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DECEMBER 3, 2021

2:00 P.M.

Minutes

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL PRESENT:

Joe Del Vecchio, Chairman
James Woolyhand
Paul Edward Viksne

Allison Klien
Stan De Aranzeta

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL NOT PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Mo Madani
Justin Vogel
Robert Benbow
Marlita Peters

Thomas Campbell
Sabrina Evans
Jim Hammers

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 5 members present at roll call.

Agenda Approval:

Mr. Viksne entered a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting as posted. Mr. Del Vecchio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0.

Approval of the minutes from July 29, 2021:

Mr. Viksne entered a motion to approve the minutes from June 22, 2021 as posted. Mr. Del Vecchio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0.

Commission's Action on August 2021 Waiver Applications:

Mr. Madani informed the committee that actions are consistent with the Council action.

Applications for waiver from Accessibility Requirements:

- 1) Malibu Miami Beach- Wavier 484- 235 77 Street, Miami Beach 33414- Issue: vertical accessibility to the first and second floors.**

Analysis:

The applicant is requesting a waiver from providing vertical accessibility to the first and second floor of a historic apartment building built in 1940 with 3131 square feet and eight units. The applicant is changing the use of the existing building from apartments to a hotel. There will be no layout changes. The proposed alteration will consist of upgrading the floor tiles, kitchens, bathrooms, and exterior windows. The Applicant stated that there is no room for vertical accessibility or ADA ramps into the building as there is a lack of space. Also, the engineer stated that in order to comply with ADA requirements inside the building, the whole interior of the building would need to be demolished. 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 historical nature of the property and technical infeasibility.

Motion:

Mr. Viksne entered a motion to accept the wavier on the basic of the historical significance, technical and feasibility. Ms. Klein seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

2) Salzedo Salon-Wavier 534-2725 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables 33134- Issue vertical accessibility to the second floor.

Analysis:

The applicant is requesting a waiver from providing vertical accessibility to the second floor of an existing two-story building built in 1953 with retail and offices on ground floor and proposed new nail salon on second floor with 4336 square feet. The tenant build out cost for the proposed salon space is approximately \$125,000.00. The Architect stated that the building is built out to the property lines. In order to introduce an elevator or lift, the owner would need to remove the existing tenant, reduce the tenant areas, redesign the entire entry area of the building and redesign the stairs. Due to the age of the building and design of the structure, the structure would not be able to support the addition of an elevator. The applicant alleges the hardship is caused by a condition or set of conditions affecting the owner which does not affect owners in general.

Staff Recommendation:

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

Mr. Carlos Bravo, architect for the Salzedo Salon, stated he is here to answer any question if needed and stated the description provided by the staff is the same description they provided.

Mr. Viksne entered a motion to accept the wavier on the basis of technical infeasibility. Mr. Del Vecchio seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

Other Council Business:

None

Public Comment:

None

Member and Staff Comment:

None

Adjourn:

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There being no further business before the Council, Ms. Peters adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.