RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY GRANTING AMENDED PRELIMINARY AND FINAL AMENDED SITE PLAN APPROVAL WITH VARIANCES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70(c) TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF AN APPROXIMATELY 600 SQUARE FOOT STORAGE SPACE AND RELOCATION OF AN EXISTING ROOF SIGN AT THE SUBJECT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1100 BOARDWALK, BLOCK 1 LOTS 142 AND 142.01, IN THE CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY UNDER APPLICATION #2024-01-3577

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 18, as amended (the "Act"), the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (the "Authority"): (i) designated the Atlantic City Tourism District by Resolution 11-25, adopted April 19, 2011; (ii) established the Land Use Regulation and Enforcement Division to, among other matters, hear applications for development in the Tourism District by Resolution 11-33, adopted April 19, 2011; and (iii) adopted the master plan, zoning and land use ordinances and regulations, and zoning maps approved by the City by Resolution 11-34, adopted April 19, 2011; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 12-14, adopted February 1, 2012, the Authority adopted the "New Jersey CRDA Atlantic City Tourism District Master Plan" prepared by Jones Lang LaSalle, LLC and dated February 1, 2012 (the "Master Plan") (as affirmed and readopted pursuant to Resolution 12-23, adopted February 21, 2012), subject to further comment and revision, which master plan shall become effective upon the adoption of design, development and land use regulations on January 2, 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** IMCMV Atlantic City, LLC (the "Applicant"), seeks amended Preliminary and Final Amended Site Approval with variances pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70(c) to permit construction of an approximately 600 square foot storage structure and relocation of an existing roof sign at the subject property located at 1100 Boardwalk, Block 1, Lot 142 and 142.01 on the Tax Map of Atlantic City, located in the Resort Commercial (RC) Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2024, the Authority's Land Use Regulation and Enforcement Division convened a public hearing on Application 2024-01-3577 in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, the Municipal Land Use Law and the Act, and subsequently prepared and delivered a Hearing Officer's Report and Recommendation dated February 14, 2024 (the "Report), incorporated herein by this reference and appended hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority intends to adopt the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Hearing Officer, as detailed in the Report dated February 14, 2024.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority that:

1. The above recitals are incorporated herein, as if set forth in full.

- **2.** Based on the record in this matter, the amended Preliminary and Final Amended Site Plan with variances pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70(c) under Application 2024-01-3577 is hereby approved in accordance with the Hearing Officer's Report and Recommendation dated February 14, 2024.
- **3.** A copy of this Resolution shall be immediately transmitted to the Governor. This Resolution shall take effect immediately, but no action authorized herein shall have force and effect until the earlier of the passage of ten (10) days, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted, after the delivery of the copy to the Governor, or the Governor's approval.

I hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of Resolution 24-09 of the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority.

MICHAEL BESON, SECRETARY

Michael Beson

**MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2024** 



# EXHIBIT "A" TO RESOLUTION 24-\_\_, ADOPTED 2/20/2024

**TO:** Members of the Authority

**FROM:** Lance B. Landgraf, Jr., Land Use Hearing Officer

**COPY:** Maisha Y. Moore, Interim Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Hearing Officer's Report and Recommendation

Application #2024-01-3577 IMCMV Atlantic City, LLC

Amended Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval with Variances

Pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 40:55D-70(c)

1100 Boardwalk

Block 1, Lots 142 & 142.01 Beach (B) Zoning District

**DATE:** February 14, 2024

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On February 1, 2024, the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (the "Authority") heard testimony and public comment on the above-subject application. The Applicant, IMCMV, LLC (the "Applicant"), seeks Amended Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval to permit the construction an approximately 600 square foot storage space and relocation of an existing roof sign at the existing Landshark Bar & Grill. Variances pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70(c) are required for parking and signage.

The Applicant demonstrated by evidence and testimony that the development proposal generally conforms to the site plan standards and technical requirements of the Authority's Tourism District Land Development Rules. In addition, the Applicant demonstrated by evidence and testimony that the grant of the requested variances is warranted. Therefore, for the reasons more fully outlined below, the Hearing Officer recommends that the Application be approved by the Authority.



