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DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD MEETING

Proceedings held on Thursday, June 9, 2022,
commencing at 2:00 p.m., at the Jacksonville Downtown/Main Library, 303 North Laura Street, Multipurpose Room, Jacksonville, Florida, before Diane M. Tropia, FPR, a Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at Large.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
TREVOR LEE, Chairman. MATT BROCKELMAN, Board Member. FREDERICK JONES, Board Member. CRAIG DAVISSON, Board Member.
CHRISTIAN HARDEN, Board Member
WILLIAM J. SCHILLING, JR., Board Member.
JOSEPH LORETTA, Board Member.
GARY MONAHAN, Board Member
LINZEE OTT, Board Member, via Zoom.
ALSO PRESENT:
GUY PAROLA, DIA, Operations Manager.
INA MEZINI, DIA, Marketing and Communications
SUSAN GRANDIN, Office of General Counsel
AL FERRARO, City Council Member.

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## PROCEEDINGS

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2:00 p.m.

THE CHAIRMAN: So I'll call to order the Downtown Development Review Board meeting for Thursday, June 9th, 2022.

We'll start with our first action item, approval of the May 12th, 2022, DDRB regular meeting minutes.

Is there any discussion?
BOARD MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Hearing none, I'll accept a motion.

BOARD MEMBER MONAHAN: Motion to approve.
BOARD MEMBER JONES: Second.
THE CHAIRMAN: We have a motion to approve from Mr. Monahan and a second by Mr. Jones.

For the board, if you do want to speak, please make sure you push your button.

All those in favor, please say aye.
BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?
BOARD MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: I would also like to recognize that Board Member Linzee Ott is online joining us. She will be able to vote.

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Thank you for joining us, Ms. Ott.
We'll move on to Item B, DDRB 2022-010, JHS Casket Factory Renovations, conceptual approval.

Ms. Mezini, do you have a staff report?
MS. MEZINI: That will be Mr. Parola, please.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
Mr. Parola, staff report.
MR. PAROLA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
I'm waiting for the PowerPoint to come up here a little more and then I'll start talking.

Okay. Thank you.
So the first slide shows you where the property is and the subject building. There are two buildings on this property. Arguably, the crown jewel of it being not this building, but the old (audio malfunction) hospital building, and that's why the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Society, I believe, has their offices there. And right now I believe this building is being used for storage and documents and artifacts and stuff.

Slide, please.
Again, this is an aerial. We've circled
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the building in white. You can see that it's at the junction there of Duval Street and (audio malfunction).

So this is the site plan, as you can see, a huge 11-by-17 of it.

Next slide.
If you can show the slide that shows the site plan overlaid on an aerial photograph -so we went through all of that exercise just so you can kind of see how the site lays out.

Two things are sort of happening within this application. And, again, this is for conceptual approval, so they will have to come back for final approval after they go through the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission.

The first things you guys see on here is where it -- (audio malfunction).

The first thing you'll see is where it says "existing parking repair." So they are not creating new surface parking, but they are going to create a parking lot that has landscaping and the like and, again, restripe
it. And that striping plan and landscaping plan, I believe, are in the documents that I

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handed out to you.
The Florida Casket Company building, that's the building that's -- that's in question here. If you look very closely into it, you're going to see two wings on either side of it -- so that either side being the west and east -- where they're proposing two stucco additions to it. Inside of those additions are stairwells for secondary ingress and egress, as well as -- I believe they have some (audio malfunction) there as well.

I apologize. Thank you for that. I'll wait until Ms. Mezini can go to the next slide.

How do you like the presentation so far, Mr. Chairman?

THE CHAIRMAN: It's been wonderful. Thank you, Mr. Parola.

MR. PAROLA: This is the existing building with the south facade, the east and north facades, and the west and north facades. What you see on the south facade is that the first floor area, all those windows have been sort of covered up with brick. And likewise on the north elevation.

