Proceedings held on Thursday, July 14, 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.
LINZEE OTT, Board Member.
CRAIG DAVISSON, Board Member.
CHRISTIAN HARDEN, Board Member.
WILLIAM J. SCHILLING, JR., Board Member.
JOSEPH LORETTA, Board Member.
GARY MONAHAN, Board Member.

ALSO PRESENT:
GUY PAROLA, DIA, Operations Manager.
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SUSAN KELLY, Redevelopment Coordinator.
SUSAN GRANDIN, Office of General Counsel.


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## PROCEEDINGS

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. We'll go ahead and call to order the Downtown Development Review Board meeting for Thursday, July 14th, 2022.

Our first action item will be the approval of the June 9th, 2022, DDRB regular meeting minutes.

Do I have any discussion on those meeting minutes?

BOARD MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none --
BOARD MEMBER BROCKELMAN: Move for approval, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, a move for approval. And I'll remind the board members that we are push-to-speak on this one, and we need to make sure we speak clearly for the court recording and slowly.

But I have a motion for approval of the meeting minutes. Do I hear a second?

BOARD MEMBER SCHILLING: Second.
THE CHAIRMAN: I have a second from Mr. Schilling.

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Thank you.
All those in favor, please say aye.
BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?
BOARD MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Great. Thank you.
We'll move on to the next action item, DDRB 2022-006, Brooklyn mixed-use final approval.

And could we have a staff report, Ms. Kelly?

MS. KELLY: Yes. Okay. DDRB application 2022-006 is for final approval of the Brooklyn mixed-use project. The project is located in the Brooklyn Overlay District with primary elevations along Park Street and Forest Street and secondary elevations along Spruce Street and Price Street.

The project consists of 8,338 square feet of retail and restaurant space, 341 multifamily units, and a 456-space integrated parking garage.

At the May 12th DDRB meeting, the board voted for conceptual approval subject to the following recommendations: The developer shall

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1 chairs. These features are an upgrade from the 2 concept submittal as they help cultivate and activate the space.

Additional or alternative improvements would also be supported, such as a fountain, landscaping to frame the open space, and/or more interactive public art.

Per board comments from conceptual approval, the amenity zone along Spruce Street has been increased from one-and-a-half feet to four feet, and the public realm along Park Street will be informed [sic] by the Park Street road diet, which is currently underway.

A shade study for Forest Street was requested by staff during conceptual approval. A condition was added that a shade study be provided at the time of site plan review, and the staff received one on July 12th. It is included in the packet, the 11-by-17 packet, that you've received. I believe it's the last page. And it does show that the shade requirement is in -- the shade provided is in excess of the requirement.

The project also proposes the closing of Chelsea Street, west of Price Street. At this

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location, Chelsea does not contribute to the grid system in that it does not connect to Forest Street and dead ends into a parcel owned by FDOT. Given the proximity of the Chelsea/Forest connection to the Myrtle Avenue/Forest intersection, FDOT will not allow for Chelsea Street to be a thru street; however, a pedestrian connection along Chelsea could be created and would mitigate the proposed Chelsea right-of-way closing.

Staff support of the closing of Chelsea is conditioned upon the applicant providing for off-site public improvements that enhance the overall pedestrian circulation and the applicant continuing to work with the City to provide for public space along Forest Street, between Myrtle and Park.

The last thing -- and this was found after the report was released. The ground floor and second floor of the east and north elevations of the parking garage would likely subject adjacent parcels to vehicle lights. So as a result, staff has an additional condition which is in front of you on a separate sheet of paper. The applicant is aware of this

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condition, and I will read it into the record. It states, "The ground floor and second floor of the east and north elevations of the parking garage shall be screened to mitigate the intrusion of vehicle lights onto adjacent parcels. Options for screening solutions may include, but are not limited to, landscaping, living walls, or perforated panels. Such improvements shall be coordinated with and agreed upon by the City, DIA."

As conditioned, staff finds that the project is consistent with Chapter 656, subpart H , and the district design guidelines. Staff recommends approval with conditions.