# INTRODUCTION

**Application Information** 

IMCMV Atlantic City, LLC
Amended Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval with Variances Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70(c)
1100 Boardwalk
Block 1, Lots 142 & 142.01
Beach (B) Zoning District

A hearing on the Application was conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, the Municipal Land Use Law and P.L. 2011, c. 18.

The Applicant seeks Amended Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval to permit the construction an approximately 600 square foot storage space and relocation of an existing roof sign at the existing Landshark Bar & Grill. Variances pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70(c) are required for parking and signage.

Evidence List

- A-1 Application Materials
- B-1 Letter from ARH Associates dated January 26, 2024

## FINDINGS OF FACT

The Applicant seeks Amended Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval to permit the construction an approximately 600 square foot storage space and relocation of an existing roof sign at the existing Landshark Bar & Grill. Variances pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40:55D-70(c) are required for parking and signage.

The attorney for the Applicant, Nicholas Talvacchia, Esq., introduced the application generally and provided background regarding the specific relief sought by the Applicant. He noted that the purpose of the application was to provide additional storage to increase kitchen efficiency at the Landshark Bar & Grill.

The Applicant presented the testimony of Jon Barnhart, P.E., P.P., who was qualified as an expert in the fields of professional engineering and professional planning. He described the location of the site, existing conditions, site layout and the development proposal.



Mr. Barnhart testified that the Applicant proposes to add an approximately 600 square foot structure with two cold and one dry storage space. He explained that the existing roof-mounted sign will be obstructed by the structure, and therefore moved to a different location on the roof of the Landshark Bar & Grill. No new seating is proposed. Mr. Barnhart testified regarding roof drainage, landscaping and lighting. He confirmed the dimensions and location of the proposed storage structure, and that it will conform to all setback standards. He noted that a CAFRA Permit is required and the permit application is currently pending before the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Barnhart testified that the Applicant would agree to comply with all of the comments in the letter from ARH Associates dated January 26, 2024.

Mr. Barnhart testified that the Applicant seeks a variance pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70(c) for a parking shortfall of two parking spaces. He explained that the development proposal to add storage space does not increase parking demand, and the proposed replacement of existing retail space with kitchen space (which is not the subject of this application) will actually reduce parking demand. In addition, the Applicant seeks a variance to permit a roof-mounted sign where roof-mounted signs are not permitted. Mr. Barnhart testified that a variance was previously granted for the roof-mounted sign based on its aesthetic features and consistency with the architecture of the Landshark Bar & Grill structure, and that it is only being relocated because it will be obstructed by the proposed storage structure.

Mr. Barnhart testified that the that the approval of the application for development would advance the purposes of the Municipal Land Use Law by promoting the public health, safety and welfare (Purpose A) by creating a better experience for the public; and by creating a desirable visual environment (Purpose I) by using creative design techniques to create a storage structure that is subtle, tasteful and hides the trash enclosure. In addition, he opined that the roof-mounted sign is attractive and welcoming. With respect to the negative criteria, Mr. Barnhart testified that the grant of the variances would not have any substantial detriment to the Tourism District Master Plan or Tourism District Land Development Rules.

Christine Cofone, P.P., was qualified as an expert in professional planning and provided testimony on behalf of the Authority. Ms. Cofone testified that the grant of the requested variances is justified and that she supports approval of the Application.

Christopher Morris, P.E., was qualified as an expert in professional engineering and provided testimony on behalf of the Authority. Mr. Morris testified that he supports approval of the Application.



# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

# Amended Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval

A land use agency's authority in reviewing an application for site plan approval is limited to determining whether the development plan conforms to the zoning ordinance and the applicable provisions of the site plan ordinance. <u>See Pizzo Mantin Group v. Township of Randolph</u>, 137 N.J. 216 (1994).

Here, based on the evidence and testimony, the Applicant has demonstrated that development plan generally conforms to the subdivision standards and technical requirements of the Tourism District Land Development Rules.

# Variances Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70(c)

For variances requested pursuant to  $\underline{N.J.S.A}$ . 40:55D-70(c)(2), an applicant must demonstrate through evidence and testimony that the positive and negative criteria of the statutory requirements have been met.

