in the new scope of work to include all previous estimates for comparison. Mr. Del Vecchio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

L. Fagan Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Village Bier Garten Restaurant #188 -

Mr. Sellers presented the waiver for Village Bier Garten Restaurant based on economic hardship.

No one present on the call representing the applicant.

Mr. Del Vecchio entered a motion to grant based on economic hardship.

Ms. Hammonds advised that the economic hardship only applies to existing construction and does not apply to new construction.

Mr. Del Vecchio asked how to propose a motion if the felt this company is using good faith to comply with the needs of the handicap.

Ms. Hammonds advised he could grant based on unreasonable hardship.

Mr. Del Vecchio entered a motion to grant based on unreasonable hardship. Mr. Viksne seconded the motion.

Mr. Schiffer questioned the fact that they are showing plans for the stairs and he also questioned what exactly is going to be taking place on this roof top.

Mr. Del Vecchio withdrew his motion to grant.

Mr. Del Vecchio entered a new motion to deny based on this project is new construction. Mr. Woolyhand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.
The Guest House Ocala #199 -

Mr. Sellers presented the waiver for The Guest House Ocala based on economic hardship.

Todd Scudder was on the line representing the applicant.

Mr. Woolyhand entered a motion to grant based on economic hardship. Mr. Del Vecchio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

The Fontane #200 -

Mr. Sellers presented the waiver for The Fontane based on economic hardship.

Melissa Lorenzo and Joe Comesana were on the call representing the applicant.

Mr. Del Vecchio asked for the total cost which was given in excess of 13 million dollars.

Ms. Hammonds stated the grounds they may be using would be technical infeasibility.

Mr. Del Vecchio entered a motion to grant based on technical infeasibility. Mr. Woolyhand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

Apopka Holdings LLC #198 -

Mr. Sellers presented the waiver for Apopka Holdings, LLC based on economic hardship.

Anthony Caserta, Attorney representing applicant was on the call as well as the owner Harbinder Ghulldi.

Mr. Del Vecchio entered a motion to grant based on economic hardship. Mr. Woolyhand seconded the motion.

Mr. Schiffer from the public questioned Mr. Caserta and Mr. Ghulldi regarding the number of buildings and the drawings on the system.

The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0 to grant.
Elestial Sound Studios #187 -

Mr. Sellers presented the waiver for Elestial Sound based on economic hardship.

Ms. Lorenzo and Mr. Comesana were on the call representing the applicant.

After lengthy discussion and the facts displayed that there will be a lift installed. Mr. Woolyhand entered a motion to conditionally grant to the extent necessary based on a lift being installed. Mr. Viksne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

Miami Lakes Office Center #201 -

Mr. Sellers presented the waiver for Miami Lakes Office Center based on economic hardship.

Larry Schneider was on the call representing the applicant and presented a power point presentation to the Council.

Mr. Del Vecchio entered a grant based on economic hardship. Mr. Viksne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0 to grant.

General Public Comment:

Wesley Castellanos stated they were late joining the call for waiver # 175 which was 241 Miami LLC and were asking to be heard on this waiver at this time.

Ms. Hammonds advised the Council that it was up to their discretion if they would like to take this up again, however the requested documents had not been received.

The Council decided to stand on their recommendation and advised the applicants that they could address the Commission at their meeting in St. Petersburg Beach, FL on December 13, 2016 that would begin at 8:30 a.m.

Council Comment:

There were no further comments from the Council.

Final Roll Call:

Mr. Sellers conducted final roll call and all four members were remaining on the call.

Adjournment: 4:01 p.m.