So if you look at the east and north
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facades and if you look at the west and north facade photographs, you will see that the second and first floor windows have been covered up. They've probably been like that for a long period of time. And you'll see that the third floor is where actually we see some glazing maintained.

Slide, please.
So this is essentially what they're asking to do. You can kind of see in it, the parking area, but you can see the two stucco additions. I believe the applicant is here, or the applicant's architect, and they can kind of walk you through it.

Next slide, please.
This is our recommendation. And so one thing I want to kind of walk through is that this building does have to go back to the Historic Preservation Commission prior it -prior to it coming to you for final approval.

We give great deference to the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission when we deal with such buildings. Typically, we don't even express some of the concerns that we would at -- on a conceptual level that we

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have expressed in this staff report, but we've had conversations between departmental staff, and we feel we're on the same page in that our concerns and comments in here will probably be echoed, if they haven't been already, and probably to a much more professional extent through the Planning and Development staff.

For the benefit of anyone who can't read the recommendations, they are on the slide right now. I'll just kind of paraphrase each one.

The applicant/architect will discuss the lack of transparency. So we're specifically concerned with the north facade. So the first and second floor, as you can see, those were -those windows were enclosed. The east and west additions seem to lack any sort of glazing. There might be a reason for that, but that is a concern of ours. And it is also against -- or is not consistent with our downtown design guidelines.

The applicant will receive a Certificate of Appropriateness, or whatever the functional equivalent may be, as they proceed to the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission.

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That has to be presented to this board prior to you all taking final action.

For the benefit of new board members, the reason we do that is we like to give deference to whatever subject matter expert board may also have to act on something. That something in this case is the -- the building, and that body is the Historic Preservation Commission.

The applicant shall submit color elevations. So, really, I would guide the architect and the applicant to read the section of our Ordinance Code that talks about what is required to be submitted as part of the final development approval in front of this body.

And then they shall submit a site plan showing trash receptacles. We're going through a big effort right now to try and screen these things, and so I think you're going to be seeing that condition a lot when it's not readily apparent on a site plan where they are.

To that -- and I'm here for any questions. I believe the architect for the applicant may be in the audience.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Parola. Excellent job with the staff report. Thank

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you.
If we could have the applicant -- if the applicant has a presentation.

As a reminder to those coming to the podium to speak, please state your name and address for the record.
(Mr. Blake approaches the podium.)
MR. BLAKE: Michael Blake. I'm an architect on the project. Our office is at 904 Margaret Street.

So, in general, the -- the idea is to bring a new purpose to the building. The Jacksonville Historical Society has their main offices in the historic St. Luke's Hospital, in the adjacent building.

When the old courthouse was torn down, all of the records and archives that were buried in the building was inherited by the Historical Society and were temporarily stored in the building. And I think there's some things from the Times-Union that they've inherited, and they're trying to use the second floor for archive storage and research.

The first floor would be dedicated for use as a music museum and the top floor would be

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open for use as an event venue.
The scope of work is really to do repairs to the building. And it does not have an adequate means of egress, so we've added an egress stair at each end. It does not have ADA-compliant bathrooms or their -- an HVAC system. So all of the bare minimums to operate as a commercial building have been added.

We've tried to set the -- the additions at the opposite ends and concentrate the new construction together, and to minimize the impact on the historic building, and leave the interiors of the building as open and untouched as possible.

We've added the additions with a different exterior veneer to differentiate the historic building from the new and to not detract from the historic character.

And we have a site meeting on Monday with the Historic Preservation, on site.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Appreciate that.

Before we move into board comments, Ms. Mezini, are there any public comments?

MS. MEZINI: Yes. We have a hand raised
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on Zoom, Mr. Stanley Scott.
Mr. Scott, if you will unmute and begin, I'll start the timer.

ZOOM MEMBER: Is this public comment or --
MS. MEZINI: Yes, sir. It's public
comment.
ZOOM MEMBER: Okay. Public comment.
So hello to everybody.
First, I'm -- I'm reaching out today concerning LaVilla, the development of LaVilla with the advisory board. When I read over the information, I was appalled by the fact that there was no economic development component attached to that. How can that be? Once again, how can that be?

