

CITY OF MARGATE

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC) REVIEW #2

OCTOBER 26, 2021

Meeting Location:

Building Department

901 NW 66th Avenue, Margate, FL, 33063

PROJECT NAME:	Dunkin Donuts		
PROJECT NUMBER:	2021-401		
PROJECT LOCATION:	7300 Royal Palm Boulevard		
APPLICANT/AGENT:	Dennis D. Mele, Esq. Greenspoon Marder LLP		
REVIEW/APPLICATION	Special Exception		
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NOTE: Please email city staff with names, title and companies from your team that will be in attendance at the DRC meeting and indicate if they will be attending in-person or by zoom.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS

BUILDING

1. No comments.

FIRE

1. No comments.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. No comments.

POLICE

1. No comments.

CRA

1. No response.

ENGINEERING

The Director of the Department of Environmental and Engineering Services, or his qualified designee, has conducted a review of the submitted documentation in accordance with Article IV, Chapter 31 of the City of Margate is Code of Ordinances and finds the following:

PREAMBLE

The petitioner is seeking special exception for a drive through lane associated with the existing 1,700 sf Dunkin' store, and submitted a Special Exception Justification Narrative by Greenspoon Marder LLP, to support the application.

A. NEIGHBORHOODS

ADVISORY 1: The proximity of the adjacent residential community is noted in the narrative, but dismissed from further consideration due to the “large buffer area” and a “dividing wall”. The Narrative incorrectly states that the existing buffer and dividing wall is sufficient in its current state to protect the homes closest to the drive through from noise and lights.

DEES suggests that the dividing wall be extended east beyond the outside edge of pavement of the north bound turn lane. In addition to sound abatement the extended wall shall screen the drive through lane from north bound traffic on Parkside Way.

The petitioner is advised to address the impact of the proposed drive through on the quality of life for those who live nearby.

RESPONSE: A noise study is included with this application which indicates that the noise levels will remain below 55 DBA based on data collected from existing stores and simulated at this location.

B. VISUAL IMPACTS

To preserve their quality of life, the residential community to the south shall be screened from visual interaction with the drive through.

RESPONSE: Visual impacts of the drive through are screened by the existing trees and dividing wall on the property as shown in the pictures included in the application.

C. TRAFFICWAYS

In order to determine the traffic impacts of this project, KBP analyzed the existing traffic at two similar Dunkin' drive-through lanes in Margate. They concluded that the average numbers of AM and PM peak hour trips were 154 and 43 respectively.

The logic that the majority of trips generated by the Drive Thru would be from existing customers, appears flawed since the Drive Thru lane is not being added as a convenience for the existing customers but rather to attract new business.

The conclusion of "de minimus" new vehicle trips is not clearly supported in the engineering report. Pass-by trips results in the reduction of new trips added by the proposed drive thru and the engineer selected 89% for the pass by rate because ITE Land Use # 938 exhibits a rate of 89%. The high pass by rate is also associated with the flawed logic aforementioned, and appears to be arbitrary.

The petitioner is requested to provide more meaningful justification to document a pass by rate of 89%. The justification shall include Trip Generation (AM & PM peaks), internal trips, Pass-by and Diverted Trips, Pass-by and diverted Patterns, and trip volume adjustment, to accurately determine and support the number of new trips.

RESPONSE: The traffic analysis is based on accepted traffic methodologies and data from two Dunkin locations in the City. The Applicant believes that the documentation provided is the professionally accepted methodology under these circumstances.

D. PARKING

In addition to the Land Uses depicted in Table 1-D, the current parking demand of the sit down Dunkin store was not included in the parking analysis. Update parking analysis to include current store demands.

RESPONSE: The parking demand for the existing Dunkin store is provided on the second to last line of the table above the totals.

The statement that the operator may elect to designate several parking spaces near the drive-through is misleading first because there is no indication that the operator has this authority, and second, to access the spaces at the end of the drive through patrons will need to traverse incoming and existing traffic, which would make waiting for a drive through order to be filled, extremely difficult.