And that concludes the staff report.
I believe I have a voting conflict form.
Susan, do I read this into the record?
It's for this item.
MS. GRANDIN: Yes.
MS. KELLY: I should.
Okay. So this is for Board Member Schilling.

And do I read the statement into the record?

Just a second, please.
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remind anyone coming to the podium to speak to
please state your name and address for the record.
(Mr. Akin approaches the podium.)
MR. AKIN: It's good to see everyone again.

Ryan Akin, development manager with Columbia Ventures. Address is 1454 La France Street Northeast, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30307.

Appreciate the opportunity to come and present the project again. It's only been two months, three months since we were last here, so I'm sure it's fresh in most everyone's mind.

We acquired these parcels back in November
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1 of last year. It's 13 parcels in the
2 assemblage, and we're planning to build a

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BOARD MEMBER MONAHAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

I really appreciate the complete and fluid design. I think this project is going to continue to enrich the Brooklyn neighborhood. Great job.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Harden.
MR. AKIN: Can I say one thing real quick to Christian?

MS. MEZINI: You can just press that once and let it go.

MR. AKIN: Okay. I remember that you brought up a comment about the screening of the condensing units on the roof, and so we made sure that we addressed that by pulling them back from the -- the facade of the building.

So we're 30 feet off, which -- they're essentially centered on the corridors of the building. It's 72 feet wide and we're 30 feet off so that they won't be visible from the pedestrian or the -- the primary streetscape surrounding the property.

BOARD MEMBER HARDEN: Thank you.
Chairman Lee, I think you were in mind. I think you were at that meeting, making sure

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that we had screening. I learned a lot from you.

No further comment.
THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Loretta.
BOARD MEMBER LORETTA: Yes. I have no comments. I appreciate the public art at the southwest corner. I think that will be a cool corner for the project, and look forward to you all bringing this to fruition.

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

Thank you, Mr. Akin, for the presentation.
Just a quick question. I love it overall.
Can you talk a little bit -- I see at the intersection -- I'm on Page 20 of your presentation. The intersection of Forest and Myrtle, the potential public space that could exist there, depending on how everything shakes out with the DOT -- I notice that there's some fencing that kind of bifurcates the public space from what would be your property. And can you just talk a little bit about that particular choice? And are you guys locked in on that? I mean, to me, this looks like a

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1 great opportunity for a nice pocket park there, and I would -- I would hate to see it bifurcated, but I just kind of wanted to hear your perspective on why that choice was made.

MR. AKIN: Sure. Absolutely.
That's a great question and a good observation. You got -- you zoomed in on that rendering, I think, so that was good.

Yeah, so the parcel that that's depicted on is currently owned by FDOT, and we've been in discussions with FDOT about that parcel and how we can acquire that parcel because it -- it doesn't have any access off of Forest. There's prohibited access off of Forest because it's too close to the interstate from their point of view and there's not any access off of Myrtle or Spruce onto that parcel, so it's sort of an inaccessible parcel that is only accessible to the project parcel itself. As -- assuming the project is built across Chelsea Street. And we'll certainly work with the DIA staff through the road closure process.

That parcel is not super well-defined at the moment. We see it as being a benefit to tenants because it's a greenspace immediately

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proximate to the development. If there's a way that we can open that up to the public, that's something we definitely want to explore and are interested in discussing.

So the placement of that fence is -- is for rendering purposes primarily. It's nice that we could carve out some space that could be -- you know, we want people -- especially -we have residential units, which you can't really see through those trees. They're aligning that public -- or that -- it's really off the public right-of-way. You'd be able to see those liner units, and so we want them to have a perception of safety as a resident of the development. So there may be an element of that, but we're -- we'll work with the staff and the City through that.

