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**NOVEMBER 30, 2023
2:00 P.M.**

Minutes

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL PRESENT:

Lois Darlene Laibl-Crowe
Beth Meyer

Allison Klein
Paul Edward Viksne

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL NOT PRESENT:

Joe Del Vecchio, Chairman
Sila Miller

Stan De Aranzeta

STAFF PRESENT:

Marlita Peters
Sabrina Evans
Jim Hammers
Marlita Peters

Mo Madani
Chip Sellers
Justin Vogel

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 Council. A quorum was determined with 4 members present at roll call.

Agenda Approval:

Ms. Meyer entered a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting as posted. Ms. Klein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

Approval of the minutes from October 5, 2023:

Ms. Meyer entered a motion to approve the minutes from October 5, 2023, as posted. Mr. Viksne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

Commission's Action on October 2023 Waiver Applications:

Mr. Madani informed the committee that the Commission actions were consistent with the Council's recommendations.

Application for waiver from Accessibility Requirements:

- 1) **The Venue at the Historic Stanton Ford Building- Waiver 647-** 3H301 N Main Street, Hastings 32145- **ISSUE:** Vertical Accessibility to the Second Floor.

Mr. Sellers presented the waiver request with staff analysis and staff recommendation.

Analysis:

The applicant is requesting a waiver from providing vertical accessibility to the second floor of a historic two-story Ford auto dealership built in 1928 with 18,716 square feet. The proposed alteration will consist of a new addition to accommodate back-of-house activities such as docking and changing the use of the front of the two-story portion of the building to accommodate a lounge/lobby, bridal suite, and grooms. The project cost is \$800,000 for the alteration, and in the past three years, \$600,000 was spent on repairs to the structure. According to the Florida Department of State, the above-referenced property is a locally designated historic structure, and adding an elevator or LULA to the second story of the building could alter or destroy the historic fabric of the building and threaten its historical significance. The applicant has provided documentation confirming the historic significance of the property.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends granting the request for waiver for vertical accessibility on the grounds of the historical nature of the property.

Motion:

Ms. Klein entered a motion to grant the waiver for vertical accessibility on the grounds of the historical nature of the property. Mr. Viksne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

- 2) **Chrome Hearts LLC-Waiver 645-** 4502 Wine 2nd AV Hastings 32145- **ISSUE:**
Vertical Accessibility to the Second Floor.

Mr. Sellers presented the waiver request with staff analysis and staff recommendation.

Analysis:

The applicant is requesting a waiver from providing vertical accessibility to an existing two-story retail building with 5,496 square feet. The proposed alteration will consist of renovating the rear of the building and the ground-level restrooms. According to the applicant, installation of an elevator or lift would consume a substantial portion of the building's internal spatial capacity, rendering it technically infeasible to facilitate vertical access without compromising life-safety pathways, functional layout, and practical viability. The project cost is \$ 248,199 for the alteration. The applicant has submitted two cost estimates of \$274,351.10 and \$296,000 for an elevator. The applicant alleges that the hardship is caused by a condition or set of conditions affecting the owner which does not affect owners in general and substantial financial costs will be incurred by the owner if the waiver is denied.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends granting the request for waiver for vertical accessibility on the grounds of technical infeasibility and economic hardship.

Motion:

Mr. Viksne entered a motion to grant the waiver for vertical accessibility on the grounds of technical infeasibility. Ms. Laibl-Crowe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

Other Council Business:

None

Public Comment:

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None

Member and Staff Comment:

None

Adjourn:

There being no further business before the Council, Ms. Peters adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.