RESPONSE: The Applicant is not planning to designate drive through parking spaces in the parking lot at this time. If the operator determines such spaces are needed in the future a separate permit for such change will be submitted.

E. ACOUSTICS

An Acoustic Study was prepared on November 19, 2018, by Yahya Consultants Inc. (Yahya) on behalf of the petitioner. Yahya submitted that the two primary sources of noise pollution are from vehicles in the drive through and the drive through communication system.

To measure the impact of these two sources, an onsite simulation with vehicles in the drive through lane while ordering on the communication system was conducted to assess noise pollution. Although this simulation suggested that sound levels were in accordance with the maximum allowed levels, there are two other drive through Dunkin Donuts locations in Margate where actual noise levels can be measured. In a similar manner, measurements at these locations were taken to determine actual trips to determine traffic impacts in section A above.

Accordingly, the petitioner is requested to perform an acoustic study that measures the noise levels at the two existing Dunkin Donuts locations in Margate, to determine actual levels and develop mitigation strategies to eliminate any noise impact to the nearby residential community. If this is a 24-hour operation noise abatement measures will need to be presented.

ADVISORY NOTE 2: The existing fence wall on the southern side of the existing alleyway/proposed drive through lane shall be extended east beyond the outside edge of pavement of the north bound turn lane. In addition to sound abatement the extended wall shall screen the drive through from north bound traffic on Parkside Way.

RESPONSE: The acoustic study included in this report indicates that no additional mitigation is required.

F. LIGHTING

The hours of operation have not been defined. However, if this is a 24-hour operation and additional night time lighting will be required proposed lighting plans will need to be reviewed, for potential unwanted spillage to the residential properties to the south.

RESPONSE: This drive through will not operate 24-hours per day.

G. POTABLE WATER

A water main is located on the southern side of the proposed drive through lane and services 7300 to 7330 Royal Palm Boulevard. Water meters are located on the opposite side in the sidewalk. The drive through lane will not impact this water main.

RESPONSE: Acknowledged.

H. WASTEWATER

No impact

RESPONSE: Acknowledged.

I. DRAINAGE

Submit calculations to illustrate changes in the volume of storm water run-off from the property and how increased stormwater runoff will be discharged from the site.

RESPONSE: These calculations will be provided at the time of permitting.

J. SOLID WASTE

ADVISORY NOTE 3: The dumpster that is located adjacent to the proposed drive lane will present operational challenges to the proposed drive through lane. The proximity of the dumpster to food ordering and dispensation may present real or perceived health issues.

As a result, the petitioner is advised to consider relocating the dumpster to facilitate the proposed drive through lane. The dumpster may be relocated behind the west building, adjacent to the dumpster that services that building. It appears that sufficient space exists there and if required, a parking space may be used to facilitate the relocation.

RESPONSE: Relocating the dumpster to the western building would be an inconvenience to the existing tenants and the Applicant will keep the existing dumpster in its current location.

K. LANDSCAPING

City Code section 23-20 regulates tree removal in the City of Margate. The replacement trees must comply with the Code in terms of the number of replacement trees and caliper.

Tree replacement requires that if a tree cannot be successfully relocated it shall be replaced in accordance with the table in Sub Section (I)(6).

The petitioner is advised to create a table on Sheet L-2 that would illustrate the trees that will be removed, their existing canopy, and the required number of replacement trees, to comply with City Code.

RESPONSE: The Applicant will comply with all tree mitigation required at the time of permitting.

L. RECREATION

Not Applicable.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

A review was conducted of the special exception application in accordance with Chapter 31 of the Code of the City of Margate. Comments require a written response from the applicant and correction(s) to the application. Advisory notes do not require correction.

ADVISORY NOTE 1: This application is for a special exception use, which is a development permit, as defined in Section 31-33 of the Code of the City of Margate (“CCM”). Development permits are subject to the requirements of Chapter 31 of the Code of the City of Margate.

Sec. 31-35. - Determinations required prior to approval of a development permit.