BOARD MEMBER BROCKELMAN: Appreciate that. Thanks.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Davisson.
BOARD MEMBER DAVISSON: I think you just
answered most of my questions, but does -- DOT owns that property or has --

MR. AKIN: That's correct.
So they -- they have declared it temporary
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surplus property. I think they acquired it as part of the interstate expansion and -- the onand off-ramps to the interstate some years ago. And they've got a master plan, which you're probably aware of, that -- more than I am, but, you know, they have some improvements that they plan to make in the area over the next several years. And so they've gone back and looked at the property that they own and what's needed in order to execute that plan and decided that this is a temporary surplus property. So meaning --

You know, we first went to them and said, you know, look, we're building on a tight, urban site, and we'd like to figure out a way to use this property for lay-down or for access so that we can actually execute the construction on this site. And it turned into a conversation about how we might, perhaps, improve the public right-of-way in exchange for the parcel such that it could be a creative to the deal and creative to FDOT and also potentially creative to the City.

But also it's, you know, a fairly visible parcel from the interstate, which is something

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that we've taken into consideration and want to be mindful of as we continue the discussions with the City.

BOARD MEMBER DAVISSON: Thank you.
No further comments.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
Mr. Schilling.
BOARD MEMBER SCHILLING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

As noted by Ms. Kelly, I do have a voting conflict on this item, so I will not be voting on it and don't have any questions or comments.

Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
Ms. Ott.
BOARD MEMBER OTT: My questions have been answered. Thank you. No comments.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
I appreciate the presentation. Thank you to staff, too, for preparing this. I'm at a little bit of a disadvantage because I wasn't here for your first presentation. I appreciate Mr. Harden taking over and trying to protect our visual landscape from rooftop units, which seem to plague these kind of low-rise

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multifamily projects.
Other than that, I don't have any other comments, and I'll look for a motion.

Excuse me. Let me say one thing. We do have conditions, so we will have to vote on those conditions. So the first motion needs to be about those conditions. And if there are any other discussions about those conditions, we can take them.

Let me clarify, at least from what I thought I heard from Ms. Kelly, that condition $E$, the shade study, has been satisfied, so that's no longer a condition of the approval. So we will strike condition E from the conditions.

The other one that we need to add is garage screening, as read into the record by Ms. Kelly, which we will call condition E. And I believe that we can have discussion on these conditions, but that these conditions can be approved as a group and we don't have to vote on every single one.

MS. GRANDIN: Right. You don't have to vote on each one of them. That's a deviation where you do that, but I would make sure -- and

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I talked to Ms. Kelly about this, the --
removing the six parking spaces because they do have landscaping around it and they show it on their site plan several times. So just to make sure that -- when it goes through for approval -- for site plan approval with the City, that those parking spaces are gone.

But other than that, you're good.
THE CHAIRMAN: Right, which is condition A, so it's already there. There's no further action on our part for that condition?

MS. GRANDIN: No.
THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Thank you.
BOARD MEMBER HARDEN: I've got one further
comment. I direct this to DIA staff. And this might or might not help, but the conversation with DOT, is there anything that we could do? Maybe just the board make a recommendation to DIA to write a letter to DOT to try to work with the applicant on that particular issue?

Because I think it's a good pickup by
Mr. Brockelman, and that is -- that is a
gateway to downtown and it's going to be very visible. And it would be a shame if they were to make this large investment and then to have

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that as just a sod yard that is mowed, you know, every three to four weeks, so --

I realize it's probably not going to necessarily sway the opinion of the DOT, but if we could just raise the issue and maybe help the applicant, it's a big deal for us.

MS. KELLY: Through the Chair, I don't see why not. I'm sure it couldn't hurt. I believe -- and you all know I'm new, but I believe the DIA is already talking with FDOT about it. But again, I think any other -anything else to inform those conversations would be great.

BOARD MEMBER HARDEN: So I don't know if we need to make it official, but I -- I mean, I would like to see something happen there. So if it's as easy as making a motion for DIA to write a letter on our behalf that we've asked the DOT to focus on this, is that something we could do?

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you want to make it a condition of this approval or do you want to handle that under maybe new business?

BOARD MEMBER HARDEN: Probably under new business. That's a better idea.

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THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Well, we'll leave the conditions as they were modified by me in the first statement, opening up discussion about the conditions, and we'll pick up Mr. Harden's recommendation under new business.

BOARD MEMBER HARDEN: Motion.
THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have a motion for approval of the conditions, again, substituting E, which has been satisfied, with the garage screening, as read into the record by Ms. Kelly.

