

**FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
CONFERENCE CALL/WEBINAR
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February 2, 2021
2:00 P.M.**

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL PRESENT:

Joe Del Vecchio, Chairman
Allison Klein

Paul Martell
Paul Viksne

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL NOT PRESENT:

Darlene Laibl-Crowe
James Woolyhand

Beth Meyer

STAFF PRESENT:

Mo Madani
Justin Vogel
Marlita Peters

Thomas Campbell
Chris Howell
Robert Benbow

Welcome:

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Peters welcomed everyone to the 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 on the call.

Agenda Approval:

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

Approval of Minutes December 7, 2020:

Mr. Viksne entered a motion to approve the minutes from December 7, 2020 as posted. Mr. Del Vecchio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

Commission's action on December 15, 2020 waiver applications:

Mr. Madani provided the actions taken by the Commission on the waivers recommended by the Council from the December 15, 2020, Commission meeting.

Accessibility Waivers:

Bernard Cap Warehouse Renovations – Waiver 494 - 620 W 27th Street, Hialeah 33010 - Issue: Vertical accessibility to the second floor.

Edward Martos was representing the property and provided additional information for the waiver request.

Mr. Benbow presented the waiver request with staff analysis and advised that the staff recommends granting the request for waiver for vertical accessibility on the grounds of economic hardship.

Martel entered a motion to grant the request for a waiver for vertical accessibility to the second floor based on the grounds of economic hardship. Ms. Klein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

Bodega Taqueria y Tequila – Waiver 503 - 3419 Main Highway, Miami 33133 - Issue:
Vertical accessibility to the mezzanine level.

Larry Schneider provided a detailed Power Point presentation of the property, laws and rules for waiver justification.

Mr. Benbow presented the waiver request with staff analysis and advised that the staff recommends granting the request for waiver for vertical accessibility on the grounds of economic hardship.

Public Comment:

Eduardo Fernandez advised that the building official listed on the application is incorrect and should be corrected.

Discussion followed among staff, building officials and the Council. There will be corrections made on the application prior to the Commission meeting.

Mr. Del Vecchio entered a motion to grant the request for a waiver for vertical accessibility to the mezzanine level based on the grounds of economic hardship. Mr. Viksne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

Public Comment: Mr. Fernandez stated the first waiver application should be reviewed for the correct building official.

Mr. Madani stated he would open the files for these waivers to be corrected if needed and would work with Mr. Fernandez through e-mail for correct name to be listed in that jurisdiction.

POC Comment: Mr. Martel stated he had a concern that the builders and owners should have the correct information pertaining to the building officials they are working with.

Mr. Vogel, Esq. stated that the correction of the information would have no bearing on the decision to grant the waivers and will be corrected through staff and Mr. Madani.

Final Roll Call:

Ms. Peters performed a final roll call and there were 4 members remaining on the line.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.