# Positive Criteria

The positive criteria for variances requested pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40:55D-70(c)(2) is satisfied if one or more purposes of the Municipal Land Use Law would be advanced by a deviation from the zoning ordinance requirements and the benefits of that deviation would substantially out-weigh any detriment to the public good. <u>Ketcherick v. Bor. Mountain Lakes</u>, 256 N.J. Super. 646 (App. Div. 1992); <u>Green Meadows v. Planning Board</u>, 329 N.J. Super. 12 (App. Div. 2000).

Here, the Applicant seeks a variance pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70(c) for a parking shortfall of two parking spaces. In addition, the Applicant seeks a variance to permit a roof-mounted sign where roof-mounted signs are not permitted. The approval of the application for development would advance the purposes of the Municipal Land Use Law by promoting the public health, safety and welfare (Purpose A) by creating a better experience for the public; and by creating a desirable visual environment (Purpose I) by using creative design techniques to create a storage structure that is subtle, tasteful and hides the trash enclosure.

# Negative Criteria

Relief under  $\underline{N.J.S.A.}$  40:55D-70(c)(2) cannot be granted unless the negative criteria is satisfied. The negative criteria required for all "c" variances is that the requested relief can be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially



impairing the intent and purpose of the Tourism Master Plan and the Tourism District Land Development Rules.

The evidence and testimony demonstrate that the grant of the requested variances will not create any detriment to the public good, and will not substantially impair the purpose and intent of the Tourism District Mast Plan and the Tourism District Land Development Rules.

# **RECOMMENDATION**

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Hearing Officer recommends that the Application for Amended Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval with variances pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70(c) be approved. The grant of approval of this Application shall be expressly conditioned upon the Applicant complying with all conditions of prior approvals, satisfying all representations made by the Applicant or by others on its behalf during the course of the hearing on this matter before the Hearing Officer.

The grant of approval shall be further conditioned upon compliance with all applicable requirements of the Tourism District Land Development Rules, city of Atlantic City Ordinances, and the requirements of any City agency, board or authority. Any approval granted in accordance herewith shall be further expressly conditioned upon the Applicant obtaining all other necessary governmental approvals, and compliance with all Federal, State and local laws.

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Richard Rehmann, GISP Richard Heggan, PLS, PP Jeffery MacPhee, PLS

January 26, 2024

Lance B. Landgraf, Jr., P.P., AICP
Casino Reinvestment Development Authority
Division of Land Use and Regulatory Enforcement
15 S Pennsylvania Avenue
Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Re: DGMB Casino, LLC and IMCMV Atlantic City, LLC Located South of 1133 Boardwalk
Block 1, Lots 142 & 142.01

Atlantic City, NJ 08401 ARH File: 24-10074.02

Dear Mr. Landgraf:

**ARH Associates** has received the above captioned Application for review. The Applicant seeks Minor Site Plan approval to construct a dry storage area and relocate the roof sign ancillary to the Landshark Bar & Grill. It shall be noted that an application for this site was heard before the CRDA Board on March 3, 2022 and was approved under Resolution #22-37, dated April 19, 2022 and again on April 6, 2023 and was approved under Resolution #23-54, dated April 18, 2023.

Block 1, Lots 142 & 142.01 is located in Atlantic City's Beach (B) Zoning District. The proposed uses are permitted within the Beach Zone. The Applicant requests bulk variance relief from signage requirements associated with this Application.

This report consists of a review of the Subject Application for conformance with Casino Reinvestment Development Authority checklists as well as NJAC 19:66, the CRDA Tourism District Land Development Rules. Comments are limited to the information presented to date. The Applicant may present additional information and testimony at the Board hearing on this matter.

