

RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF
THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH FLORIDA
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-021
DCI2012-0003 – Lighthouse Resort CPD Amendment

WHEREAS, applicant Beverly Grady, authorized agent for Lighthouse Resort, Inc., has requested an additional deviation from LDC Sec. 30-154(a) requirement for illumination of letters through an opaque background to allow the existing internally illuminated signs to remain; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has indicated that the STRAP numbers for the subject property are 24-46-23-W3-00203.014A, 24-46-23-W3-00203.0090, 24-46-23-W3-00203.0190, 24-46-23-W3-00203.0100, and 24-46-23-W3-00205.0060 and the legal description of the subject property is attached as *Exhibit A*; and

WHEREAS, the subject property is located at 1051 Fifth Street, 1041, 1049 & 1067 Fourth Street, 1030 Third Street, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931 in the Commercial Planned Development (CPD) zoning category of the Official Zoning Map and the Pedestrian Commercial category of the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan of the Town of Fort Myers Beach, Florida; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on this matter was legally advertised and held before the Local Planning Agency (LPA) on November 12, 2013; and

WHEREAS, at the hearing the LPA gave full and complete consideration to the request of Applicant, recommendations of staff, the documents in the file, and the testimony of all interested persons, as required by Fort Myers Beach Land Development Code (LDC) Section 34-85.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE LPA OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA, as follows:

Based upon the presentations by the applicant, staff, and other interested persons at the hearing, and review of the application and the standards for granting rezonings, the LPA recommends the following findings of fact, conditions for approval, and conclusions for consideration by the Town Council:

The LPA recommends that the Town Council **APPROVE** the applicant's request to amend the existing CPD to include certain deviations from Sec. 30-154(a) of the Town of Fort Myers Beach Land Development Code subject to the following:

RECOMMENDED CONDITION OF APPROVAL:

18. *The deviation for internal illumination of signs is approved only for the existing signs. If the signage is moved, removed, or damaged beyond repair, the deviation will be null and void, and any new signage must comply with the regulations of the LDC.*

RECOMMENDED DEVIATION:

*Deviation 17 requests relief from LDC Sec. 34-154(a) for internal illumination of the sign faces to remain as existing, where they would otherwise be required to emit light only from the letters and symbols of the sign face, subject to Condition #18. The LPA recommends **APPROVAL** of this deviation.*

RECOMMENDED FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

In accordance with the requirements of LDC Sections 34-84 and 34-87 regarding consideration of eligibility for a variance, the LPA recommends that the Town Council make the following findings and reach the following conclusions:

1. *Whether there exists an error or ambiguity which must be corrected.*

There is no error or ambiguity to be corrected by the requested amendment to Chapter 30 sign regulations. **APPROVE**

2. *Whether there exist changed or changing conditions which make approval of the request appropriate.*

The major change that has taken place is the adoption by Town Council of a new Sign Ordinance, codified as Chapter 30 of the Land Development Code. Regulations were established for more unified requirements for monument signs throughout the Town. **APPROVE**

3. *The impact of a proposed change on the intent of Chapter 34.*

The requested amendment to the CPD will not have an impact on the intent of Chapter 34. **APPROVE**

4. *Whether the request is consistent with the goals, objectives, policies and intent, and with the densities, intensities, and general uses set forth in the Fort Myers Beach Comprehensive Plan.*

Resolutions 00-09 and 03-23 found the requested CPD zoning to be in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. Further, the subject property is located in the Pedestrian Commercial Future Land Use category, the highest-intensity land use category on Fort Myers Beach. **APPROVE**

5. *Whether the request meets or exceeds all performance and locational standards set forth for the proposed use.*

Resolutions 00-09 and 03-23 found the requested CPD zoning to be in compliance with all performance and locational standards, including the sign at Crescent and Fifth Streets that is located outside the project boundaries. **APPROVE**

6. *Whether urban services are, or will be, available and adequate to serve a proposed land use change.*

Urban services are available, as the subject property is already a customer of Beach Water, and sidewalks are in place along Fifth Street and Crescent Street. **APPROVE**

7. *Whether the request will protect, conserve, or preserve environmentally critical areas and natural resources.*

Resolutions 00-09 and 03-23 found the requested CPD zoning to protect, conserve and preserve environmentally critical areas and natural resources. **APPROVE**

8. *Whether the request will be compatible with existing or planned uses and not cause damage, hazard, nuisance or other detriment to persons or property.*

The requested sign deviations, as conditioned, will be compatible with existing uses, since the signs on the property are existing. **APPROVE**

9. *Whether the location of the request places an undue burden upon existing transportation or other services and facilities and will be served by streets with the capacity to carry traffic generated by the development.*