Do we have a second?
BOARD MEMBER LORETTA: Second.
THE CHAIRMAN: We have a second from Mr. Loretta.

All those in favor of approving the conditions, please say aye.

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?
BOARD MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Now we can move on to a motion to approve -- a motion for final approval for DDRB 2022-006. If there's no discussion, I'll take a motion.

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BOARD MEMBER HARDEN: So moved. THE CHAIRMAN: I have a motion -BOARD MEMBER LORETTA: Second. THE CHAIRMAN: -- for approval from Mr. Harden and a second by Mr. Loretta. Thank you.
All those in favor, please say aye. BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
(Board Member Schilling abstains from voting.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?
BOARD MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: And for the record, I have two abstentions from Mr. Schilling. Thank you for filling out that card.

That motion carries. You have final approval. Thank you.

MR. AKIN: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Moving on to action item C, DDRB 2022-001, 501 Riverside Avenue special sign exception.

Ms. Kelly, could we have a staff report, please?

MS. KELLY: DDRB application 2022-011 is for a special sign exception for 501 Riverside

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Avenue in the Brooklyn Overlay District to allow for the replacement of two wall signs on elevations that do not have street frontage.

The building has frontage along Riverside Avenue; however, the locations of the proposed signs face east towards the St. Johns River and south towards I-95, as shown on the slide. Items -- where it's marked 1 and 2.

The structure has two signs that have been permitted already for the north and west elevations. The locations of the proposed signs are consistent with the current signage which is to be removed.

The proposed signage is in harmony with the scale of the building and does not overwhelm or dominate the structure. The proposed illumination of the signs is similar to the illumination of other signs in the area. The signs are constructed of high-quality durable materials which are used as industry standards.

Staff recommends approval of DDRB application 2022-011. That concludes the staff report.

And Board Member Harden needs to recuse
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himself from this item.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Ms. Kelly.
If we have an applicant, I'll call the applicant to the podium for a presentation.
(Ms. Riley approaches the podium.)
THE CHAIRMAN: And I'll remind you to please state your name and address for the record.

MS. RILEY: Hello.
My name is Jill Riley with Harbinger Signs. And our address is 5300 Shad Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32254.

We're here today to ask for approval for a special sign exception for the west and north elevations -- did I say those right -- for Morgan \& Morgan.

On the north, we have gotten approval for the same 300 -square-foot sign. And the TIAA Bank that you see on the left side of the building will be removed and Morgan \& Morgan will go on the right, on this elevation.

This is a representation to show you what it will look like from the street view when it is installed (indicating), and the building elevation to show the overall size of this side

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of the building.
This is our south elevation that we're asking for the exception on. Morgan \& Morgan has picked this yellow color. We brought a sample in case we want to look at it. It is exactly the same as the north elevation. This just does not have a street frontage. There is currently a TIAA Bank sign up there right now that will be removed prior to installation of the Morgan \& Morgan sign.

And this is the representation of what it looks like from the south. So it's, like, over the parking garage area.
(Mr. Parola enters the proceedings.)
MS. RILEY: And a building elevation to show the size of the building.

And here we have the west elevation. That is an approved permit for our Gallagher Insurance sign. Their sign is 234 square feet. And we have received approval for this elevation from the Building Department.

This is the elevation. This side of the building is a little thinner, but still plenty of allowance for the sign to be that size.

And this is the representation of the east
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1 elevation for consideration of what it looks
2 like. Gallagher has picked some colors that
3 signage -- signage and signage ordinances in will appear white, as it looks in that photo, at night, but in the daytime it's going to be the blue color of their logo, like it shows in the drawing at the top.

And here's the elevation drawing to show you the size, and our site plan showing that one faces the river and one is facing I-95, and the legal site plan.

Any questions?
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you for the presentation. Appreciate that.

Ms. Mezini, are there any public comments?
MS. MEZINI: Yes. I see Ms. Powell has her hand raised.

THE CHAIRMAN: Great. We'll recognize Ms. Powell.

And please state your name and address for the record and you will have three minutes.