A determination that adequate services will be available to serve the needs of the proposed development shall be made when the following conditions are met:

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 - b. That the proposed development is in conformity with the Margate Zoning Code.
 - c. In the case of site plans, that the proposed development is in conformity with the provisions of [chapter 23](#) of this Code.

Based on the above Code section, Development Services staff must compare the application to the adequacy determinations described in Section 31-35 of the Code of the City of Margate.

Subject Property:

Applicant proposed to add drive-through facilities to an existing Dunkin Donut restaurant located at 7300 Royal Palm Boulevard. This is a tenant space within the Royal Sun Plaza (“Subject Property”). The subject property is a 2.34-acre site located on the south side of Royal Palm Boulevard, approximately 750 feet west of Rock Island Road. The subject property is bounded to the north by Royal Palm Boulevard, bounded to the east by NW 73rd Avenue, and bounded to the south by Parkside at Royal Palm (single-family homes), and bounded to the west by Royal Palm Court shopping center. The subject property appears to enjoy vehicular cross-access with the Royal Palm Court.

The subject property has a land use designation of (C) Commercial, and is located within the B-1 Neighborhood Business district. The subject property is not located within the Margate CRA boundary.

Section 21.2 of the Margate Zoning Code provides the following for purpose and general description of the B-1 Neighborhood Business district.

“The B-1 neighborhood business district is primarily intended for retail sale of goods or personal services primarily for persons residing in adjacent residential areas. It includes selected retail and service uses that are similar in land use intensity and physical impact to the neighborhood. The uses permitted typically do not provide high volumes of traffic, noise, dust, dirt, visual pollution and other hazards. The B-1 neighborhood commercial district is generally located on the periphery of the residential neighborhood on a minor street in close proximity to major streets.”

I. GENERAL

COMMENT 1: Application forms indicate applicant is Aryn Lakhani as tenant, yet the special exception justification statement submitted with this application indicates that Applicant is Royal Palm Plaza Investment, LLC (property owner). Please make all representations consistent.

RESPONSE: The special exception application was revised to reflect Royal Palm Plaza Investment, LLC as the Applicant.

II. CONFORMITY WITH CODE

ADVISORY NOTE 1: The B-1 zoning district permits drive-thru facilities (with a permitted use) as a special exception use under Section 21.3(B) of the Margate Zoning Code (“MZC”). The Dunkin Donuts restaurant is a permitted use in the B-1 zoning district, and the drive-thru facilities would be subservient and dependent upon the permitted use of a restaurant. This section provides two required criteria for drive-through facilities in the B-1 district. The first criterion is that the subject property must be located on a roadway classified by the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Broward Highway Functional Classification Map as an arterial roadway. Subject Property is located on Royal Palm Boulevard, which is classified as an arterial roadway on the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Broward Highway Functional Classification Map. The second criterion is that the use is subject to the requirements described in Section 33.11 MZC. This section establishes the minimum size of a vehicle reservoir area as 10ft x 20ft, and requires no less than four such areas for drive-through beverage or food sales. Applicants site plan depicts seven such vehicle reservoir areas for the proposed drive through.

COMMENT 2: Section 33.11 MZC prohibits any vehicle reservoir area from interfering with parking circulation or *loading within the facility*, and provides that the reservoir areas shall not block parking stalls, parking aisles, driveway or *pedestrian ways*. Drive through queue is located between existing loading space and rear services doors of building, and crosses the path of a dedicated pedestrian access point from NW 73rd Avenue.

RESPONSE: The seven designated reservoir spaces are provided for illustrative purposes only. Due to the low volumes at this location, seven spaces are not expected to be necessary. Additional pavement area will be added along the southern portion of the drive through lane so that delivery trucks can maneuver around vehicles in the drive through lane. Due to the quick service at the drive through, loading will not be impeded.

COMMENT 3: Identify author and qualifications of the person(s) who created the concurrency report submitted with this application.

RESPONSE: The concurrency report is provided on letterhead to reflect the author.

COMMENT 4: Please correct the Justification Statement in response to special exception criteria 5 and 6, which indicate that MPO data suggests the adjacent road segment of Royal Palm Boulevard is operating at an acceptable level.

