



**BARRIO LATINO COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 28, 2025
TIME: 9:00 AM
LOCATION: Old City Hall, 315 E. Kennedy Blvd, 2nd 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: Rich Simmons, Susan Klaus Smith, Richard Cahill, Chase Corley and Vivian Salaga
Commissioners Arriving After Roll Call:
Commissioners Absent: Roberto Torres
Staff Present: Dennis Fernandez, Ron Vila, and Alexis Guzman

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

READING OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2024 – By motion the minutes stand as read by unanimous consent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Dennis Fernandez, Architectural Review & Historic Preservation Manager

- Shared his appreciation for the CCTV crew for assisting with the temporary set up
- I have submitted the staff approvals for December 2024 into the record
- Tampa Bricks and Mortar Newsletter is now included in the packets and digitally at Tampa.gov.

PRESERVATION IN PROGRESS:

- Ron Vila, Historic Preservation Specialist, presented a PowerPoint on the Casa Marti project located at 1220 E. 7th Avenue. He showed the plans that were approved by the Barrio Latino Commission on July 25, 2017, under record BLC-16-0000037 and provided current photos of the finished elevations.

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

None submitted.

ITEMS TO BE REVIEWED:

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 project as presented aligns with the Ybor City Design Guidelines specially to the façade, width, setbacks, alignment, and similarity of details and forms.

Motion was approved with a vote of 5-0-0.

FIVE MINUTE RECESS

Motion: Susan Klaus Smith

Second: Richard Cahill

Move to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the drawings and documents presented at this Public Hearing in BLC-25-0000015 for the property located at 2914 N. Nebraska Avenue, with the following conditions:

- The location of the water table at the second and third floor line be reconsidered and distributed to the separation of the first and second floor
- Stucco control joints or expansion joints be developed and defined for all elevations
- Appropriate fencing or buffering elements be added to the Saint Clair elevation to ensure the parking area beneath is screened from view
- Balconies at the rear both on the second and third floor be revisited and reconsidered in terms of their size and configuration so that the third floor are more usable
- The windows at the south Saint Clair elevation be revisited and others added or reconfigured to align with the historic context
- The fencing material that is currently wood opaque be reconsidered for either the materiality or its design
- All wall sections be developed in detail thoroughly vetted for all conditions including the storefront, punched openings, balconies, canopies, parapet, and the trellis
- The canopy on the retail ground floor at the corner of Saint Clair and Nebraska be reconsidered to be a continuance canopy so that it turns the corner
- Revisit the location of the building signage to be more forward of the corner in consideration
- Mechanical screening of the units on the rooftop be four sided and all units located appropriately on the roof top

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, the height and width of the new building are consistent. The setbacks are maintained. The façade elements are in alignment and there is similarity of form.

Motion was approved with a vote of 5-0-0.

Motion: Susan Klaus Smith **Second:** Vivian Salaga

Moved to receive and file all documents and the staff approvals for December 2024 into the record.

Motion was approved with a vote of 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT – Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: _____

Rich Simmons, Chair

03.25.25
Dated