ZOOM MEMBER: Hi. Nancy Powell. I'm with Scenic Jacksonville.

And some of you all may know that Scenic Jacksonville has long been involved with the

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building. It's really the -- what happens if we have all four signs on every building with different colors and things like that? Because many of the most beautiful skylines, I'm sure all of you know, have the architecture of buildings that define their uniqueness.

And, you know, I would say -- just looking at the FIS building next door to this one, you know, it's a very tasteful -- they only have two logos on theirs, and it's very tasteful.

So we're just recommending that the board and the staff take a more strategic long-term view, which may mean revisiting the sign ordinance and the exception criteria.

Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
Ms. Mezini, any other public comments?
MS. MEZINI: No additional public comment.
THE CHAIRMAN: Great. Thank you.
Why don't we start on this side for board comments.

Ms. Ott.
BOARD MEMBER OTT: No comments.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
Mr. Schilling.
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BOARD MEMBER SCHILLING: Through the Chair, Ms. Kelly, or Mr. Parola, I was going to ask staff -- so the reason for the exception here, in looking through the staff report, is not -- if I'm understanding this correctly, is not relative to the size of the sign. It's just because these two sides of the building don't happen to face a street or do not front a street; is that correct?

MS. KELLY: Through the Chair, yes, that is correct. The signage -- they meet the -excuse me. The size -- they meet the size just fine. It is the -- because those elevations do not have direct street access.

BOARD MEMBER SCHILLING: Okay. Excellent. Thank you.

And I have no further comments. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Schilling.
Mr. Davisson.
BOARD MEMBER DAVISSON: Could you just repeat what you just said as far as defining the signage and the criteria?

MS. KELLY: Through the Chair, you mean in terms of the size and the frontage? Is that

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what you're referring to?
BOARD MEMBER DAVISSON: We've got signage that is a total of 534 square feet. What is the criteria? What's allowable?

MS. KELLY: Give me just a second. I'm new to this code.

MR. PAROLA: I think while she's looking, if I could, a building this size, it's
400 square feet per facade.
BOARD MEMBER DAVISSON: Did you say 200 ?
MR. PAROLA: I said 400, sir.
BOARD MEMBER DAVISSON: Four hundred per facade.

MS. KELLY: And to add in, each of these is 300 or less.

BOARD MEMBER DAVISSON: Okay. Well, if these are our guidelines, these are our guidelines, but I concur with the public comments of Ms. Powell regarding signage.

And my comments are not going to be taken
out on this particular project, but I think we need to, as new business, talk about signage in downtown again.

MR. PAROLA: If I could -- through the
Chair, I know it was sort of rhetorical, but I
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think it -- it's probably getting to that time when we probably should have a more holistic talk about the signs. You may recall in January when the chairman put a committee together to kind of talk about slight modifications or clarifications to the Ordinance Code stemming from the update of the design guidelines, we sort of punted the signs until we can talk about them more holistically.

So if that's the will of the board, at some point we can certainly workshop that and take signs as a -- sort of a one-off subject matter to explore.

BOARD MEMBER DAVISSON: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Davisson.
Mr. Brockelman.
BOARD MEMBER BROCKELMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you, Mr. Parola, for that.
I'd echo Mr. Davisson's comments. And again, since, you know, we don't want to talk about -- or I don't want to talk about the item in the context of this here today, but I think going forward it probably is time to look at that, so I appreciate Ms. Powell continuing to

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advocate for it.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
Mr. Loretta.
BOARD MEMBER LORETTA: Okay. You're on
Page 12? Yeah.
Can you tell me -- okay. So Alfred and Riverside, the northwest corner of the building, that is where there is a sign that is legally permissible. And where is the -- and that is a -- Morgan \& Morgan; is that correct?

MS. RILEY: Correct.
BOARD MEMBER LORETTA: All right. Because I just don't have a site plan that shows all four signs on one site plan. And actually, there's one Gallagher sign that doesn't -- you don't have a site plan for.

So where is the Gallagher site plan going on this site plan? Do you have a pointer, or is there a way that you can maybe use the cursor on that monitor to identify it?