## I. OWNER & APPLICANT INFORMATION

#### **OWNER**

DGMB Casino, LLC 1133 Boardwalk, Atlantic City, NJ 08401 609-340-7955 nmoles@resortsac.com

### **APPLICANT**

IMCMV Atlantic City, LLC 4901 Vineland Road, Suite 600, Orlando, FL 32811 609-572-7544 ntalvacchia@cooperlevenson.com

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### II. SUBMITTALS

TITLE / DESCRIPTION	PREPARED / SIGNED / SEALED BY	DATE	DATE LAST REVISED
Cover Letter from Applicant's Attorney	Cooper Loyenson	01/05/2024	
Request for 200-foot property owners list	Cooper Levenson	01/04/2024	
CRDA Land Use Application			
Escrow Setup Information	Own and Annihant	01/05/2024	
Project Narrative	Owner / Applicant		
Corporate Disclosure Statement			
Landshark Bar & Grill Alterations & Addition CRDA Submittal Set – Site Plan	Arthur Ponzio Co.	11/29/2023	
Minor Site Plan Checklist (Form #5)	Arthur Ponzio Co.	01/05/2024	
Policy Compliance Report NJAC 7:7E-8.7 Stormwater Management	Arthur Ponzio Co.	12/21/2023	
Resorts Landshark Bar & Grill Addition & Alterations – Architectural Plans	SOSH Architects	11/29/2023	
Deed Instrument No. 2010073603	City of Atlantic City	12/10/2023	

# III. CHECKLISTS

The following addresses conformance with the CRDA's list of Required Application items for Minor Site Plan Checklist (form #5) and "c" Variance Checklist (Form #12) and does not reflect adequacy of submissions for review purposes. The correct number of copies are assumed to have been submitted. Column entries reflect **ARH'**s review of Applicant's submissions.

Minor Site Plan Checklist (Form #5)

ITEM	Minor Site Plan	Required	Submitted	Waiver Requested by Applicant	Comments
12	Certified List of Property Owners within 200' Radius of the subject property by City of Atlantic City Tax assessor's Office.	X			Not Submitted to this Office. See Comment V.m.1. below
21	Stormwater management plans and drainage calculations. (19:66-7.5).	X		X	Plan Not Submitted. Stormwater Compliance Report Submitted. See Comments

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ITEM	Minor Site Plan	Required	Submitted	Waiver Requested by Applicant	Comments
					in V.h. Below
22	Site Plan depicting proposed buildings, structures, existing and proposed building setbacks, landscape areas, lighting / fixtures, lighting intensity, location of identification signage and directional signs, trash encloser, building setback lines (dashed) and their dimensions from the property lines, parking area plan showing spaces, size and type, aisle width, curb cuts, drives, driveways, and all ingress and egress areas and dimensions.	X			See Comments In V.e. Below
23	Grading Plan depicting direction of flow of surface run-off, spot elevations, contours within 1-foot intervals, stormwater management structures.	X			Not Submitted See Comments in V.g. Below
24	Landscaping Plan, details, and plant schedule (19:66-7.6)	X		X	See Comments in V.k. Below
25	Lighting Plan and details (19:66-7.10)	X		X	See Comment V.I. Below
29	Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan. (Required for soil disturbance of 5,000 sq. ft. or greater)	Х		Х	

# "c" Variance Checklist (Form #12)

\*This checklist has not been provided to our office, however our office completed this checklist to the best of our knowledge.

ITEM	"c" Variance	Required	Submitted	Waiver Requested by Applicant	Comments
2	Payment of Required Application and Escrow Fees (19:66-3.4)	X			This office is unaware of fees paid to date. CRDA to confirm all fees are paid to date.

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ITEM	"c" Variance	Required	Submitted	Waiver Requested by Applicant	Comments
6	Color Photographs of site from four (4) different viewpoints.	X			Not Submitted
12	Certified List of Property Owners within 200' Radius of the subject property by City of Atlantic City Tax assessor's Office.	X			Not Submitted to this Office. See Comment V.m.1. below
21	Site Plan depicting proposed buildings, structures, existing and proposed building setbacks, landscape areas, location of identification signage and directional signs, trash enclosure, building setback lines (dashed) and their dimensions from the property lines, parking area plan showing spaces, size and type, aisle width, curb cuts, drives, driveways, and all ingress and egress areas and dimensions.	X			See Comments In V.e. Below

# IV. BULK REQUIREMENTS, BEACH (B)

Standard – Dry Storage Building	Required	Existing	Proposed	Complies?
Maximum Height (measured from BFE) (FT)	100	N/A	23.25 (above BFE El. 10')	С
Minimum Front Yard (up to building height of 35′) (FT)	0	N/A	ТВР	С
Minimum Side Yard (up to 80' above Boardwalk) (FT)	12	N/A	19.4	С
Minimum Rear Yard (up to 80' above Boardwalk) (FT)	30	N/A	> 30	С
Sign Extending Above Roof Line	Not Permitted	N/A	Relocated Sign Extends Above Roofline	V

