



City of Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 20.

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF: APRIL 9, 2009**

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR: M. MARGO WHEELER

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT: BEYANEE - VAC-30172 - VACATION OF PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: FOREST CITY COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, INC. OWNER: LIVE WORK, LLC, ET AL - Petition to Vacate an 80 foot wide portion of E 1st Street between Bonneville Avenue and Garces Avenue, Ward 3 (Reese)

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PROTESTS RECEIVED BEFORE

APPROVALS RECEIVED BEFORE:

Planning Commission Mtg.

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City Council Meeting

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RECOMMENDATION:
APPROVAL

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Location and Aerial Maps
2. Conditions and Staff Report
3. Supporting Documentation
4. Photos
5. Justification Letter

Motion made by STEVEN EVANS to Approve subject to conditions

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

MICHAEL E. BUCKLEY, VICKI QUINN, STEVEN EVANS, GLENN TROWBRIDGE, RICHARD TRUESDELL, BYRON GOYNES; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote -None); (Excused-KEEN ELLSWORTH)

Minutes:

CHAIR TROWBRIDGE declared the Public Hearing open.

PETER LOWENSTEIN, Planning and Development, stated the proposed Vacation would facilitate future development of adjacent properties; staff recommended approval.

ATTORNEY TABITHA FIDDYMENT, 3800 Howard Hughes Parkway, appeared on behalf of the applicant and indicated Condition 9 needed to be reviewed with the engineers, but she assured the Commission this would be done prior to appearing before City Council.

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DICK GEYER, 8260 Hilton Head Court, President of 18b Las Vegas Arts District Neighborhood Association, commented that a meeting was held with a Forest City representative to review the proposal and extended their support of the Vacation. By closing off a portion of First Street, visibility of the Arts District from the north would be impeded. As a result, a suggestion was made to keep the south end open by having glass windows, so those inside the overhang can see the sculpture displays from First Street to Boulder Avenue.

MR. GEYER also noted that the Board asked for the applicant's financial assistance on a bid they are working on to pay for Boulder Park, as their organization does not involve fundraising. He explained for COMMISSIONER TRUESDELL that the pending sculpture park will be built with funds provided by the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) funds. The board hopes to receive the bids within the next month and complete construction by the fall this year. These funds do not cover the sculpture pieces themselves, and the board is responsible for the maintenance of the sculpture park. The Commissioner pointed out that when the park was approved, bids were not discussed at the hearing, and the burden should not be placed on surrounding property owners. In all fairness, it is a total misrepresentation of Boulder Park and makes the City look bad. For the record, the Commission's action does not involve MR. GEYER'S request. COMMISSIONER TRUESDELL said that the applicants bring a part of the Arts District but also want to object to MR. GEYER and the board's intentions.

ATTORNEY FIDDYMOUNT expressed appreciation to MR. GEYER and the board in working with them and for their partnership. She emphasized that Forest City has every incentive to work with the Arts District to ensure the area is a part of and compatible with the downtown redevelopment. CHAIR TROWBRIDGE also thanked the applicant for being a good neighbor.

CHAIR TROWBRIDGE declared the Public Hearing closed.