Right there is the Morgan \& Morgan, though. Where is the Gallagher? Or is that the Gallagher?
(Ms. Riley confers with Ms. Mezini.)
BOARD MEMBER LORETTA: Okay. So I'm
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hearing, Morgan \& Morgan, Alfred, and then Gallagher on the -- kind of the northwest-facing building.

Okay. I just wanted to fully understand what it was that we're looking at in an inclusive manner.

And so I appreciate Ms. Powell's comments and understand, although to some small extent -- I don't have a big problem with signage across large buildings in downtown, where she may have some, but I do think it's worthwhile looking at it in greater detail.

So I have no further comments. Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Loretta.
Mr. Harden.
BOARD MEMBER HARDEN: I will be recusing myself. I work for this building -- worked on this particular project, so I will not be voting.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
Mr. Monahan.
BOARD MEMBER MONAHAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

I echo the comments of Board Members Brockelman and Davisson. No further comments.

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THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
And I also have no further comments. And if there is no other discussion by staff or the board, I'll take a motion.

BOARD MEMBER SCHILLING: I'll move to approve.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a motion for approval from Mr. Schilling.

Do we have a second?
BOARD MEMBER MONAHAN: Second.
THE CHAIRMAN: We have a second from
Mr. Brockelman.
All those in favor, please say aye.
BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
(Board Member Harden abstains from voting.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?
BOARD MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
Your motion carries. You have approval.
MS. RILEY: Thank you.
THE CHAIRMAN: And for the record, we had one abstention, Mr. Harden.

All right. That's the end of our action items portion of the agenda. We'll move on to

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old business. Is there any old business from the board or from the staff?

BOARD MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. We'll close old business. We'll move to new business.

Before we move to Item A, under new business, I'd like to put some discussion around Mr. Harden's recommendation for a letter from the staff concerning the -- application DDRB 2022-006.

And I'll give the floor to Mr. Harden.
BOARD MEMBER HARDEN: Yes. I think that Ms. Kelly probably understood my recommendation, that the DIA has already been engaged in conversation with FDOT on the vacant property at the corner of -- I believe it's technically Forest and Myrtle, and that the board would like -- I'd like to make a motion that the board would support DIA advocating for engagement with the applicant to sell that surplus property, that it be utilized and beautified.

Is that enough to use that comment as a motion?

MS. GRANDIN: Yes.
Diane M. Tropia, Inc., Post Office Box 2375, Jacksonville, FL 32203 some element of that property having a public use. So it could be a park; they could

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maintain it. We could work all through that, but some portion of that to be a public park.

They are proposing to seek the closure of the right-of-way. And although FDOT has made it abundantly clear that they will not allow us to reestablish the grid system from a vehicular basis, there's nothing that says they wouldn't allow us to punch through with a sidewalk so that we reestablish a pedestrian grid system.

So if that opportunity is being foregone, the greater good could be served through the use of a public space with the addition of a public space.

There was a lot of words there and I apologize, but what I would say is, I would assume or hope that the support you're telling us to put forward contemplates public use in some form or fashion of that FDOT parcel.

BOARD MEMBER HARDEN: So I would amend that motion to contemplate Mr. Parola's comments because the board would like to follow DIA's plan to make sure that it's consistent with the, I guess, previously agreed to vision for that area.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. I appreciate that
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reconciliation. Thank you.
So we have a motion from Mr. Harden, a second from Mr. Loretta.

All those in favor of supporting this initiative by our staff, please say aye.

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed to supporting it?

BOARD MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Great. Thank you.
Thank you, Mr. Harden.
Why don't we talk just real briefly about a sign workshop too. May I make a recommendation of staff to start investigating an opportunity to have the DDRB workshop signage in the future?

MR. PAROLA: Through the Chair, I'm sorry I keep jumping in front of Susan here. This is her show and I was late to the party, so to speak.

Absolutely. What I think we'd like to do is look at our bylaws and see how we -- the bylaws guide us to creating a -- some sort of formality to it. And we'll come back to the chair and say, if we're going to proceed, this

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is how the bylaws tell us to proceed. And we'll follow through that way, but I think it's a very opportune time to start talking about signage.

