

**ABBREVIATED MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 21, 2012**

The Planning Commission met in the City of Bradenton Council Chambers, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida on March 21, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Present:

Planning Commission Members: Jason Taylor, Chair; Adam Buskirk, Vice Chair; Peter Keenan, Joseph Thompson, Richard Whetstone

City Staff: Tim Polk- Planning Director; Brady Woods-Development Review Manager; Kenneth Langston-Fire Marshal; Arlan Cummings-Public Works; Karen Aihara-Executive Planning Administrator

Absent:

Planning Commission Members: Diane Barcus, Allen Yearick, Allen Prewitt, O.M. Griffith (alternate), Gregg Guinta (alternate)

REGULAR MEETING

- Meeting was called to order by the Planning Commission Chair, Mr. Taylor at 2:00 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Whetstone.
- Ms. Aihara swore in all those wishing to speak before the Commission.
- Approval of Minutes – Mr. Buskirk made a motion to approve the January 18, 2012 meeting minutes, second by Mr. Thompson, approved 5-0.

BUSINESS

AB.12.0018 WARD 1 NEIGHBORHOOD 4.07 BMW

Request of Kevin Parker, agent, for ARC Bradenton Management d/b/a Freedom Village, owner, for alcohol beverage license (4-COP) to sell of beer, wine, and liquor at Freedom Village located at 6406 21st Avenue West (zoned PDP).

Mr. Woods read the request. Kevin Parker, Executive Director Freedom Village, 6406 21st Avenue West, gave an overview of this request and introduced Eric Babb, Catering Manager and Jay Barnes, President of Freedom Village Resident Council.

Public Hearing:

- Mr. Jay Barnes, 6424 Manatee Ave West, expressed support of the 4-COP license.
- Mr. Buskirk asked about the percentage of resident support for expansion of license. Mr. Barnes stated that the majority of residents supported the request.
- Public Hearing was closed.

Public Works/Fire:

- Public Works and Fire has no objections.

Staff Recommendation:

Mr. Woods said staff recommendation is for **APPROVAL** with one stipulation.

1. The sale of alcoholic beverages is approved in conjunction with the dining facilities. If the dining facilities are eliminated, additional review and consideration by the City Council will be required.

Planning Commission Questions/Comments:

- Mr. Whetstone asked about the location of service. Mr. Parker responded that the service will remain in the same locations as the approved 2-COP.
- Mr. Whetstone asked about the servers. Mr. Babb responded that the alcohol is served by CHP certified staff and sending them to bartending classes.
- Mr. Taylor asked if for a special function service would be extended beyond the map designated areas. Mr. Babb responded that service will be in bars, not beyond designated areas.
- Mr. Taylor asked if for the auditorium functions, would there be servers taking orders for drinks. Mr. Babb responded, no people would have to go to the bar location.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: Motion by Mr. Thompson for APPROVAL of AB.12.0018 with the one stipulation. Second by Mr. Whetstone. Motion approved 5-0.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

- Name badges were distributed by Mr. Polk.
- CCRA Urban Format Grocery Store was presented by Mr. Polk. This grocery will be in the Form-Based Code area. The U-turn will remain the same. Mr. Buskirk expressed visibility concern of locating a bank on 13th Avenue West. Mr. Polk stated that Urban Format grocery store is defined as neighborhood market which is pedestrian friendly, less than 40,000 sq. ft., often stand alone, multi-modal with bus shelter, bikes, and walkability aspect. CCRA and Public Works will remove existing structures and use New Market Tax Credits. This will be a gateway project and will pave the way for future development. Proposed start in August 2012 and ready by early 2013.

Next Planning Commission is scheduled on April 18.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Keenan, meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.



Jason Taylor, Chairman

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