C = COMPLIES

N/A = NOT APPLICABLE

**ENC** = Existing Non-Conforming Condition

NC = No Change from Existing

V = VARIANCE REQUIRED

**VG** = **V**ARIANCE **G**RANTED

TBP = To BE PROVIDED

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#### V. REVIEW OF PLANS

- a. Land Use Application
  - 1. It shall be noted the incorrect zone of Resort Commercial (RC) is indicated on the Application form.
  - 2. It shall be noted in #12 of the application form a variance for the relocated sign is required. Further discussion on the sign variance is provided below.

#### b. Checklists

- 1. Minor Site Plan Checklist
  - a. The applicant has requested waivers on the following items:
    - i. Item 21: Stormwater management plans and drainage calculations. (19:66-7.5)
    - ii. Item 24: Landscaping Plan, details, and plant schedule (19:66-7.6)
    - iii. Item 25: Lighting Plan and details (19:66-7.10)
    - iv. Item 26: Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan. (Required for soil disturbance of 5,000 sq. ft. or greater)
  - b. This office takes no objection to waivers for Item 26 as the project will not disturb soils of an area 5,000 sq. ft. or greater.
  - c. Regarding Items 21, 24, and 25, please see further discussion below.
- 2. "c" Variance Checklist
  - a. This checklist has not been provided to our office, however our office completed this checklist to the best of our knowledge and no items beyond what is already mentioned in the Minor Site Plan Checklist require attention.

### c. Zoning

1. The property is located in the Beach (B) zone. This review is limited to the sign relocation, the proposed dry storage building and ancillary improvements only. The existing Landshark Bar & Grill with its associated outdoor amenities have not been reviewed.

# d. Parking

- 1. As per N.J.A.C. 19:66-5.8(b)9., for general warehousing and storage facilities, one (1) parking space is required per 500 square feet of floor area. The exact SF of the dry storage building is unknown and shall be provided on the site plan. However, within the Project Narrative the Applicant states it is approximately 600 SF, which will require two (2) parking stalls. Although our office believes that the dry storage building will not facilitate the need for additional parking, testimony shall be provided on the potential relief from required parking spaces.
- 2. The applicant shall provide testimony regarding EV parking as per N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.36

### e. Site Layout

1. A dimension shall be provided from the Boardwalk to the proposed dry storage building. This will be considered the front yard setback for the proposed building.

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- 2. There is a dimension on the plan of 4' from the boardwalk to an unknown point and the Zoning Schedule on the plan indicates a front yard setback of 4'. There is also an existing deck setback 0' from the boardwalk. The 4' dimension shall be clarified on the plans as to what it is dimensioning to, or removed if not necessary, and clarify the front yard setback on the Zoning Schedule.
- 3. The Zoning Schedule states the side yard setback is 20 feet whereas the site plan shows the proposed dry storage structure 19.4' from the side lot line. Furthermore, there appears to be portions of the existing structure closer than 19.4' to the side lot lines. The Applicant shall clarify what the side yard setback is and provide a matching dimension on the plan.

## f. Building Height

- 1. Building height is measured from the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) to the roof peak. The elevation views on the architectural plans shall provide an elevations for the roof peak of the proposed building. Please ensure that all elevation on the site plans and architectural plans are consistent with each other.
- 2. Within the Beach Zone, a maximum building height of 100' is allowed on commercial or amusement piers, and a maximum building height of 20' for principal structures or 10' for accessory structures is allowed for structures directly on the beach. As this building is within the footprint of the former Steeplechase Pier, it is our understanding that the commercial pier building height of 100' maximum is applicable, although the building is proposed directly on the beach. Testimony shall be provided regarding the building height and appropriate designation.

