



**BARRIO LATINO COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 23, 2024
TIME: 9:02 AM
LOCATION: Old City Hall, 315 E. Kennedy Blvd, 3rd Floor, Tampa, FL 33602

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Rich Simmons called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and gave instructions to petitioners regarding procedures at the Public Hearing.

SILENT ROLL CALL - Alexis Guzman completed the roll call.
Commissioners Present: Jose Gelats, Rich Simmons, Liz Welch, and Levy Nguyen
Commissioners Arriving After Roll Call:
Commissioners Absent: Roberto Torres and Vivian Salaga
Staff Present: Ron Vila and Alexis Guzman

INTRODUCTIONS – Chair Simmons introduced himself. Commissioners present introduced themselves.

READING OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 2023 – By motion the minutes stand as read by unanimous consent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Ron Vila, Historic Preservation Specialist

- I have submitted the staff approvals for December 2023 into the record
- Reminder that the next Public Hearing will be held on February 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS/ CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS – Dana CrosbyCollier
None submitted.

CONTINUATIONS – Ron Vila, Historic Preservation Specialist

Motion: Jose Gelats **Second:** Levy Nguyen
Move to grant a continuance in case BLC 23-191 for the property located at 1601 E. 7th Avenue to Tuesday, March 26, 2024 Public Hearing at 9:00 a.m.
Motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-0.

Motion: Levy Nguyen **Second:** Liz Welch

Move that the variance request for case BLC 24-40 located at 1601 E. Columbus Drive (1607 E. Columbus Drive, 2614 N. 17th Street, 2616 N. 17th Street, 2618 N. 17th Street) as depicted on the site plan presented at the Public Hearing for a Buffer Reduction from 5'-0" to 0'-0, be granted with the following conditions:

- Applicant withdraw their request for the alley vacation to the south side of the lot.

Based upon the petitioner meeting the burden of proof with regard to the six hardship criteria set forth in Chapter 27, Section 27-96 (d) of the City of Tampa Code of Ordinances for granting variances as stated and the evidence provided in this Public Hearing, specifically that the applicant meets the hardship criteria and with the variance being granted will allow development that is consistent with the design standards within the historic context of Ybor City.

Motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-0.

Motion: Levy Nguyen **Second:** Liz Welch

Move to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the drawings and documents presented at this Public Hearing in BLC 24-40 for the property located at 1601 E. Columbus Drive (1607 E. Columbus Drive, 2614 N. 17th Street, 2616 N. 17th Street, 2618 N. 17th Street), with the following conditions to be finalized with staff:

- Upper railing details
- Match the window depths as existing in each individual condition
- Mechanical and trash wall screening on the exterior
- Louver and grill placements on the building
- Patio details
- Stucco patterns
- Awning and exterior signage
- Coordinate with staff if a metal canopy is added

because, based upon the finding of fact, the proposed project is consistent with the Ybor City Design Guidelines of the City of Tampa, for the following reasons, that it meets the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, and it meets the Ybor City Design Guidelines for exterior rehabilitation for retaining the original features of the façade and original materials.

Motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-0.

Motion: Liz Welch **Second:** Levy Nguyen

Moved to receive and file all documents and accept the staff approvals for November 2023 into the record.

Motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT – Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: _____

Chair



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