

**FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
May 13, 2003**

Chairman Neil Melick called the meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Council to order at 10:00 A.M. at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, Florida. Members present were Mr. Melick, Johnny Long, Pam Dorwarth and Michael Elliott. Staff present were Mary Kathryn Smith and Tim Dennis.

Review of the Minutes of the April 7, 2003 Meeting. Chairman Melick asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. Mr. Long moved to approve the minutes as written and following a second by Ms. Dorwarth, the vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Review of Applications for Waiver from Accessibility Requirements.

Sysco Food Service of Jacksonville, 1501 Lewis Industrial Drive, Jacksonville: The Council had previously recommended that the request be denied and since the applicant had provided no additional information, the prior action of the Council was affirmed.

Regal Cinemas at Kendall Village Center, 8595 S. W. 124 Avenue, Miami: Mr. Lawrence Corley represented the applicant which requested a waiver from providing vertical accessibility to all rows of seats in a new, \$6,000,000 16 theater movie complex. All theaters were designed to incorporate wheelchair seating in the ratio specified in the Florida code. The applicant included an estimate that it would cost an additional \$640,000 to provide lifts to all rows. Companion seats were designed adjacent to each wheelchair seating location. Mr. Long commended Mr. Corley for the design and moved to recommend granting the request. Following a second by Ms. Dorwarth, the vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Hollywood 18 Regal Cinemas, 2800 Oakwood Boulevard, Hollywood: Chairman Melick recognized Mr. Lawrence Corley. The applicant requested a waiver from providing vertical accessibility to all rows of seats in an 18 theater movie complex. The project is an existing facility that is being converted to include the stadium seat features. All theaters were designed to incorporate wheelchair seating in the ratio specified in the Florida code. The alteration will cost \$1,000,000 and the applicant included an estimate that it would cost an additional \$80,000-\$100,000 per theater to make each row accessible. Companion seats were designed adjacent to each wheelchair seating location. Ms. Dorwarth suggested slightly modifying the design to permit a T-turn at the aisles of the larger theaters and Mr. Corley agreed. Mr. Long moved to recommend granting the waiver, provided the plans are modified as suggested. Ms. Dorwarth seconded the motion and the vote of the Council was unanimous in favor thereof.

Laterra at the King and Bear Discovery Center, 140 Registry Boulevard, St. Augustine: Chairman Melick recognized Mr. Wayne Sloan who represented the applicant which requested a waiver from providing vertical accessibility to an elevated row containing nine seats in a presentation room (theater) in a real estate sales office. The room will be used to make presentations to potential clients, and the applicant indicated one required wheelchair accessible seat is located in the center of the front row. The seat is designed to be removable. Mr. Long moved to recommend granting the request, provided the wheelchair seating location is always vacant and a permanent designation on the accompanying companion seat be displayed. Following a second by Ms. Dorwarth, the vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Holmes Newman and Associates Interior Design, 104 N. E. 41st Street, Miami: Chairman Melick recognized Mr. Jeffery Gross who stated he had been contacted by the applicant which requested the review be deferred until the following meeting. Ms. Dorwarth moved to recommend deferring action on the application until the July meeting and was seconded by Mr. Long. The vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department, 975 S. W. 62nd Avenue, West Miami: Chairman Melick recognized Mr. Gianni Lehmann and Mr. David Gee as the applicant's representatives. The project is a fire rescue station which is housed in a former residence. The building is undergoing a minimum alteration in the portion of the facility that contains living quarters, EMS station, day room, watch room and administrative area. The alteration will cost \$53,400 and Mr. Gee stated it was structurally impracticable to upgrade the existing toilet facility to comply with the code. The only area that is open to the public is the watch room where people may obtain walk up assistance, blood pressure monitoring and general information. The entrance into the watch room is accessible; however, the watch room is connected to the day room by three steps. Also, the employee entrance leading directly into the day room is also accessed via steps. Since it is an existing building, the fire station is only required to provide program access, rather than full accessibility. The primary alteration is the addition of a new apparatus bay to the existing structure which will cost \$256,540. Mr. Long moved to recommend granting the request provided the applicant provide an accessible public toilet adjacent to the watch room. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion, and the vote of the Council was as follows: Aye: Melick, Long and Elliott. Nay: Dorwarth.

Econo Lodge Inn and Suite, 4900 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood: No one was present representing the applicant and Chairman Melick commented that he had numerous questions that would need to be answered before he was prepared to make a recommendation. Ms. Dorwarth moved to defer action on the application and following a second by Mr. Elliott, the vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the motion.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 P.M.