# g. Grading & Drainage

- 1. The site plan shall be revised to provide legible existing contours.
- 2. Testimony shall be provided on the roof runoff for the proposed dry storage building. It is unclear how roof runoff will be discharged. There is an adjacent existing roof structure at a lower elevation to the south of the proposed building. There does appear to be a small gap between the two roofs. Will the runoff from the proposed building discharge onto this lower adjacent roof or into the gap space?
- 3. The site plan states the proposed dry storage building finished floor is to match the existing pier elevation. Various existing elevations of decks/landings are provided on the plan. The deck where entry is proposed into the dry storage building is at elevation 16.0' according to the site plan whereas the architectural plans has this at elevation 16.25'. This discrepancy shall be addressed.

#### h. Stormwater Management

1. The Stormwater Management Policy Compliance Report contains numerous references to sections within N.J.A.C. 7:8 that appear to be outdated. The report shall be updated to refer to the current N.J.A.C. 7:8 sections, last revised July 17, 2023. Our office takes no objections

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- to the policy compliance reasonings within the report and we are in agreement that no stormwater management measures are needed.
- 2. In the Water Quality section of the report, it states water quality will be addressed through infiltration areas as shown on the plan. However, the report further states water quality does not need to be addressed because only a building is proposed, and our office agrees. No infiltration areas have been labeled on the plan nor are they required. This discrepancy within the report shall be addressed.

## i. Flood Damage Prevention and Coastal Permitting

- 1. The partial FEMA Preliminary FIRM on the Title Sheet shall be updated to provide the FIRM Map # and its date.
- 2. It appears the dry storage structure is located within Flood Zone AE 10 immediately outside the limit of moderate wave action. It shall be noted that the limit of moderate wave action line coincides with the Flood Zone VE 11 boundary line, in which the majority of the Landshark Bar & Grill is located within. Testimony shall be provided on flood damage prevention measures for the proposed structure in conformance with FEMA standards.
- 3. Applicant states an NJDEP Coastal General Permit approval is required for this project. Testimony shall be provided on the status of the permit with NJDEP. A copy of the permit shall be provided once obtained.

## j. Signage

1. The Applicant is proposing to relocate their existing roof sign from the main structure to the proposed dry storage building's roof. Per N.J.A.C. 19:66-5.7(j)5.v., wall signs shall be no higher than the roofline of the wall supporting the sign, whereas the proposed relocated sign will be placed above the roofline and a variance is required. Testimony shall be provided on regarding the sign variance. It shall be noted that the sign in its existing location was the subject of a prior approved variance.

# k. Landscaping

- 1. The architectural floor plans indicate existing landscaping that is to be relocated. A similar notation shall be incorporated within the site plan.
- 2. The Applicant shall provide testimony on the existing landscaping that is to be relocated and the plan's conformance with N.J.A.C. 19:66-7.6.

### I. Lighting

1. The Applicant shall provide testimony on the existing lighting and conformance with N.J.A.C. 19:66-7.10. Will the proposed dry storage building be in conflict with any existing lighting, especially the walkway connected to the Boardwalk? Are there any proposed lights for the dry storage building?

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#### m. Miscellaneous

- 1. A 200' property owners list shall be provided on the site plans.
- The site plan indicates interior kitchen alterations are proposed and to refer to the
  architectural plans for said alterations. However, it is unclear within the architectural plans
  what these kitchen alterations entail. The Applicant shall provide testimony on the proposed
  kitchen alterations.

## **COFONE CONSULTING PLANNING REVIEW**

## **Zoning Compliance**

The property is located in the Beach (B) District. As stated at CRDA Land Development Rules Section at N.J.A.C. 19:66-5.9, the purpose of the B District is as follows:

The purpose of the B Beach District is to capitalize on the unique land use attributes inherent of the proximity to the Atlantic Ocean through promotion and zoning controls that maximize the value of the zoning district.

The existing and proposed uses are all permitted in the B District.

### **Master Plan Review**

The subject property is located within the Atlantic City Tourism District. Pursuant to the New Jersey CRDA Atlantic City Tourism District Master Plan, the overall intention and vision is to "reinvigorate Atlantic City in the near-term as the leading resort destination in the Northeast and beyond (Page 4, New Jersey CRDA Atlantic City Tourism District Master Plan). Among others, overarching objectives are to "develop an economically viable and sustainable tourism district" and "[expand] Atlantic City's tourism and economic bases" (Id, Page 1-2).

