



TO: Planning Board

THROUGH: Rebeca Guerra, AICP, LEED-AP, CPD, Interim Planning Director *RG*

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SUBJECT: **Application for Major Amendment to a PD and Design Review
 Cumberland Farms
 835 Seaway Drive**

BOARD DATE: July 9, 2019

STAFF REPORT

Owner: Harbour Isle Development Commercial, LLC
 825 Seaway Drive
 Fort Pierce, FL 34949

Representative: Atkins, NA (Jeffery Lucas)
 7175 Murrell Road
 Melbourne, FL 34940

Applicant's Request: Design Review approval to construct a 5,625 square foot fueling station & a Major Amendment to a Planned Development (PD) to amendment to add a fueling station as a permitted use

Location: 835 Seaway Drive

Parcel ID: 2402-501-0001-010-8

Current Zoning: Planned Development (PD)

Future Land Use: Hutchinson Island Mixed Use (HIMU)

Surrounding Zoning:

North	East	South	West
OS1	PD	PD	PD

Site Size: 1.50 Acres

Utilities: FPUA

Staff Analysis: Request

In accordance with Section, 22-40 of the City Code, the applicant is requesting the review and approval of the following (Major Amendment) to the Harbour Isle Planned Development:

1. Allow for the addition of a Fueling Station to be a permitted and allowed use in the Planned Development, and
2. Approve a site plan that would include a 5,625 square foot convenience store with fuel sales and associated improvements.

History:

On August 5, 2004, the City Commission granted approval for the Planned Development known as “Harbour Isle at Hutchinson Island.” This PD consisted of both residential and commercial components. The commercial aspects of the project are located along Seaway Drive. One of the commercial developments proposed was a 15,000 square foot retail building. This commercial development was never built and the property remains vacant.

On January 11, 2019, the City Commission approved a 11,050-square foot retail development known as “Harbour Cay Shoppes” to be developed on the western parcel that abuts the subject property. Additionally, Harbour Cay Shoppes requested a reduction in the approved square footage of their building to accommodate an access driveway that needed to be reconfigured. On April 24, 2019, a Minor Amendment for the reduction (10, 530 sq. ft) in the building’s square footage was approved through the Administrative Review process.

Design Review

The City's Design Review guidelines provide approaches to design situations that will contribute to the existing and developing character of the City. The intent of the City's design review process is not to stifle innovative architecture, but rather to assure respect for, and reduce incompatible and adverse impacts on, the visual experience throughout the City. This may be accomplished through respectful interpretation of vernacular building typologies and styles in proposed development. Designs should take cues from traditional proportioning systems and be synonymous with a chosen style.

The fueling station’s design presentation is intended to blend in with the surrounding architecture in the area. Most notably, Chucks Seafood that is located nearby and the adjacent Harbour Cay Shoppes that was recently approved for development by the City Commission. The applicants have provided renderings of what the building will look like against the back drop of its surroundings. The provided 3D renderings show that the development would not overtly stand out, architecturally, from the surrounding buildings. The gas canopy will not feature a flat roof, but will instead feature a design that seeks to mimic the design and feel of the main building.

Site & Landscaping Plan

The proposed building is 5,625 square feet in size with twelve fueling positions. There are twenty-nine parking spaces that are required and the applicant is providing thirty parking spaces. Two handicap parking spaces are also required and are being provided as part of the thirty spaces. They will also be providing bicycle

parking in accordance with City Code 22-60(f)(1)(a). The Lighting Plan provided appears to be consistent with City Code Section 22-60(j)(1)(a), which stipulates that commercial projects shall have site lights that is a minimum average of two footcandles. It should be noted that Staff has detected some potential errors on the calculation summary, and have requested that the applicant address this.

The Landscape Plan provides for seven Live Oaks, fourteen Sabal Palms, & six Mahogany Trees, as well as 551 various types of shrubs and groundcovers. Upon review of the Landscape Plan, Staff notes that it appears to be consistent with City Code 22-187, General Landscaping requirements. Staff has detected, however, some potential errors between the Code requirement table that the applicant provided on the Landscape Plan. Staff is asking the applicant to address this and provide clarification as it does not match the Landscape Plan provided. The site plan does provide for pedestrian cross access from the sidewalk on Seaway Drive to the front door of the building.

Traffic

The Traffic Impact Report provided by the applicant incorporates data for not only the Cumberland Farms, but also for the recently approved Harbour Cay Shoppes. Staff has instead utilized the Capacity Analysis numbers provided as that data is germane only to the Cumberland Farms. The Capacity Analysis has determined that there will be an increase of 2,200 new additional daily trips that will be generated by the proposed project. Of these trips, 53 AM peak hour trips and 19 PM peak hour trips will enter into the site and 58 AM peak hour trips and 18 PM peak hour trips be dispersed onto the surrounding roadway network. The presented increase in daily trips has been stated to have no impact on the levels of service (LOS) within the project radius of the impact area. It should be noted, the traffic numbers presented take into account that the current Cumberland Farms site, with its associated traffic impact, is still active and in operation.

Technical Review Committee

All affected City Departments have reviewed the proposed applications for a Major Amendment to a Planned Development & Design Review and have provided conditional approval based on compliance with requirements of City Code. The comments generated from the technical review, and any responses by the applicant, are provided for review.

Staff Recommendation

The requested Applications for a Major Amendment to the Planned Development and Design Review meets the requirements of the City Code and are found to be consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan. Therefore, Staff recommends **APPROVAL** of the requests with the following four (4) conditions:

1. Before a Certificate of Occupancy is issued, a Landscape Bond shall be submitted for all proposed landscaping, pursuant to City Code 22-180.
2. A revised Landscape Plan shall be submitted which addresses all inconsistencies. Provide additional landscaping along the property line that is shared with the residential component of Harbour Isle to establish a 100% opaque screen.

3. A revised Photometric Survey shall be submitted which addresses the inconsistencies with the Calculation Summary table.
4. Prior to the issuance of a Site Work permit, the applicant shall provide the Engineering Department a recorded copy of the revised Access Easement Agreement authorizing parking within the limits of the existing 53.17' Access Easement.