You want to talk about the artwork, the -the apartments, but what about working? When I talk about work, I'm talking about career, I'm talking about jobs, jobs -- middle-class jobs for that community, for LaVilla over there.

Now, once again, I'm appalled by the fact that that was not on the paperwork. Now, to -to me, if I look at it, that mean that you only concerned about -- once again, your only concern is some artwork and some historical

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information.
Why do that continue to happen when it come to the African-American community? We are not able to create opportunity for the people living in the area, or the surrounding area, or play a -- a big part of development?

When you talk about development, we talking about economic development. I'm not the only person that brought that up. I've been bringing it up at the -- at the advisory meeting, but I wanted to put it on the record. That is -- it's a shame that economic development has not been addressed.

And number two, in closing, very briefly, I'm appalled by the fact that -- with me being a resident of LaVilla, as a child -- I live in LaVilla at the present time. I run an economic think tank and also I'm very active in the community, especially in that department, in the -- that we're talking about at the present time because I have been there many times to meetings.

Why was the think tank not allowed to be on the advisory board?

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MS. MEZINI: No further public comment.
Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Ms. Mezini.
We'll move on to board comments. Before I
do, I'd like to recognize Council Member
Ferraro.
Sir, thank you for joining us today.
Appreciate that.
We'll start over here with Mr. Jones.
BOARD MEMBER JONES: Good afternoon.
Thank you, Mr. Chair.
This project is -- like I said, I don't
really have a whole lot of subjective
questions. The only thing, again, echoing
staff's concern about the transparency on the
first floor, I'd just like to really hear a
little bit more from the architect, the intent, whether it's driven by the intent of this being sort of a music studio and there's need for acoustics or is it because of the portion of the elevated expressway that still remains that runs along the north side of the building, and if that being a barrier to the walkability and transparency of the building.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Jones.
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Mr. Monahan.
BOARD MEMBER MONAHAN: No comments, Mr. Chair.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Monahan.
Mr. Loretta.
BOARD MEMBER LORETTA: I guess since we do have the architect here, we may as well just ask him why, right? I mean, is it -- is it going to be three buildings -- a three-floor building?

MR. BLAKE: Yes. The building is three stories. The existing first floor windows are closed, and so we are renovating it for future use as a museum.

We anticipate an additional phase of work where the museum displays and lighting -specific to whatever moves in. I think the general intent is to showcase music history of Jacksonville, and exactly what that looks like would be a separate project.

The --
BOARD MEMBER LORETTA: So --
MR. BLAKE: On the north side, the elevated street theater, you're at eye level with the third floor most of the way. And

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1 the -- in the past there's been security concerns, so the windows have been closed and we've just left them in that condition at this point.

BOARD MEMBER LORETTA: So really there will be almost no natural light on the first floor?

MR. BLAKE: That's correct, at this point.
BOARD MEMBER LORETTA: I have no further questions, then. I'll allow staff to figure this out with the applicant.

Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Loretta.
Mr. Davisson.
BOARD MEMBER DAVISSON: Yeah, I've got a -- if you could remain there.

Was there ever consideration -- you've got two means of egress. Was there ever consideration to have stairs that were attached to the building that you've done, exposed, without being in the envelope of the building to save costs?

MR. BLAKE: Yes. So the stair at the west is open. I mean, it is unconditioned space, so there -- it's -- to save costs, we've not

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conditioned that stair. It's only a stair at the west. The east addition, we'll also have the toilet rooms and an additional stair and mechanical equipment on top that serves each of the floors.

BOARD MEMBER DAVISSON: I guess -- I'm almost kind of at a loss for words on this building. You know, I would think that the Historic Commission -- and I'll give my nod to what they're -- they're saying is, but, you know, I know that their mission is to enhance and protect the value of the building. And these two additions that are just basically just two -- just stucco walls that are -they're slapped on the side of the building. I just don't think -- you know, I heard you make the comment that we're doing something that doesn't distract from the historical character. And I -- personally, I think it does.