The Broward MPO hosts a document identified as “Level of Service Spreadsheet- 2019” on their website [<https://www.browardmpo.org/data>] which indicates that the Royal Palm Boulevard road segment east of Riverside Drive is operating at an LOS F during peak hour conditions.

RESPONSE: The analysis was updated to include daily and peak hour information.

COMMENT 5: In response to criterion 6 of the special exception use criteria, staff recommends installing pavement markings and traffic control signage to maintain safe traffic circulation on the shared drive aisle between the two shopping plazas, and along the rear of the buildings.

RESPONSE: The requested signage will be provided at the time of permitting.

COMMENT 6: Additional striping and signage should be installed in front of the dumpster so that vehicles entering the Dunkin Donuts queue do not block access to the dumpsters.

RESPONSE: The requested striping and signage will be provided at the time of permitting.

COMMENT 7: Traffic statement applies ITE land use code 938 for Donut Shop With Drive Through Window and No Indoor Seating, however, this proposal maintains indoor seating. Revisit traffic analysis.

RESPONSE: Please be advised that the traffic statement includes the best available data. The reference to land use #938 – *Coffee/Donut Shop with Drive-Through Window and No Indoor Seating* was included in the “Traffic Statement” portion of our memorandum. Within this section we are documenting that the subject land use (i.e. Dunkin’) exhibits a high pass-by rate. The traffic engineering manual that contains pass-by rate data is the *ITE Trip Generation Handbook (3rd Edition)*. The land use within this manual that most closely reflects the Dunkin’ is the aforementioned #938. This manual does not contain pass-by rates for any of the other similar ITE land uses such as:

- #936 - *Coffee/Donut Shop without Drive-Through Window*
- #937 - *Coffee/Donut Shop with Drive-Through Window*

Within our report we acknowledge that the referenced pass-by rate is for a similar land use and is not an exact match. Regardless, we are confident that the referenced pass-by rate is comparable to the subject Dunkin’ site with both indoor seating and the addition of a drive-through lane.

COMMENT 8: Provide the hours of operation.

RESPONSE: The operator will maintain the current hours 5am to 8pm, seven (7) days a week.

and will not operate 24 hours.

III. CONSISTENCY WITH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

ADVISORY NOTE 2: The original filing date of this special exception application pre-dates the certification of the most recent amendment to the Margate Comprehensive Plan, so staff has reviewed the previously certified version of the Comprehensive Plan.

ADVISORY NOTE 3: Subject Property has a land use designation of (C) Commercial. The proposed use is consistent with Policy 1.2 of Element I – Future Land Use, of the Margate Comprehensive Plan, which describes the permitted land uses of Commercial as follows:

- b) Commercial
 - 1. Neighborhood, community, and regional retail uses.
 - 2. Office and business uses.
 - 3. Commercial uses, including wholesale, storage, light fabricating and warehousing.
 - 4. Hotels, motels, and other tourist accommodations.
 - 5. Parks, recreation, and commercial recreation uses.
 - 6. Community facilities.

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PROJECT LOCATION:	7300 Royal Palm Boulevard		
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REVIEW/APPLICATION	Site Plan		
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Although the 11th Edition is available, the engineer used the 3rd Edition ITE Trip Generation Handbook in the analysis. It is unclear if a different outcome would result if the current Edition was used.

For the parking analysis the Engineer used the latest Edition (5th) of the ITE Parking Generation Manual.

A. TRAFFICWAYS

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I. GENERAL

COMMENT 1: The site plan identifies the existing dumpster enclosure to have swinging gates however the photometric plan and the landscape plan show a sliding gate design. Make plans consistent.

Response: The site plan will be revised correctly reflect the gates at the time of permitting.

COMMENT 2: Show locations of rear service doors and any other existing infrastructure along rear of building to ensure that the proposed menu board and other related improvements do not negatively impact these items.

Response: The requested information will be reflected at the time of permitting.

