

**VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

Present: Cory Cross, Chairman  
Donald Solodar, Vice Chair  
Benjamin Schreier, Member  
Thomas Hogarth, Member  
Jonathan Haigh, 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate  
Lori Rainaldi, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

Jeannine Ngwira, Planner  
Len Rubin, Village Attorney

Council Member: Deborah Searcy, Councilmember

Not Present: Jake Furlott, Member

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cross called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

IA. ROLL CALL

All members of the Planning Commission were present, except Mr. Furlott who was absent.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the January 8, 2019 Regular Meetings were approved as corrected.

III. DELARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

There were no Ex Parte Communications declared by the Board.

IV. QUASI JUDICIAL MATTERS / PUBLIC HEARING

Planner Jeannine Ngwira swears in all persons speaking.

A. CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

**1. COA PROJECT 2018-2310 – 635 Northlake Blvd.**

Request: An application filed by Al Cothorn on behalf of Florida Scuba Divers, requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for a building wall sign and modification to existing monument sign.

Mrs. Ngwira presented the Staff Report and recommendations. Applicant is proposing a new building wall sign featuring the name of the business, Florida Scuba Divers, and logo, with a color scheme of a white background with black and teal lettering and logo, to match the building color and existing monument sign.

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The existing monument sign that was previously approved for Florida Freedivers, and has now been modified to also feature Florida Scuba Divers. The top larger portion is dedicated to Florida Freedivers and their logo. The bottom smaller section is dedicated to Florida Scuba Divers and their logo, which is the same design as the building wall sign, added to the bottom of the monument sign face. The colors and design are generally harmonious with the building color and architecture. Staff is recommending approval of the proposed application.

Al Cothorn, Fast Signs West Palm Beach, 4275 Okeechobee Blvd., was present to represent the project.

The Board discussed whether there were two different businesses in same building; is the new business in an independent suite; is the building a multi-tenant building as it has a separate entrance. Further discussion ensued regarding parking compliance, and whether there are two separate BTR's, one for each business.

*Motion:* Mr. Solodar moved to approve the application with the condition that the Business has a current BTR. Mr. Schreier seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

**2. COA PROJECT 2019-0053 – 533 Northlake Blvd.**

Request: An application filed by Karen Cohen of Home Away From Home, LLC requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for building paint color SW 6381 Anjou Pear and trim paint color Behr N290A Original White.

Mrs. Ngwira presented the Staff Report and recommendations. The property is located in the C-1 Commercial Zoning District in the NBOZ overlay district. The proposed colors are not bright or brilliant and are generally harmonious with surrounding buildings. Staff is recommending approval of the proposed project.

Brian Cohen, 533 Northlake Blvd., was present to represent the project.

The Board discussed the address placement and color for the business. The applicant stated that what is shown in the application are temporary numbers so customers could locate the building during the painting. They were originally located in the gable of the building. Mr. Schreier was opposed to the paint color as he felt it was too intense.

*Motion:* Mr. Solodar moved to approve the application. Mr. Haigh seconded the motion, which passed 4-1 with Mr. Schreier voting nay.

**C. ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

**A. Staff Updates:**

- Mrs. Ngwira reminded Commission Members to email their availability on March 5, 2019 for the joint meeting with the Town of Lake Park to Administrative Coordinator Jane Lerner.

**B. Commission Member Comments:**

The Planning Commission members made comments on the following items:

- Mr. Schreier stated that he believes it is important for the Planning Commission to be included in meetings regarding the redesign of bridges.

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

Minutes typed by Jane Lerner