I understand the need that -- or the lack of need, you know, when you're doing archives, museum space, theaters, things like that, that you don't need -- you don't want natural lighting, but there's ways to handle that.

I think that the stairs are a great
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opportunity. I'm not advising you how to design your building, but the stairs are a great opportunity to expose and embellish -- I just -- I just don't see that the design solution has, you know, any distinguishing characteristics that are suitable or appropriate.

That's all.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Davisson.
Mr. Brockelman.
BOARD MEMBER BROCKELMAN: Thank you,
Mr. Chairman.
I completely agree with Mr. Davisson, so I'll just leave it there and kind of echo those sentiments.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Brockelman. Mr. Schilling.
BOARD MEMBER SCHILLING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

And I'll ask the applicant, through the Chair, and -- so certainly in this phase from the drawings, it -- it shows that the windows that are bricked in on the north and south are going to stay bricked in, but is that something that is more of an interim condition that you

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would see? Has there been any discussion in the future of restoring those windows?

MR. BLAKE: So at this point, the -- the intent was to get the building conditioned so that it could be used for archive storage and then gradually move into the building, start holding events on the third floor and work towards what the museum on the first floor would be. But at this point, we've just tried to create a building envelope with the mechanical systems to house those things, and -- and that's as far as we've gone.

BOARD MEMBER SCHILLING: Okay. All right.
And then -- so I'd add -- you know, I know some concerns have been raised. And I'll share that, without having color renderings, I'm -I'm having a tough time visualizing what this is going to look like and the colors that y'all are talking about on this expansion and how that's going to look with the existing brick that's the historical part of the building.

And so, Mr. Chairman, at -- but at the same time, I'd like to see this keep moving forward and I wouldn't want to hold this up at the conceptual level, but I -- Mr. Chairman,

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I'd go one step further that on the condition the staff recommended of color renderings -knowing sometimes that a color rendering is only as good as the printer it was printed on, I'd ask if we could also ask the applicant to provide some color samples and maybe a material board for final so we could -- we could really understand what that's going to look like.

MR. PAROLA: Thank you.
If I may, through the Chair, that's a super good point, Mr. Schilling. That's why I sort of, in a roundabout way, guided them to look at what's required to be submitted at final because exactly what you said is required to be submitted at final is -- is a material board, so --

BOARD MEMBER SCHILLING: Perfect.
And those are my only comments.
Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Schilling.
Ms. Ott, any comments?
BOARD MEMBER OTT: Hi. Thank you. Sorry I couldn't be with you all today.

Mr. Blake, I did have one question. I know you're not the applicant. But do you have

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any idea what type of events the JHS intends or envisions using the third floor space for?

MR. BLAKE: I don't know that they are limiting it. I would assume that it would be open to any sort of event. I'm sure that they would like to rent it out to whoever would like to rent it.

BOARD MEMBER OTT: Okay. I'm thinking, in -- in my own experience with a local organization and their event space, we get a lot of requests for weddings, and vow renewals are popular as well. And in this space -- I know particularly that we hear how valuable natural light is at those events for those clients, so that would just be my -- my piece of feedback and just thoughts along the event space train of thought. Otherwise, I would echo the comments of my colleagues.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Ms. Ott. Appreciate those comments.

Council Member Ferraro.
COUNCIL MEMBER FERRARO: Thank you.
I just need a little clarification. I was looking at -- here, where you said the east elevation with the new stairs and a toilet room

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addition. So I'm not really sure how this works. I know it's a museum and you're looking at doing entertainment. So if somebody is challenged in a wheelchair or something, would that be part of this?

MR. BLAKE: The existing building had a freight elevator and it's been modernized to be a passenger elevator, and that's already in the building. At the -- at the east end, and so it will have an elevator on this, functioning and operational, at the completion of this project. I mean, it's already there now.

