

# GROWTH MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT VILANO BEACH TOWN CENTER OVERLAY DISTRICT

December 14, 2022 Public Meeting VBTCDR 2022-10 180 Vilano Road

To: North Coastal Design Review Board

Staff: Sloane Stephens, Planner

Date: December 1, 2022

**Applicant:** Matthew Williams

180 Vilano Road

St. Augustine, FL 32084

**Location:** 180 Vilano Road

**FLUM:** Town Center Mixed Use (TCMU)

**Zoning:** TCMU

Applicable Land Development Code Standards: Part 3.10.00: Vilano Beach Town Center Overlay

Section 3.10.05.G – Architectural Standards Section 3.10.05.H – Special Exceptions

**Summary of Request:** Applicant is requesting design approval to enclose and cover an existing concrete pad to enable additional outdoor seating.

# **Staff Review**

**Planning Division:** Applicant has provided an example image of what the proposed pavilion would appear similar to. It is planned to be a natural wood pavilion with fence walls and an aluminum metal roof. Please see below photo for example reference.



# LDC Section 3.10.05.G – Architectural Standards

- 1. The architectural styles of new buildings within the VBTC shall be authentic representations of one of three styles: Art Deco, Art Moderne, or "Florida Vernacular", also known as, "Old Florida Beach". The proposed architectural style of all new buildings and renovations to existing buildings must be approved by the Design Review Board. The Design Review Board shall base its determination of conformance to accepted style standards on: 1.) expert testimony regarding the authenticity of the proposed architectural design, 2.) documented patterns for Art Deco, Art Moderne or Florida Vernacular, 3.) the aesthetics of the proposed building or renovation, and 4.) its contribution to the objectives of the VBTC Overlay District.
- 2. Additions or expansions to existing buildings which are of a Spanish/Mediterranean architectural style will not be required to be reflective of Art Deco, Art Moderne or Florida Vernacular, but must be architecturally compatible with the existing building style, be authentic representations of the documented Spanish/Mediterranean architectural style and be approved by the Design Review Board.
- 3. All buildings constructed within Town Center Mixed Use District shall have a minimum ground floor, floor to ceiling height of 12 feet. *Proposed pavilion does not appear to surpass existing building height.*
- 4. A building's main entrance shall face the main roadway. Buildings located at street corners shall have entrances at the corner or one entrance on each street frontage. *Not applicable; front of building is not proposed to be altered.*
- 5. Exterior finish materials shall be appropriate for the style of the building, and shall be limited to light colored, stone, brick, stucco, pre-cast concrete, clear glass, clapboard siding, or wood shingles. Walls shall be of no more than two materials, and shall change material along a horizontal line, with the heavier material below the lighter material. Pavilion is proposed to consist of natural wood, with a fence style enclosed area, and an aluminum roof.
- 6. Building finishes, design and architectural detailing shall be consistent and of the same quality for all sides of the building, whereby all outside walls of the building shall be finished with the same materials and chosen style as the front.
- 7. The void to solid ratio of the frontage includes fenestration (windows, porches, arcades, loggias and balconies). The minimum requirement for fenestration on facades shall be 25 percent. *Not applicable, this application does not involve frontage of the subject property.*
- 8. Porches, arcades and loggias may have high localized void to solid ratios, however a continuous series of these elements can undermine the solidity of a façade and should be avoided. *Not applicable, this application does not involve frontage of the subject property.*
- 9. Balconies shall be used in moderation and shall be integrated into the overall composition of the façade. Balconies shall not be implemented in a monotonous or repetitive configuration. This pertains to both indented balconies (loggias) and to cantilevered ones. *Not applicable, there is no proposed balcony with this application.*
- 10. Balconies and porches may be of decorative metal, wood, carved stone, concrete or stucco, and shall extend no more than 3 feet from the facade of the building. *Not applicable, there is no proposed balcony with this application.*
- 11. Pitched roofs are allowed and where used shall be of silver colored metal. Flat roofs shall be enclosed by parapets no less than forty two (42) inches high, or as required to enclose equipment. *Proposed sloped pavilion roof is to be aluminum/metal material*.
- 12. Windows shall be recessed a minimum of two (2) inches and shall be vertical or square in proportions. *Not applicable, there are no proposed windows with this application.*
- 13. The glazed area and all other openings of a façade shall be at least 25 percent and shall not exceed 45 percent of the total area of each façade, with each façade calculated separately. *Not applicable, this application does not involve frontage of the subject property.*