#### Planning Analysis and Issues for Consideration by the Board

In regard to the "c" variance, the Municipal Land Use Law (MLUL) at NJSA 40:55D-70c sets forth the standards for variances from the bulk regulations of a zoning ordinance. A "c(1)" variance is for cases of hardship due to factors such as shape or topography, or due to "an extraordinary and exceptional situation uniquely affecting a specific piece of property or the structures lawfully existing thereon." A "c(2)" variance may be granted where the purposes of zoning are advanced and the benefits of deviating from the ordinance requirements outweigh any detriments. The benefits derived from granting a "c(2)" variance must include benefits to the community as a whole, not just to the applicant or property owner. A "c" variance application also must address the "negative criteria."

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We offer the following for your consideration in reviewing the Application:

- 1) The Applicant shall provide such statutorily required testimony through a New Jersey licensed professional planner.
- 2) The existing roof sign is proposed to be relocated to the roof of the dry storage structure. While a variance was previously granted for the sign extending above the roof line, since the sign location is changing from the existing condition, a variance is technically required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:66-5.7(j)2. The Applicant's professionals shall provide testimony about the sign design, location, positioning, and appearance from the ground.
- 3) The Applicant shall provide testimony relative to the entire proposal and its relationship to the other uses on the site and surrounding area.
- 4) The Applicant shall discuss the operational aspects of the proposed dry storage area.
- 5) The Applicant shall discuss how the proposal advances the purpose of the B District and the Tourism District Master Plan.
- 6) The Applicant shall comply with the conditions of any previous approvals received for the site.
- 7) The Applicant shall furnish any prior approvals from, and agreements with, the City of Atlantic City, if any.

## POST APPROVAL CONSIDERATIONS

Should the Board grant the desired approval for this Application, Applicant, and/or its professionals must:

- A. Submit any required revisions to the Board as outlined above for review.
- B. Obtain approvals from all outside agencies, if necessary. Provide copies to the Board.
- C. Contact the Board Secretary to reconcile any outstanding review escrow accounts prior to Final Plan Certification, Signature, or the issuance of building permits, as applicable.

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Any resubmissions in response to this report should be accompanied by a point-by-point response to all items. To facilitate the Board's decision-making process, Applicants are strongly encouraged to resolve as many items as possible prior to the hearing on this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

**ARH ASSOCIATES** 

Ву

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**CRDA Consulting Engineer** 

**COFONE CONSULTING GROUP** 

By

Christine A. Nazzaro-Cofone, AICP, PP

**CRDA Consulting Planner** 

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DATE: February 20, 2024

Motion:

IMCMV ATLANTIC CITY LLC, DBA LANDSHARK BAR & GRILL – RESOLUTION OF THE CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY GRANTING AMENDED PRELIMINARY AND FINAL AMENDED SITE PLAN APPROVAL WITH VARIANCES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70(c) TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF AN APPROXIMATELY 600 SQUARE FOOT STORAGE SPACE AND RELOCATION OF AN EXISTING ROOF SIGN AT THE SUBJECT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1100 BOARDWALK, BLOCK 1 LOTS 142 AND 142.01, IN THE CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY UNDER APPLICATION #2024-01-3577

<u>MB</u>

Second:	<u>JP</u>	
Paulina Banasiak	Abs	<u>sent</u>
Michael Beson	<u>Y</u>	
Sen. Chris Brown for Acting DCA Commissioner	<u>Y</u>	
Daniel Cosner	<u>Y</u>	
Michael Hanley	<u>Y</u>	
Michael Laughlin	<u>Y</u>	
Alicia Magee	<u>Y</u>	
Brett Matik	Rec	used
William Mullen	Abs	<u>sent</u>
James Plousis	<u>Y</u>	
Dave Rebuck for the State Attorney General	<u>Y</u>	
Dave Rebuck for the State Attorney General Mayor Marty Small, Sr.	<u>Y</u> <u>Y</u>	
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Mayor Marty Small, Sr.	<u>Y</u>	
Mayor Marty Small, Sr. William Sproule	<u>Y</u> <u>Y</u> <u>Y</u>	<u>sent</u>