STAFF REPORT – CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
CASE NUMBER SP-16-18
PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD, MAY 11, 2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SITE PLAN APPLICATION FROM SEVEN KINGS HOLDINGS, INC. TO BUILD AND OPERATE A 4,482 SQUARE FOOT RESTAURANT, ON A VACANT PARCEL OF LAND, APPROXIMATELY +/- 0.35 ACRE, IDENTIFIED BY PARCEL CONTROL NUMBER 56-43-42-28-00-003-0090, LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF BLUE HERON BOULEVARD AND EAST OF LAKE SHORE DRIVE, WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN GENERAL ZONING DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A. Applicant: Seven Kings Holdings, Inc.

B. Request: The applicant is requesting site plan approval to build a 4,482 square foot restaurant with outdoor deck seating.

C. Location: The proposed site is located north of Blue Heron Blvd., east of Lake Shore Dr. (386 E. Blue Heron Blvd.).

D. Property Description and Uses: The subject property description and uses are as follows:

Parcel Control Number:	56-43-42-28-00-003-0090.
Parcel Size:	+/- 0.35 acre.
Existing Use:	Vacant Lot.
Zoning:	Downtown General (DG) Zoning District.
Future Land Use:	Downtown Mixed Use.

E. Adjacent Property Description and Uses:

North: Residential (Marina Grande Development); Inlet Harbor Center Planned Unit Development (IHC-PUD) Zoning and Downtown Mixed Use Future Land Use.

South: "Big" Blue Heron Bridge; Various Commercial Uses; Downtown General (DG) Zoning and Downtown Mixed Use Future Land Use.

East: Intracoastal Waterway.

West: Residential / Parking Garage (Marina Grande Development); Inlet Harbor Center Planned Unit Development (IHC-PUD) Zoning and Downtown Mixed Use Future Land Use.

F. Background:

On October 2016, Seven Kings Holdings, Inc. submitted an application for site plan approval, which has been reviewed by City staff for compatibility and consistency with the

City's Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations. The following staff analysis has been prepared for your review:

G. Staff Analysis:

Proposed Development/Use: The applicant is proposing to develop a 4,482 restaurant with outdoor deck seating.

Zoning Regulations: The proposed use complies with the City's Land Development Regulations for the Downtown General (DG) Zoning District.

Comprehensive Plan: The proposed use is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan's Downtown Mixed Use Future Land Use designation.

Compatibility: Specific conditions of approval may be needed to ensure that this use is compatible with adjacent residential development (Marina Grande), which may include, but not be limited to, hours of business operation and specific provisions to govern permitted timeframes for amplified music.

Levels of Service: City services such as roads, water, sewer, and garbage collection are currently available to the site.

Landscaping: The proposed landscape plan is compatible with the City's Land Development Regulations.

Parking/Traffic: The number of parking spaces proposed (18 spaces) is in compliance with the City's Land Development Regulations for parking within the Downtown area (15 spaces required); specifically City Code Sec. 31-539 "Table A Downtown Zoning District Parking Ratios" (1 space per 300 sq. ft.)

H. Staff Conclusion: City staff advises that the Planning and Zoning Board review and consider all information presented and provide a recommendation to the City Council. If the Planning and Zoning Board chooses to recommend approval, City staff recommends including the following conditions of approval:

1. A two-year landscaping performance bond for 110% of the value of landscaping and irrigation shall be required before a certificate of occupancy or certificate of completion is issued.

2. Construction and landscaping improvements must be initiated within 18 months of the effective date of this Resolution in accordance with Section 31-60(b), of the City Code of Ordinances. Demolition, site preparation and/or land clearing shall not be considered construction. Building permit application and associated plans and documents shall be submitted in its entirety and shall not be accepted by City staff in a partial or incomplete manner.

3. This development must receive final Certificate of Occupancy from the City for all buildings and units approved within five years of the approval of the adopting resolution or the adopting resolution shall be considered null and void, requiring the applicant to resubmit application for site plan and special exception approval and re-initiate the site plan approval process.

4. All future advertising must state that the development is located in the City of Riviera Beach. Fees and penalties in accordance with City Code Sec. 31-554 will be levied against the property owner and/or business for violation of this condition.

5. Once approved, this resolution shall supersede any previous site plan approval resolutions associated with this property, causing previous site plan approval resolutions to be null and void.

6. City council authorizes City staff to approve future amendments to this site plan administratively so long as the site plan does not deviate greater than 5% from the originally approved site plan.

7. Hours of business operation (open to the public): This business shall close to the general public at 2:00 AM daily.

8. Hours for amplified music:
   a. Amplified music shall be prohibited on Friday and Saturday between the hours of 11:30 PM and 8:00 AM the next day.
   b. Amplified music shall be prohibited on Sunday through Thursday between the hours of 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM the next day.

CRAB POT SITE
Riviera Beach, FL

SITE PLAN APPLICATION NARRATIVE

The subject site was previously occupied by the Crab Pot, a waterfront restaurant that had been on its site since roughly the middle of the last century. The Crab Pot consisted of about 6,000 square feet, and approximately 14 on-site parking spaces with the balance of any parking historically derived from parking under the adjacent Blue Heron Blvd. bridge and along the service road.