- 14. Openings in upper stories shall be centered directly above openings in the first story. Openings on the gable ends must be centered. Openings shall be a minimum of two (2) feet from building corners unless building has rounded corners as appropriate to style. *Not applicable, proposed renovation is to existing first story only.*
- 15. If shutters are used, they must be operable, sized to match the opening, and provided for all windows on a given wall. *Not applicable, applicant is not proposing shutters.*
- 16. All exterior doors, except garage doors, shall be hinged. All windows, except storefront windows shall be operable. *Not applicable, applicant is not proposing any new exterior doors or windows*.
- 17. Storefronts, retail and office uses are required to face the frontage line, and shall be directly accessible from the sidewalk, or raised porch, arcade or plaza. Each storefront, and all Building Type I structures, must have clear glazed areas, equal to a minimum of seventy (70) percent of its first floor street facing façade length, between two (2) and eight (8) feet from the ground. *Not applicable, this application does not involve frontage of the subject property.*
- 18. All awnings shall be sympathetic to the buildings architecture and designed as an integral component of the overall signage package. All awnings on the street level shall project a minimum of four (4) feet from the building façade. All awnings on stories above the first floor shall project a minimum of three (3) feet from the building façade. Variances may be granted administratively in the event that existing site features, such as, but not limited to, narrow sidewalks, utility line poles, and street trees restrict the applicant from full compliance with these regulations. All awnings shall be sloped 30 degrees from horizontal and shed awnings shall have both ends open. *Not applicable, this application does not include awnings*.
- 19. All awnings at street level shall have an eight (8) inch vertical valance along the front of the awning. The valance must be provided with concealed weight to prevent excessive movement in high winds. Internally illuminated or vinyl awnings are prohibited. *Not applicable, this application does not include awnings*.
- 20. Blank walls facing Vilano Road, Coastal Way or Poplar Avenue shall not be permitted. No parking garages shall be allowed to face Vilano Road or Coastal Highway. No off-street parking lots shall front on Vilano Road or Coastal Highway. No Street facing walls within the VBTC boundaries shall be used as service entrances. The use of entranceways and display windows shall be used to create business and storefronts that are festive and inviting to the pedestrian and customers. *Not applicable, this application is for renovations to the rear of the property (no street facing walls).*
- 21. Long monotonous façade designs including, but not limited to, those characterized by unrelieved repetition of shape, form, design, or by unbroken extension of line, shall be avoided.
- 22. Outdoor pedestrian seating areas are strongly encouraged, and similarly outdoor cafes, rooftop uses, balconies and porches for seating are encouraged. *Proposed pavilion at rear of restaurant appears to be encouraged.*
- 23. Roof top uses consistent with or compatible with interior uses shall be allowed. Any structures located on the rooftop to support roof top uses shall not exceed 25 percent of the roof top area of the building. *Not applicable, there are no proposed roof top uses with this application.*

# <u>LDC Section 3.10.05</u> – Special Exception

Variations to the Standards and Criteria of Section 3.10.05.G Architectural Standards may be allowed by the Design Review Board upon showing of good cause, and where the Owner/Applicant proposes an alternative which conforms to the general intent and spirit of these regulations, and where the objectives of this Article have been substantially met. Notwithstanding the above, DRB Special Exceptions to the following provisions of this Code shall not be allowed:

- 1. Density
- 2. Building or Structure Height

<u>LDC Section 3.10.08</u> – Administrative Requirements: Staff review shows there are no open comments on this application. A Pre-application Meeting was not held with the Planning Division. Attached for consideration are:

Application Photo Example Site Plan

#### CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence has been received since the writing of this report.

# SUGGESTED ACTION TO APPROVE

The Design Review Board may consider a motion to approve **VBTCDR 2022-10 180 Vilano Road**, as described within the application, provided:

1. The request complies with Section 3.10 of the St. Johns County Land Development Code, and is consistent with the intent and purpose of the Overlay District.

# SUGGESTED ACTION TO DENY

The Design Review Board may consider a motion to deny VBTCDR 2022-10 180 Vilano Road, provided:

1. The request does not comply with Section 3.10 of the St. Johns County Land Development Code.



# Application for Overlay District Review

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