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRARO: Okay. I'm sorry. Through the Chair, so if you're doing the events, you would be ADA-compliant with --

MR. BLAKE: Yes.
COUNCIL MEMBER FERRARO: -- the historical part?

MR. BLAKE: Yes.
COUNCIL MEMBER FERRARO: Okay.
MR. BLAKE: Yes. It would be completely
ADA-compliant at all levels at the completion of this project. And I think that the
Historical Society would immediately start
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using the space for archive storage, particularly at the second floor level.

I think they intend to have people that are doing research assignments and that would use their resources for book research to use that area, kind of like a library at study carrols and minimal staff. And you could fully occupy the second and third floor immediately. The museum space would come later.

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRARO: Okay. Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Council Member Ferraro. Appreciate that.

A couple of comments myself. I recognize that the building is a brick building and it was utilitarian in its use, it's devoid of a lot of decoration, but there is something handsome about it. I mean, it is a brick building, it has very large windows. I recognize some of them are blocked up, but they may be able to be reused at some point in the future.

I take issue with the additions. I disagree that these would fade to the background and not detract from the architecture of the building. I think they

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absolutely would. I think, in fact, that they would stand out as additions that would detract from what is a relatively handsome, old, brick building.

And so I would encourage you to continue working on your design and refining it to do what you said it would do, which is not detract from the historic nature of the building, recognizing that, again, it's devoid of a lot of decorations and other things that you might be able to draw on.

It's challenging to let this continue to move forward. I don't want to stop it because I want you to continue, but at the same time I think this needs a lot of work. And it does need illustrations that the nonarchitect board members can evaluate properly and give you good feedback.

I consider, too, that the canopy seems very out of place. I recognize it might be a third-party provider, you may not design it directly, but work with them on selecting something that will be a good fit for this building. Right now this isn't.

So anyway, that's my feedback. I'll leave
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it to the board to continue to make recommendations to move forward.

BOARD MEMBER MONAHAN: Mr. Chair, one more comment, if I may.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, please, Mr. Monahan.
BOARD MEMBER MONAHAN: On the historical archives section of the building, to your knowledge -- working in the museum myself, you know, a lot of those rooms are temperature and humidity controlled. Do you know that if this will be -- and if so, the -- that equipment will be housed where? And if it is in place, I would recommend significant screening.

THE CHAIRMAN: You can respond if you would like.

MR. BLAKE: The equipment will be located on the roof and there's a parapet that would conceal it. And it will be conditioned from the completion of this project for the use as a museum, archives, and the event space.

THE CHAIRMAN: Excellent point, Mr. Monahan. If I could add, we've had challenges screening rooftop equipment in the past, so I would encourage you to articulate and design out exactly the size of the

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equipment on the roof and show us illustrations
from the public right-of-way that you will not see any rooftop equipment with a diagram.

MR. BLAKE: Okay.
THE CHAIRMAN: If there are no further comments -- please, Mr. Jones.

BOARD MEMBER JONES: I do have one other question, and this is probably related more to the street because, again, just thinking about the experience -- and I don't know if the City has had discussions. Is this section of Duval Street Jacksonville or is it FDOT?

MR. PAROLA: To my knowledge, it's Jacksonville. And it's going to remain in place. You know how it functions. And it's -nothing is going anywhere with it.

BOARD MEMBER JONES: So just -- just wanted to verify if it's part of sort of daylighting the creek. There is no plan to maybe sort of take that section down to a smaller at-grade facility with maybe a bridge -- a different -- but at this point, it's -- it's remaining as it is, to the best of your knowledge?

MR. PAROLA: Through the Chair, I think
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I've seen diagrams like that. And I think we all want Hogan's Creek -- you know, I would suggest that there are surface parking lots underneath there that really have to come in line before we start -- this becomes affected.

BOARD MEMBER JONES: Okay. Yeah, and just -- and most of this is really just related to the fact of why, you know, you have windows there and, you know, again, you're -- the building runs right up to the third floor, so it's a -- just more of a long-term suggestion that would make daylighting the building much more attractive.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Jones.
Any other comments by the board?
BOARD MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. I'll accept a motion if there is one.

