



Variance Review Board
City Council Chambers

City Hall
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Tampa, Florida 33602

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MINUTES

(as of February 9th, 2010)

MEETING DATE: February 9, 2010

MEETING TIME: 6:30 PM

I. ROLL CALL

Antonio Amadeo, Steve Labour, Lucinda Utter, Gennaro DiNola, Randy Barron,
Randy O'Kelley, Sue Lyon

Staff Present: Eric Cotton (LDC), Joel Sousa (LDC), Ernie Mueller (Legal), Roger Kirk (Transportation)

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR January 12, 2010

Mr. Baron moved to approve the minutes and was seconded by Mr. LaBour. The motion passed 7-0.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES REGARDING AGENDA

PETITION:	VRB10-20
PETITIONER:	Lambo One, LLC
AGENT:	Anne Pollack
LOCATION:	1248 E Fowler Ave.
REQUEST:	To increase the sign area from 50 SF to 114.65 SF; To increase the sign height from 17' to 20'; to reduce the sign setback from 15' to 12.6' (E. Fowler

Ave.), and reduce setback from 15' to 9.5' (N 14th Street).
PURPOSE: To add a non-activated electronic message sign.
NEIGHBORHOOD: University Square Civic Assn.
Petitioner is requesting a continuance to the March 2010 hearing, from the February 2010 hearing due to some unresolved issues.

Mr. LaBour moved to continue the case and was seconded by Mr. Baron. The motion passed 7-0.

IV. OLD BUSINESS: Cases Continued/ Mis-Notice

PETITION: VRB10-14
PETITIONER: Garrett Bode
AGENT: Stephen Michelini
LOCATION: 4209 E Busch Blvd.
REQUEST: To reduce the front yard setback from 15' to 4', and increase the square footage of copy from 50' to 60'.
PURPOSE: To remodel an existing free standing sign to add an electronic message center sign
NEIGHBORHOOD: Terrace Park

Mr. Sousa introduced the case and summarized the request.

Mr. Michelini explained the age of the sign and that the existing sign met the previous sign code. The current sign is now legal, nonconforming. The request is to change out the sign to allow for an electronic messaging sign. This requires the variance because of the age of the existing sign.

Mr. Michelini argued that the speed of traffic on Busch Boulevard requires the signage that is being requested.

The Board asked for clarification of the size and Code provisions. Mr. Michelini showed pictures of other signs indicating the height and size of the other signs being larger than the proposed sign.

Dr. Cobb (business owner) spoke in support of the sign and that it is not financially feasible to move the sign in accordance with the Code.

There was Board discussion regarding the height and square footage. The issue was discussed with the petitioner.

Mr. Michelini withdrew the request to increase the square footage and keeping the setback variance the way it was requested.

Mr. Baron moved to approve the setback reduction from 15' to 4' and was seconded by Mr. LaBour. The motion passed 7-0.

PETITION: VRB10-16
PETITIONER: Gregory Stinson
AGENT: Stephen Michelini
LOCATION: 3018 Emerson Street
REQUEST: To reduce wetland setback from 25' to 14'
PURPOSE: To construct a pool
NEIGHBORHOOD: Sunset Park Area Homeowners Assn. Inc.

Mr. Sousa introduced the case and summarized the request.

Mr. Michelini presented the case, showing pictures and the statement from the EPC indicating that they had no objection to the request.

Mr. DiNola moved to approve and was seconded by Mr. LaBour. The motion passed 7-0.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. TREE & LANDSCAPE / TRANSPORTATION / SIGN VARIANCES

PETITION: VRB10-19
PETITIONER: 4447 Associate
AGENT: Jack Borys
LOCATION: 4316 W Gandy Blvd.
REQUEST: To increase sign height from 10' to 15'
PURPOSE: To elevate an existing free standing sign
NEIGHBORHOOD: Gandy/Sunbay South Civic Assn., Bayside West Neighborhood Assn.

Mr. Sousa introduced the case and summarized the request.

Mr. Borys explained the request and the additional height, showing pictures of the property and the obstructions that affect the visibility.

Mr. LaBour moved to approve and was seconded by Mr. DiNola. The motion passed 7-0.

B. GENERAL VARIANCES

PETITION: VRB10-17
PETITIONER: Augusto Munoz
AGENT: N/A
LOCATION: 2514 W Sunset Drive
REQUEST: Increase accessory structure height from 15' to 25' and to reduce the rear yard setback from 3' to 0.3'
PURPOSE: To construct 2nd story addition over a garage
NEIGHBORHOOD: New Suburb Beautiful Civic Association

Mr. Sousa introduced the case and summarized the request.

Mr. Munoz presented his case, explaining the need for the second story for a home office. This is a result of the need for the property owner to care for a relative.

Discussion ensued regarding the request and the need for the rear yard setback.

Mr. Baron moved to approve and was seconded by Mr. O'Kelley. The motion passed 7-0.

PETITION: VRB10-18
PETITIONER: Robert Kline & Carol Jean LoCicero
AGENT: N/A
LOCATION: 1206 S Suffolk Drive
REQUEST: Reduce side yard setback from 7' to 5'8"
PURPOSE: To attach laundry room to the main house
NEIGHBORHOOD: Culbreath Bayou Neighborhood Assn.

Mr. Sousa introduced the case and summarized the request.

Mr. Kline explained the variance need and the enclosure of a covered patio causing the structure to meet main structure setbacks.

Mr. Baron moved to approve with the request (tied to the site plan) and was seconded by Mr. DiNola. The motion passed 7-0.

VI. BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Election of a new Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Nominations were opened for Chair. Mr. O'Kelley moved to nominate Mr. Baron, who declined. Mr. Baron nominated Mr. Amadeo. The motion passed 7-0.

Nominations were opened for Vice-Chair. Mr. Baron nominated Mr. O'Kelley. The motion passed 7-0.

Security and Use of Council Chambers facilities.

Mr. Sousa summarized a memo from Council Chair Scott regarding access to the back area of Council Chambers.