Due in part to the significant damage arising from the 2004 / 2005 hurricane season, the Crab Pot was demolished in 2005, with the then-intent of constructing Inlet Tower, what was to be a 20-story residential condominium building (1 unit per floor). However, with the downturn in the economy and the condominium market collapse the proposed plan proved unfeasible and was abandoned. The site remains currently vacant.

The property is currently owned by Riviera Shores LLC. The Applicant is Seven Kings Holdings, Inc., who has a long term lease with the landowner.

The site itself is comprised of a total of 14,819 square feet (0.34 acres) of land, located in Flood Zone A7, with a minimum elevation of 8' NGVD resulting in a regulatory mandated finish floor elevation of 9' NGVD. Current Land Use / Zoning on the property Downtown Mixed Use / Downtown – General (from the City) and IHC-PUD: Inlet Harbor Center (CRA) respectively. No change from the current Land Use / Zoning designations are being requested.

The Applicant believes this application is fully compliant with the various City Land Development Code for the building.

Relative to concurrency, attached is:

- A traffic statement noting the site is within the City's TCEA, and is therefore in compliance with the Countywide TPS. An application has been filed with the Palm Beach County Traffic Engineering Department for review and approval;
- A City of Riviera Beach Utility District Letter of Capacity for the site;

As a non-residential project school concurrency is not applicable.

Since the demolition of the Crab Pot:

- FDOT has grassed over former paved areas adjacent to the site, while also erecting fencing under the Blue Heron bridge to disallow any random parking;

- The adjacent 20-story Marina Grande condominium towers were completed, which occupy the north side of the property;
- The adjacent 7-story Marina Grande parking structure and recreational facility occupies the west property line; and
- In conjunction with its construction, the above adjacent Marina Grande property (north and west property lines) had installed a fence / wall / landscaping buffer on the Marina Grande property facing this site.

In addition to the above referenced adjoining properties, the subject parcel is bounded on the east by the Intracoastal Waterway, and on the south by the Blue Heron Blvd. service road.

This application is for the City's approval of a roughly 4,500 square foot, one-story waterfront restaurant with seating for a minimum of 150 patrons. Parking consists of both on-site parking (12 on-site parking spaces), and immediately adjacent "off-site" parking in the form of a lease arrangement with FDOT (6 parking spaces), owner of the southerly adjacent ROW for the public service road on which the site faces. Preliminary discussions with FDOT have yielded an informal approval of the submitted site plan and willingness for the land owner to enter into a lease agreement for the shown parking. Formal application to the FDOT has been made concurrent with this City application. FDOT has further indicated any such final lease arrangement will be conditioned upon the City's approval of the submitted site plan.

While the submitted plans include a site plan data sheet showing compliance with the City Land Development Code, a summary of compliance with the Building Standards are as follows:

- The building is a one-story building as defined by the ULDC and complies with Section 31-535(a).
- Ground story of commercial is ten feet to 18 feet tall per Section 31-535(a)(2).
- Roof top equipment is shielded from ground view by placing on the roof per Section 31-535(a)(9). Given the height of the proposed building (one story) and the heights of the surrounding buildings (seven stories plus) shielding the visual impact from adjacent buildings is not possible.
- As a single story structure, the project complies with Section 31-535(a)(10).
- A significant portion of the building's south façade is open air as well and thus meets requirements of Section 31-535(f)(1).
- The nature of the overall design (open structure) does not generally include windows. However, those windows and doors that do occur do include muntins, with limited use of circular windows per Section 31-535(f)(2).
- An expression line has been included in the building design to respond to Sections 31-535(f)(4)) and 31-536(4)a.

- The existing characteristics of the site do not meet any of the standard design nor location criteria referred to in section 29-65. The site is located on a one-way service road and therefore it cannot comply with any of the standard design examples shown in the code. The applicant has designed the subject site to comply with all interior and parking landscape requirements of Section 31-536(b)(3)a.1.
- Due to the existing conditions of the site, particularly the wide distance between the property line and existing pedestrian walk parallel to the existing service road, a combined 8' pedestrian walk cannot be accommodated per Section 31-536(b)(3)a.2. The applicant does propose a pedestrian connection from the proposed building and outdoor dining area to the existing public right-of-way that shall comply with ADA accessibility requirements as well as surface treatment.
- Front setback area has been designed to incorporate pedestrian circulation to the main building entry and outdoor dining area while incorporating complimentary landscape elements without obstructing views of the restaurant use in accord with Section 31-536(b)(3)a.3.
- Due to grade differences facing the south elevation to the ROW it is unsafe to comply with Section 31-536(b)(3)b. However, the proposed building has used a Storefront type of entrance with a "faux" entrance doors facing the south ROW, and the building entrance feature as a whole facing the ROW in an attempt to satisfy this appearance criteria.
- The proposed building complies with using at least one of the allowed frontage types, in this case a Storefront per Sections 31-536(b)(3)c and 31-537(a).
- The applicant has provided a continuous maintained hedge to screen the view of the on-site parking from the right-of-way. Additionally, shade trees have been incorporated in this area as required under Section 31-536(b)(4)b.
- The adjacent residential site to the side and rear have an existing 6' wall and fence combination. The adjacent use to the west side is a parking garage and to the north (rear) is the side of a 20 story condo building. The adjacent buffer is heavily landscaped; however, the Applicant proposes to supplement landscape material where screening may need to be increased from the actual residential units such as from a window into the subject property to address those requirements of Section 31-536(b)(4)c.



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