BOARD MEMBER SCHILLING: Mr. Chairman, I'll take a stab at a motion, recognizing that I -- there have been some concerns raised. And I'll make this motion, if it is seconded, so we can have some discussion. And I'm open to friendly -- will be open to friendly amendments for any additional conditions that would like

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to be added, but --
I was going to make a motion that we recommend approval for conceptual -- the conceptual approval of this application with the four conditions that have been provided by staff, and -- and I would expand Condition 3, although Mr. Parola pointed out it is a requirement, but -- that the applicant provide a color and material board at final approval, and make that motion.

BOARD MEMBER BROCKELMAN: Second.
THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have a motion for approval with recommendations by staff as modified by Mr. Schilling, reinforcing what's already required. We have a second by Mr. Brockelman.

All those in favor, please say aye.
BOARD MEMBER LORETTA: Aye.
BOARD MEMBER SCHILLING: Aye.
BOARD MEMBER OTT: Aye.
BOARD MEMBER HARDEN: Aye.
BOARD MEMBER JONES: Aye.
BOARD MEMBER MONAHAN: Aye.
BOARD MEMBER BROCKELMAN: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Aye.
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And any opposed?
BOARD MEMBER DAVISSON: Nay.
THE CHAIRMAN: Nay from Mr. Davisson.
Thank you.
And Ms. Ott, I saw your yea, so thank you for that. I saw your hand raised.

So you have your conceptual approval. And, again, I would reiterate there's a tremendous amount of work left to do before you get to final, and we don't want to see you not get your final, so -- thank you.

MR. BLAKE: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. We'll move on to Item C, Ordinance 2022-0383, Downtown Overlay Zoning Code.

Mr. Parola, staff report.
MR. PAROLA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
You'll recall in January of this year there was a committee that was put together from several members of this board and staff, and we had workshops with the public and stakeholders on some -- let's call them house-cleaning measures and things we could improve in the Ordinance Code as it related to downtown.

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recommended that both the Southbank and the Sports \& Entertainment District have a prohibition on new surface lots. The reasoning we gave you at the time is because each one of those has unlimited height; you should be able to build a parking structure within those districts.

We have since be reeducated on the matter and thought about it a little more, and we feel that the prohibition in the Southbank should remain, but that new or expanded surface parking lots should not be permitted as a matter of right within the Sports \&
Entertainment District, but should be permitted via special exception. That way some guardrails can be put on them.

Staff, obviously, supports that. That's why we're bringing it in front of you. And the Planning Commission earlier this afternoon voted to approve that.

The other section of the legislation that is changing actually doesn't have to do with the Zoning Code, but, rather, it has to do with the responsibilities of the Planning Commission.

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when you open, like, the first or second page of the Zoning Code, it says the responsibility for interpretation lies within the planning director -- we're certainly going to give him deference and take out the language that -that he doesn't want being in there.

So those are really the only two changes in here. We can talk about what you proffered before. Otherwise, this is more of a mechanical action than anything else.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Parola. I appreciate that.

And I was one of our board's members working on this in the special committee with Mr. Parola and my fellow board members, and I think that what -- what you see is a reflection of what we were looking for, and it was -- it was well done. It was a few meetings, so I appreciate that.

And I'll take any other discussion on the item openly.

Mr. Brockelman.
BOARD MEMBER BROCKELMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

And just to clarify, Mr. Parola, so what
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points, and I would give great deference to him

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I -- what I think I heard you say, which -- I
support the first part totally, which is to reduce unnecessary scheduling and regulatory burdens by going through every single agency to get to an approval, but then the second part you talked about Mr. Killingsworth getting -and his staff getting a crack at the apple here, and is --

Effectively, what would this amendment that the Planning Commission suggested do? Would it still keep in place the -- a requirement that the Planning Commission, as the Commission itself, weigh in in a meeting, or would it simply allow Mr. Killingsworth and his team to take a look at it, and if they don't have any substantial concerns, it would still be able to shave off that additional, perhaps, unnecessary step in the approval process?

