



DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

City and County of San Francisco
1660 Mission Street, San Francisco, California 94103-2414

ACCESS APPEALS COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, January 09, 2008

1:00 P.M.

***SPECIAL MEETING LOCATION:**
2720 Taylor Street - LOBBY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Access Appeals Commission was called to order at approximately 1:10 P.M. by Secretary Neil Friedman.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Roslyn Baltimore, President
Mr. Walter Park, Vice-President
Ms. Alyce Brown, Commissioner
Mr. Arnie Lerner, AIA, Commissioner

COMMISSION MEMBER ABSENT: Mr. Jurgen Dostert, Commissioner

CITY REPRESENTATIVES: Neil Friedman
Secretary to the Commission

Neil Friedman
Recording Secretary

Ms. Elaine Warren
Deputy City Attorney

Ms. Doris M. Levine
Court Reporter

OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE: Mr. Jeffrey Feldman

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

3. CONTINUED APPEAL:

Appeal No. 07-09 (Permit Application 2004/1116/9350) 2720 Taylor Street

Secretary Friedman read the summary for the appeal and noted the occupancy designation name has changed under the 2007 California Building Code.

Mr. Jeffrey Feldman, representative for the building, said that a blue zone was created outside the building to fulfill the need for a van accessible parking space. Mr. Feldman mentioned that Mr. Bruckner, building manager, approached several businesses in the area asking if a parking space could be leased for 2720 Taylor Street.

Mr. Bruckner said that nothing is available and he has a letter noting all the parking lot names and addresses in the area he contacted.

Mr. Feldman was asked about the feasibility of raising the building to acquire the 8'-2" height requirement. He answered by saying they would have to lose the leased space on the 1st floor.

The commissioners proceeded to the parking garage and then to the "new" blue zone. The question of obtaining a curb cut was addressed.

Mr. Feldman suggested that the unloading "zone" would be the sidewalk or the passenger side of the vehicle, per code.

Commissioner Park suggested having Department of Parking and Traffic, DPT, come to a meeting to discuss blue zones.

Commissioner Lerner made a motion to grant a hardship due to physical constraints and that the following information should be posted at the parking garage entrance:

- 1. A sign at the entrance stating the clear height in the parking garage.**
- 2. There are 8 accessible parking spaces in the garage, 4 above and 4 below.**
- 3. There is a blue zone on the corner of Beach and Taylor Streets.**
- 4. The name and address of the parking lots available near by for van parking.**

The hardship will be precedent setting for 3 years or whenever the code changes.

The role was called:

Commissioner Baltimore	Yes
Commissioner Park	Yes
Commissioner Brown	Yes
Commissioner Lerner	Yes

Motion passed 4-0

4. REVIEW OF COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

There were no new communication items for review.

5. COMMISSIONERS' AND STAFF'S QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Commissioner Park would like to calendar 2 items :

1. Inviting DPT to talk about alternative high top van parking zones.
2. Status of DBI forms on line and the possibility of talking to an IT person from DBI.

Secretary Friedman mentioned that the issue of forms and getting them on line was discussed briefly at DBI this morning.

This item will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Commissioner Lerner spoke at the code advisory meeting about the AB, Administrative Bulletin, for Destination Elevators. He mentioned that it would be good to have the Disabled Access Advisory Committee and Laurence Kornfield come to the next meeting.

Secretary Friedman mentioned due to budget constraints it would be good to invite DPT to attend the same meeting.

The next meeting will be in February 13.

6. TOPIC:

Laurence Kornfield was going to discuss the Administrative Bulletin for 'destination-based' elevators. He was not able to attend this meeting.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 P.M.

These notes are an approximate summary of the Access Appeals Commission meeting for this date.

Neil Friedman
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Department of Building Inspection
Secretary to the Access Appeals Commission