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GAINESVILLE

Item No.: 2

TO: City Plan Board DATE: February 15, 2007

FROM: Planning Division Staff

SUBJECT: Petition 201TCH-06PB, City Plan Board. Amend the City of Gainesville Land Development Code, Section 30-332(c) to change the parking requirement for libraries from 1 per 1,000 square feet of gross floor area to 1 per 200 square feet of gross floor area.

Recommendation

Planning Division staff recommends approval of Petition 201TCH-06PB.

Explanation

The Alachua County Library District staff has provided information to the City which indicates that the current parking requirements for public libraries are deficient. The Florida Library Association publication, Standards for Public Libraries 2004, recommends one vehicle parking space per 200 square feet of gross building area as an essential standard (at the minimum level). The Florida League of Cities and the Florida City and County Management Association have endorsed the Florida Library Association standards.

The public libraries within city limits contain not only library/book facilities but also large meeting rooms that are used for educational or other public programs. The meeting room space plus basic library services being co-located means that parking space deficiencies are problematic for the library district.

The current City Code requires only one space per 1,000 floor area. Based on input from the local library district staff, Planning staff recommends changing the requirement to one vehicle parking space per 200 square feet of gross floor area. Planning staff recommends that the text in the Land Development Code, Section 30-332(c) for Libraries be amended as follows:

Libraries 1 for each ~~1,000~~ 200 square feet of gross floor area

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Impact on Affordable Housing

Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ralph Hilliard".

Ralph Hilliard
Planning Manager

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Onelia Lazzari, Sr. Planner gave the Staff presentation and stated libraries are now providing multiple functions for the community, as the local Alachua County Library District has informed Staff that the Florida Standards for public libraries has a different parking standard than what was adopted in the City Land Development Code. Ms. Lazzari further stated the Florida League of Cities and the County Management Associations have both endorsed the Public Library Standards.

The Board discussed the petition.

Motion By: David Gold	Seconded By: Jon Reiskind
Moved To: Approve	Upon Vote: 5 – 0