THE CHAIRMAN: And I apologize, Ms. Kelly. I don't mean to be overstepping and going directly to Mr. Parola.

Is that something that we could expect by the next meeting?

MR. PAROLA: (Nods head.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
At this time, we'll move on to DDRB officer elections. We have some new board members. I'm going to make an attempt to explain the process.

So what we're going to do is -- my role as chairman is coming to an end, so we will nominate a new chairman today, or two. We will vote on those candidates. That individual will take over as chair for the rest of this meeting. And we'll establish a Nominating Committee of two board members that will meet to nominate the vice chair and the secretary and to present those nominations at the next DDRB meeting, which we will vote on and

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establish a vice chair and secretary at the next meeting.

Any questions on that, or Mr. Parola any clarifications?

MR. PAROLA: (Shakes head.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. And since I have the button pushed, I'll go ahead and -- I'll start with the nomination. I know we've got some very new members. We've got some senior members that have served in this role before; some of you haven't. We'd like to give everyone the opportunity to serve in this role, should they want to.

That being said, I'll happily nominate Mr. Brockelman as Chair. And I'll give the floor to the rest of the board for any other nominations.

BOARD MEMBER HARDEN: I would support that nomination.

Is there a second process with this, or do we wait for discussion and then bring it back to -- assuming there are no other --

MS. GRANDIN: Well, I would wait until you're sure that there's no further nominations from the floor and then discuss and vote. And

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then whoever is the chair takes over today.
THE CHAIRMAN: And to be clear, anyone can nominate. It's not just the Chair, so -- I did it because I had the button pushed. That was the only reason.

BOARD MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. I'll take the silence as an indication that we only have one nomination.

MS. GRANDIN: Does he accept the nomination?

BOARD MEMBER BROCKELMAN: I accept after a tough election, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: I'm not sure we were going to give him an option, but okay.

Great. So we have a nominee who has accepted the nomination. We have no other nominees. And so we'll move to a motion, if anybody will make one.

BOARD MEMBER MONAHAN: So moved.
BOARD MEMBER HARDEN: Second.
THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have a motion from Mr. Monahan and from Mr. Harden -- a second from Mr. Harden to nominate Mr. Brockelman as Chair.

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All those in favor, please say aye.
BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?
BOARD MEMBERS: (No response.)
THE CHAIRMAN: Great. Congratulations, Mr. Chair. Thank you.
(Board Member Brockelman assumes the Chair.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, sir.
Well, thank you all. I appreciate the confidence.

And, Mr. Past chair, immediate past Chair Lee, I appreciate your guidance over the last couple of years. I think you have done a really great job running these meetings effectively, keeping us focused and moving forward with a good vision for downtown. I think it continues to be a good time for all of us on this board. I hope we'll see a lot of good projects coming forward, as we have in the last couple of years, and I look forward to serving all of you as chairman.

And so I know -- I think my first item as Chair is to establish a Nominating Committee as outlined by Mr. Lee. And I'd like to ask

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Mr. Lee -- despite all the time you've spent leading us already, I think it's customary for the immediate past chair to serve on that Nominating Committee, and I'd love to have you on it, if you would accept that.

BOARD MEMBER LEE: Accepted.
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
And then in the spirit of, again, kind of opening up to some of the veterans who have been on and seen the transitions for a while, I would like to have one of our more senior members be the second nominee, and I guess --

Mr. Schilling, since I looked in that direction first, I'd love to have you serve if you are so willing.

BOARD MEMBER SCHILLING: I would be happy to, sure.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you both very much and we look forward to seeing the slate at our next meeting.

And I think, as was established before, if you're someone on our board who does not wish to be nominated, please let staff know.

And with that, I guess we'll move to public comment.

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Ms. Mezini, do we have any public comment?
MS. MEZINI: No additional public comment.
THE CHAIRMAN: Great. Well, with that, at 2:43, we will adjourn the meeting.

Thank you.
(The foregoing proceedings were adjourned at 2:43 p.m.)

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