

**ABBREVIATED MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
June 17, 2015**

The Planning Commission met in the City of Bradenton Council Chambers, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida on June 17, 2015 at 2:00 pm.

Present:

Planning Commission Members: Ben Bakker-Chair, Diane Barcus, Peter Keenan, Stuart Moon Jr., Richard Whetstone

City Staff: Tim Polk- Planning Director; Brady Woods-Development Services Manager; Tatiana Gonzalez-GIS/Planner; Officer Camacho-Police; Karen Aihara-Executive Planning Administrator, Kim Clayback-Public Works

Absent:

Planning Commission Members: Veronica Rogers, Darin Autrey (alternate), O.M. Griffith (alternate)

City Staff: Ken Langston-Fire Marshal

REGULAR MEETING

- Meeting was called to order by the Planning Commission Chair, Mr. Bakker at 2:00 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Minutes: May 20, 2015 minutes motion to approve by Ms. Barcus/second Mr. Moon, approved 5-0.
- Speakers were sworn in by Ms. Aihara.

NEW BUSINESS

SU.15.2102 WARD 5 NEIGHBORHOOD 7.03

Request of Charlie Rotondo, agent for Harry Bakker, owner for an Auto Sales use at 708 Manatee Avenue East (zoned T5).

Ms. Gonzalez introduced the establishment of an automotive sales use request with staff presentation, staff evaluation, recommendations with three stipulations:

1. Hours of operation as stated by the applicant: 9AM to 6PM, Monday through Saturday.
2. Total number of vehicles on display not to exceed fourteen (14).
3. Secondary security measures are required for vehicles on display.

Planning Commission Questions/Comments to Staff:

- Ms. Barcus asked what is the allowable square footage on the pole sign? Ms. Gonzalez said because the business is in the form-based code, the request would have to be reviewed. Mr. Bakker stated that McGee Signs worked on the existing sign and changed out the cabinet. The applicant will probably need a variance to add pole signage, or strip and reface the existing panel with both names.
- Ms. Barcus asked about Phase 2 of the café. Ms. Gonzalez said that the previous request has expired and there is no Phase 2 or intention to add a café.

Planning Commission Questions/Comments to Applicant:

Charles Rontondo, 708 Manatee Avenue East, gave an overview of the Rontondo family and distributed Exhibit A to the Commissioners.

Steven Rontondo, 203 7th Ave West, Palmetto gave an overview of his automotive experience and business model.

STAFF: No objections from Public Works or Police.

PUBLIC HEARING: No one appeared for or against. Public Hearing was closed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The School District had no comments on this request. Ms. Gonzalez requested APPROVAL of SU.15.2102 with three stipulations:

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2. Total number of vehicles on display not to exceed fourteen (14).
3. Secondary security measures are required for vehicles on display.

Mr. Bakker stated that he is recusing himself from this vote due to the fact that the property is owned by HJB Properties. Form 8B is attached to the minutes (Exhibit B).

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Motion to Approve the request of Charlie Rotondo, agent for Harry Bakker, owner for an Auto Sales use at 708 Manatee Avenue East (zoned T5) with three stipulations (Whetstone/Keenan) approved 4-0, recusal by Bakker. The next public hearing will be before City Council on July 15, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

- Presentation to Peter Keenan for 6 years of service on the Planning Commission.
- Presentation to Brady M. Woods for 4 years of service on the Planning Commission.

NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING - Wednesday, July 8, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 2:40 p.m. (Barcus/Keenan).

Benjamin Bakker, Chairman

NOTE: This is not a verbatim record. An audio CD or DVD recording of the meeting is available for a fee upon request.