MR. PAROLA: Through the Chair, it would keep the process as is. So it would go to Planning Commission for a formal action.

Again, we had conversations with the planning director. He made some really solid
as the responsible party for implementing the Zoning Code.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Jones.
BOARD MEMBER JONES: Yes. I do have
one -- or actually two little questions just related to the changes. Again, around the alcohol restrictions -- and I know that substantively you guys have vetted this.

It says that it must be in conjunction with a restaurant. Is there flexibility around -- say you had events and there was, you know, a freestanding -- you know, tents or somebody or there was a brewery that wanted to, you know, purvey their alcohol, but it's not attached to a restaurant in one of these districts, is that something that you would be able to -- still be permissible, or you'd have to go through a separate channel to get approval for that?

MR. PAROLA: Through the Chair, right now the Church District, which is proposed to be changed to North Core, for branding purposes, you still maintain your liquor distance. And that was rightly so. The church owned 13 blocks, I think.

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actively working on now, or does it function as sort of an unfunded mandate, or -- or is that a
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They're going through some changes. They're selling off property, but there's still going to be a church there. So through conversations with the Baptist church, we've come to an agreement that so long as you're a restaurant, you're not a bar, you're not a nightclub, that we're going to relax those distance limitations.

We still want to be very respectful to them. And if you are a straight-up bar or nightclub, I would suggest that there's a lot of other great places that we would welcome you, open arms, without limitations, in downtown.

And so this was our compromise with them, Mr. Jones.

BOARD MEMBER JONES: Thank you.
And the other item was about the homeless centers and rescue missions and ensuring that those facilities would be eventually -- and close. I know it has a date of July 1st, 2024. Is that something that we're active -obviously, they're aware of and they're
date that they're aware of, that they're going to be in compliance with?

MR. PAROLA: Through the Chair, that's a very good question. That was -- that date was put in there back in 2019 when we went through these changes.

I would say I've heard discussions from some of their providers that maybe it's -- we need to take a look at this. So right now the legislation we're moving forward is agnostic to what is currently in the Ordinance Code.

BOARD MEMBER JONES: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Jones.
Any other -- Mr. Monahan.
BOARD MEMBER MONAHAN: Through the Chair, my only minor concern or issue here is with prohibiting the construction -- new or expansion of surface parking in the Sports \& Entertainment District. Just as new density comes on line there, I mean, we would want to try to avoid the high cost of building parking garages for potentially thousands of spaces.

MR. PAROLA: Through the Chair, that's
a -- that's a fine point.
So you'll notice that the red text strikes
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that. So they will continue to be permitted by grant of an exception so that if a new surface parking lot comes on line, they have an avenue to make their case. But if we're doing our jobs right, so we collectively, as this board, DIA staff and DIA as a body, we're going to get our rents high enough to where structured parking is very feasible by project.

BOARD MEMBER MONAHAN: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Ms. Ott, I don't want to miss you, if you've got anything.

BOARD MEMBER OTT: (Shakes head.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
All right. Mr. Brockelman.
BOARD MEMBER BROCKELMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

This is kind of a silly one, but I noticed that changing the name of the Church District to the North Core district, we've -- we've made North Core one word and Central Core in the Ordinance Code is two words. For the sake of consistency, would anybody have a problem with just making that two words? Is there a branding element to that?

MR. PAROLA: Through the Chair, that may
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be an element of staff not looking at it closely enough. I promise you, we'll have -I'll have others take a look at it and it will be consistent.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. If there are no other comments, I'll take a motion.

BOARD MEMBER MONAHAN: So moved.
THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have a motion from -- for approval from Mr. Monahan.

BOARD MEMBER SCHILLING: Second.
THE CHAIRMAN: Second by Mr. Schilling.
MR. PAROLA: If I may, through the Chair, we -- staff has asked that you approve this with the amendment.