The request will not place any burden on the transportation network or other facilities. In fact, the request may help alleviate future traffic burdens by assisting visitors and guests to locate the resort. **APPROVE**

10. *For planned development rezonings, see § 34-216 for additional considerations (below):*

- A. *The proposed mix of uses is appropriate at the subject location.*
- B. *Sufficient safeguards to the public interest are provided by the recommended special conditions to the concept plan or by other applicable regulations.*
- C. *All recommended special conditions are reasonably related to the impacts on the public's interest created by or expected from the proposed development.*
- D. *The proposed use meets all specific requirements of the comprehensive plan that are relevant to the requested planned development.*

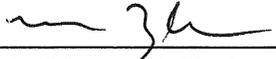
The request is appropriate at the subject location, does not negatively impact the public, and is consistent with the comprehensive plan. **APPROVE**

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the LPA upon a motion by LPA Member Steele and seconded by LPA Member Bodenhafer, and upon being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

Hank Zuba, Chair	AYE	Joanne Shamp, Vice Chair	NAY
Chuck Bodenhafer	AYE	Al Durrett	AYE
John Kakatsch	NAY	Jane Plummer	AYE
Jim Steele	AYE		

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS **12th** day of **NOVEMBER, 2013**.

Local Planning Agency of the Town of Fort Myers Beach

By: 
Hank Zuba, LPA Chair

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

By: 
Fowler White Boggs, P.A.
LPA Attorney

ATTEST:

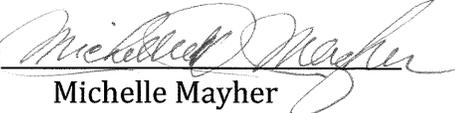
By: 
Michelle Mayher
Town Clerk

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION: (Per Survey)

A tract or parcel of land lying in Blocks 3 and 5 and a portion of vacated Fourth Street and a portion of vacated Fifth Avenue, all lying in BUSINESS CENTER, as recorded in Plat Book 9, at Pages 9 and 10, Public Records of Lee County, Florida and also lying in Section 24, Township 46 South, Range 23 East, Fort Myers Beach, Lee County, Florida, described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeasterly corner of Lot 16, Block 3 of the aforesaid Business Center; thence run N.63°58'26"W. along the Southwesterly right-of-way line of Third Street (50 feet wide) for 137.00 feet; thence run S.26°01'34"W. for 95.00 feet; thence run N.63°58'26"W. for 28.00 feet to a point on the Northwesterly line of Lot 9 of the aforesaid Block 3 and the Southeasterly right-of-way line of Estero Boulevard; thence run S.26°01'34"W. for 65.00 feet to the Southwesterly corner of said Lot 9, Block 3; thence continue S.26°01'34"W. for 286.05 feet to a point on the Northwesterly line of Lot 7 of the aforesaid Block 5; thence run N.67°37'17"E. along the Northwesterly line of Lots 7, 8 and 9 of said Block 5 for 92.74 feet to the Northeasterly corner of said Lot 9, Block 5; thence run S.22°22'43"E. along the Easterly line of said Lot 9 for 80.00 feet to the Southeasterly corner of said Lot 9 and the Northwesterly right-of-way line of Fifth Avenue; thence run N.67°37'17"E. for 28.38 feet; thence run N.46°59'05"E. for 46.47 feet to a point of curvature; thence run Northeasterly for 56.05 feet along the arc of a curve concave Northwesterly, with a radius of 148.00 feet, a delta of 21°42'03", a chord bearing of N.36°08'05"E. and a chord distance of 55.72 feet to a point of reverse curvature; thence run Northeasterly for 102.54 feet along the arc of a curve concave Southeasterly, with a radius of 212.00 feet, a delta of 27°42'49", a chord bearing of N.39°08'22"E. and a chord distance of 101.55 feet to a point of non tangency; thence run N.57°31'39"E. along said non tangent line for 51.33 feet; thence run N.78°21'29"E. for 12.55 feet to a point on the Northeasterly right-of-way line of the aforesaid Fourth Street; thence run S.63°58'26"E. along said Northeasterly right-of-way line for 7.04 feet; thence run N.26°01'34"E. for 50.32 feet; thence run N.89°22'43"E. for 22.03 feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of Crescent Street; thence run N.00°37'17"W. for 22.14 feet to a point on the Southwesterly line of Lot 17 of the aforesaid Block 3; Thence run N.63°58'26"W. along said Southwesterly line of Lot 17 for 78.22 feet to the Southeasterly corner of the aforesaid Lot 16, Block 3; thence run N.26°01'34"E. for 80.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Said tract contains 72,861.7 square feet, more or less, or 1.672 acres, more or less.

Bearings are based on the Southwesterly line of Third Street, Block 3, Business Center as being N.63°58'26"W.