

**FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL**
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Thursday July 27, 2017
2:00 P.M.

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL PRESENT:

Carol Stachurski, M. Chairperson
Susan Whitmire

Paul Viksne
James Woolyhand

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL NOT PRESENT:

Darlene Laibl-Crowe

Joe Del Vecchio

STAFF PRESENT:

Mo Madani
Chip Sellers
Jim Hammers
Marlita Peters

Justin Vogel
Chris Howell
Robert Benbow

Welcome:

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Peters welcomed everyone to the teleconference meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Council.

Roll Call:

Ms. Peters performed roll call for the Accessibility Advisory Council. A quorum was determined with 4 members present.

Agenda Approval:

Robert Fine, Esq. stated he was representing four of the waivers to be heard today and requested a change in the agenda placing all four of his waivers together at the end. The change would move #11 to #7, #9 to #8, #10 to #9, #7 to #10 and #8 to #11 on the agenda.

Mr. Viksne entered a motion to accept the amended agenda as requested. Ms. Whitmire seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

Approval of the Minutes from June 1, 2017:

Mr. Viksne entered a motion to accept the minutes from June 1, 2017 as posted. Ms. Stachurski seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4 to 0.

Accessibility Waivers:

1200 Ocean Drive Change of Use #210 1200 Ocean Drive Miami Beach 33139 (Previously Deferred)

Mr. Sellers advised the Council deferred this waiver from the June 1, 2017 meeting. He advised that the staff recommendation is to deny based on information requested not being provided.

The applicant was not present at the meeting.

Ms. Whitmire entered a motion to deny based on information not received. Mr. Viksne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

Accessibility Waivers (cont.):

Pointe Parc Apartments #254 - 7524 Southside Blvd, Jacksonville 32256

Mr. Sellers provided background on the waiver and advised that the staff recommendation was to grant the waiver based on economic hardship.

Public Comment: Larry Schneider advised the Council that this complex is a fair housing project and should not be considered as he felt they did not have the authority.

The Council discussed options of possible deferment or staff recommendation.

Ms. Whitmire entered a motion to approve to the extent that is required. Mr. Viksne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

Seagull Hotel #260 - 100 21 Street, Miami Beach 33139

Mr. Benbow provided background on the waiver and advised that the staff recommendation was to grant the waiver based on economic hardship.

Ms. Whitmire 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.

Delta Zeta Sorority Alpha Sigma Chapter FSU House Renovation #246 - 749 West Jefferson Street, Tallahassee 32304

Mr. Benbow provided background on the waiver and advised that the staff recommendation was to grant the waiver based on economic hardship.

Ms. Stachurski 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.

Cabana Beach Club #178 - 619 Ponte Vedra Beach Boulevard, Ponte Vedra Beach 32082

Mr. Sellers provided background on the waiver and advised that the staff recommendation was to grant the waiver based on economic hardship.

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

Accessibility Waivers (cont.):

1895 Historical Downtown Stuart Home #259 - 311 SW 3rd Street, Stuart 3499

Mr. Sellers provided background on the waiver and advised that the staff recommendation was to grant based on the historic nature with regards to vertical accessibility, not including accessible parking, door opening pressure and restrooms.

Mr. Miller provided detail of the age of the building and the documentation secured to show the historic nature. He stated they would work to get the Federal requirement met but would not be able to comply with a front entry ramp due to the structure and area where the ramp would need to be installed.

Ms. Whitmire expressed her concerns on approving this waiver. She asked Legal Counsel for guidance.

Mr. Vogel advised that the Council is not required to approve based on historic nature. He did advise that they can approve on this basis.

Mr. Viksne entered a motion to grant based on historic nature with regards only to vertical accessibility, not including accessible parking, door opening pressure and restrooms. Ms. Stachurski seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 votes in favor and 1 vote against.

Guest Floor Renovation #255 - 1131 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach 33139

Mr. Benbow provided background on the waiver and advised that the staff recommendation was to grant based on the historic nature and technical infeasibility.

Ms. Stachurski entered a motion to grant based on historic nature and technical infeasibility. Mr. Viksne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

1536 Jefferson Avenue #262 - 1536 Jefferson Avenue, Miami Beach 33139

Mr. Benbow provided background on the waiver and advised that the staff recommendation was to grant based on the historic nature

Robert Fine, Esq. was present on the call representing 1536 Jefferson Avenue. He provided a detailed report including the historical information on the location of the building as well as the history on the structure.

Ms. Whitmire entered a motion to grant based on historic nature. Mr. Viksne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

Accessibility Waivers (cont.):

Abbey Hotel #257 - 300 21 Street, Miami Beach 33139

Mr. Benbow provided background on the waiver and advised that the staff recommendation was to grant based on the historic nature

Robert Fine, Esq. was present on the call representing Abbey Hotel. He provided a detailed report including the historical information on the location of the building as well as the history on the structure.

Ms. Whitmire entered a motion to grant based on historic nature. Mr. Viksne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

UPS Beacon Lakes #109 - no street address (Miami-Dade Folio No. 30-3935-000-0027), Miami 33182

Mr. Benbow provided background on the waiver and presented the Council with two options to consider:

Option #1: Staff recommends denying the request for waiver on the grounds of this being a new construction project.

Option #2: Staff recommends conditionally granting the waiver on the grounds that it would be unnecessary and unreasonable to require vertical accessibility to Complex "E," Complex "F," and to the main mezzanine and that the conditions be provided as part of the design to allow for future installation of vertical accessibility to these areas.

Robert Fine, Esq. was present on the call representing UPS Beacon Lakes. He provided a detailed report including blueprints of the facility.

Ms. Whitmire entered a motion to deny based on new construction. Mr. Woolyhand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

Centerra Townhomes #258 - 18000 SW 107 Avenue, Miami 33157

Mr. Benbow provided background on the waiver and advised that staff recommends denial of the waiver application on the basis of this project being new construction.

Robert Fine, Esq. was present on the call representing Centerra Townhomes. He provided a detailed report including blueprints of the facility.

Ms. Whitmire entered a motion to deny based on new construction. Ms. Stachurski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

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Public Comment: None

Final Roll Call:

Ms. Peters conducted final roll call and all 4 members were remaining on the call.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.