BOARD MEMBER MONAHAN: Motion consistent with approval of staff's recommendation and amendments.

BOARD MEMBER SCHILLING: Second.
THE CHAIRMAN: We'll go to just a real brief discussion before we go to the vote.

Does that satisfy the motion from
Mr. Monahan, Ms. Grandin?
MS. GRANDIN: Okay. Did the motion include -- the piece of paper you've got there, so that's from the Planning Commission today.

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So is that in addition to your recommendation or is that something different? Because I haven't seen that.

MR. PAROLA: (Off microphone.)
MS. GRANDIN: They're the same thing?
Okay. So Mr. Monahan, your motion would probably be, move approval based on the amendment that was made at the Planning Commission.

It's the same as your recommendation. Okay.

THE CHAIRMAN: So we're okay?
MS. GRANDIN: (Nods head.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
All those in favor, please say aye.
BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?
BOARD MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. That motion carries.

That ends our regular action items section. We'll move on to old business.

Is there any old business that the board has or the staff has?
(No response.)
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THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Hearing none, we'll move on to new business, election of DDRB officers.

Mr. Parola, would you like me to take a stab at this or would you like to describe the process?

MR. PAROLA: You know what, I'm talking. I'll -- hopefully you'll have a new DDRB staff member soon enough, so you won't have to be burdened with my conversation for much longer. So I'll take advantage of the opportunity.

Mr. Lee, you've been chairman for two years. We strongly appreciate it. But per the bylaws, come July we will be looking for someone to proffer your replacement. That replacement would then be voted on at the July meeting.

So what I would ask any board member in here to do is to shoot me an email if you are not willing to serve in any capacity. The reason I say "any capacity" is because one of the first things the chair is going to do come July 1 is appoint, I believe, a two-person nominating committee that will then nominate a vice chair and a secretary. The vice chair and

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1 secretary, I believe, would then take -- take
2 office in October. So there's a
3 couple-of-month gap between the -- the chair and the vice chair and the secretary.

In the past, some board members have asked staff directly to say so-and-so would like to be chair. We would ask that you not do that. If you want to nominate somebody, please let us know you're going to nominate somebody. If they are not willing to serve, we would know that because, presumably, we're going to get nine emails with, I'm willing to serve in whatever capacity or I'm not willing to serve in whatever capacity.

So when someone makes a nomination in July, you're not going to run the risk of making a nomination with somebody going, "I really wasn't" -- "that really wasn't what I wanted to do."

I believe inside of the memo we've identified everyone who has held office before, and I'll be here for any questions regarding this.

THE CHAIRMAN: I appreciate that.
If there's any confusion about the process
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from any of the board members, I think now is a good time in an open setting to ask staff.

BOARD MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Great. Thank you.
Any other new business from staff or the board?
(No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. We'll move on to public comments.

Ms. Mezini, are there any public comments?
MS. MEZINI: Yes. We have a hand raised on Zoom, Ernest J. Smith.

Mr. Smith, you may begin.
ZOOM MEMBER: Yes. I have a quick comment for the board. First and foremost, I would like to find out, how do you become a member of the Downtown Development Review Board?

And looking at the board itself, it looks like there are no persons of color; however, downtown is 55 percent minority and 40 -around 40 percent white. Do you think that this is a concern going forward with the growing demographics in downtown?

MS. MEZINI: No further public comment.
THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Thank you.

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Mr. Parola.
MR. PAROLA: Appointments to the board are made through the administration. At this moment, I don't know exactly who in the administration. But if somebody wants to email me at GParola@coj.net, I'll be more than happy to put them in contact with the person in the administration that does board appointments.

THE CHAIRMAN: And to be clear, you're talking about the mayor's administration?

MR. PAROLA: Through the Chair, yes. That's where they come from.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Appreciate that.

Hearing no other public comments, we'll adjourn.

Thank you, everybody.
(The foregoing proceedings were adjourned at 2:44 p.m.)

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