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**MAY 25, 2022
2:00 P.M.**

Minutes

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL PRESENT:

Joe Del Vecchio, Chairman
Stan De Aranzeta

Allison Klein
Paul Edward Viksne

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL NOT PRESENT:

Beth Meyer

STAFF PRESENT:

Mo Madani
Justin Vogel
Marlita Peters
Chip Sellers

Thomas Campbell
Sabrina Evans
Jim Hammers

Welcome:

Time: 2:04 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:

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 4 to 0.

Approval of the minutes from March 31, 2022:

Mr. Del Vecchio entered a motion to approve the minutes from March 31, 2022 as posted. Mr. Viksne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

Commission's Action on April 2022 Waiver Applications:

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

Application for waiver from Accessibility Requirements:

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

- 1) Bruton's Cigar Shop-Waiver 559-204 N. Collins St. Plant City 33139- Issue: vertical accessibility to the roof top deck.**

Analysis:

The applicant is requesting a waiver from providing vertical accessibility to the rooftop deck of a historic two-story retail store built in 1925 with 1,225 square feet. The existing building is an old service station which is being converted to a cigar bar and cigar sales facility. The project estimated construction cost is \$87,750.00. The interior of the building is about 50% retail and 50% lounge and bar area. As part of the project design, there will be an exterior open air seating and service area on the ground level with ADA access as well as access to the only restroom. In addition, the rooftop deck will be designed to provide for open air seating but offers no services. The Applicant stated that when they were trying to schedule the final inspection on the project, they were advised that the rooftop deck needs to be ADA compliant with a chair lift. However, after further research, it was determined that a chair lift would not be feasible as the height of the roof deck exceeds the travel distance limitation for a chair lift and that the only option for

compliance is to install an elevator. According to the applicant, an elevator or lift is not feasible given the project size and design. In addition, Florida Department of State has noted that the addition of an elevator would only cause further adverse impacts to the historic integrity of the building. 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.

Ms. Debby Keene introduced herself as the Contractor of the Bruton's Cigar Shop and stated that she is available to answer any questions.

Motion:

Mr. Viksne entered a motion to accept the waiver on the basis of the historical nature of the property. Ms. Klein seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3-1.

Other Council Business:

None

Public Comment:

None

Member and Staff Comment:

None

Adjourn:

There being no further business before the Council, Ms. Peters adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.