



Legislation Text

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Patticakes on the Plaza Request to Sublease (B)

The Bo Diddley Plaza renovation project in 2016 included a shell café that was constructed on the northeast corner of the Plaza. The Plaza Café concept served to activate that portion of the plaza and provide additional offerings for visitors and workers in the downtown area. The City of Gainesville entered into a Master Lease agreement with Jan Patterson, owner of Patticakes, Inc. on April 6, 2016. The Master Lease is a period of five (5) years that commenced on October 1, 2016 and ends on September 30, 2021. Under the terms of this Master Lease agreement, the lease may be extended for up to five (5) additional one - year terms at the option of the Tenant, provided Tenant is not or has not been in default under the terms of the Master Lease. Since 2016, the Plaza Café has been occupied by Jan Patterson, owner of Patticakes, Inc.

Patticakes, Inc. would like to enter into a consent to sublease agreement with Di Fede, LLC. The Plaza Café concept would be subleased to Joe Di Bartolo, an entrepreneur with over 35 years of restaurant experience and his partner Matthew DiBernardo who has worked in the coaching profession for 30 years. Their concept “*City Slice*” would involve creating community around a family owned pizzeria that offers pizza, stromboli’s, salads, desserts and a grab-and-go food option with \$1 pizza slices.

According to Di Fede, LLC “*City Slice*” desires to work with the local community and businesses bringing people together at the Bo Diddley Plaza. They believe that by creating a family atmosphere they would be a positive influence to the Downtown Gainesville culture. Their vision includes offering a 10% discount to first responders, provide eco-friendly and timely deliveries via bicycles, working with Bo Diddley Plaza programming and community events, and implement a “pay it forward” program to increase people serving each other in the community. Di Fede, LLC are excited about the opportunity to expand their business in downtown Gainesville and look forward to the prospect of offering their “*City Slice*” at Bo Diddley Plaza.

In accordance with the terms of the existing Master Lease, in order for Patticakes, Inc. to complete the sublease, action is required to authorize the Interim City Manager with the authority to sign and execute the Consent to Sublease agreement.

None

1) City Commission to authorize Interim City Manager to execute Consent to Sublease agreement.