II. CONFORMITY WITH CODE

COMMENT 3: A planting bed of at least 2 feet in width shall surround any monument and/or freestanding sign and shall be maintained to a maximum height of twelve (12) inches per Section 39.6(A)(8) of the Margate Zoning Code. See photos.

Response: The Applicant acknowledges this comment and will comply at the time of permitting.

COMMENT 4: Photometric Plan falls below the required minimum light level per Section 33.2(E) of the Margate Zoning Code.

Response: The Applicant acknowledges this comment and will comply at the time of permitting.

COMMENT 5: All exterior parking lot lighting fixtures must be fully shielded to prevent nuisance lighting per Section 33.2(E) MZC. Provide a light fixture detail.

Response: The Applicant acknowledges this comment and will comply at the time of permitting.

COMMENT 6: Provide a sketch/plan for the Master Parking Plan (MPP) prepared by a professional engineer license in the State of Florida. The plan shall clearly and accurately designate off-street parking spaces, landscape areas, pedestrian access, bicycle parking facilities, parking for disabled people, pedestrian drop off and pick-up areas, dumpster locations, loading zones, all truck turning movements, drainage, lighting, access aisles, driveways, and the relation to the uses or structures these off-street parking facilities are intended to serve as appropriate. If applicable to the subject property or properties, the following parking area features shall be included in the master parking plan: electric vehicle charging stations, fuel pumps, valet parking, vehicle gates, vehicle reservoir areas (queueing), short-term parking such as order online and pick-up at store parking, designated spaces for restaurants with curbside or automobile service

where customers consume food in vehicles, reserved parking spaces, hydrants, freestanding signs, and all other accessory structures within the parking area. Such facilities shall be arranged for the convenient access and safety of pedestrians and vehicles per Section 33.2(F) of the Margate Zoning Code (“MZC”).

Response: The Applicant does not believe that short-term parking is required for the amount of business anticipated at this location.

COMMENT 7: Loading zone shall be arranged for convenient and safe ingress and egress by motor truck and/or trailer combination. Such loading space shall also be accessible from the interior of any building it is intended to serve per Section 33.9(C) of the MZC.

Response: Accessible loading areas are provided.

COMMENT 8: An off-street loading space shall be an area at grade level at least twelve (12) feet wide by forty-five (45) feet long with fourteen and a half (14^{1/2}) foot vertical clearance per Section 33.9(C) of the MZC. The plan shows the rear alley widening. The proposed curb relocation reduces the width of the existing loading zone on site.

Response: The Applicant acknowledges this comment and will comply at the time of permitting.

COMMENT 9: Provide a landscape chart demonstrating compliance with Chapter 23, Article I of the Code of the City of Margate.

Response: The Applicant acknowledges this comment and will comply at the time of permitting.

COMMENT 10: A hedge shall be planted within the landscape right-of-way perimeter buffer strip and parallel with the street. Existing landscape hedge has sections that are dead. Indicate on the landscape plan proposed replacement hedges meeting Section 23-6(B)(1) of the Code of the City of Margate. See photos.

Response: The Applicant acknowledges this comment and will comply at the time of permitting.

COMMENT 11: Within the landscape right-of-way perimeter buffer strips, after the trees and hedge(s) have been planted, ground covers shall be planted to cover at least 50% of the remaining area of these buffers, per Section 23-6(B)(1) of the Code of the City of Margate

Response: The Applicant acknowledges this comment and will comply at the time of permitting.

COMMENT 12: Landscaping shall be maintained such that it will not cause property damage and public safety hazards, including removal of living, dead or decaying plant material, tree stumps, removal of low hanging branches below twelve (12) feet above grade and those obstructing street lighting. Existing trees are blocking stop signs and street lighting. Provide a note on the plans where trees will be trimmed to meet minimum standards of Section 40.9 of the MZC. See photos.

Response: The Applicant acknowledges this comment and will comply at the time of permitting.

COMMENT 13: In the landscape chart, provide the maximum percentage of area that will be sodded with turf. Section 23-7 and 23-8 of the Code of the City of Margate requires no more than 30 percent of required landscaping to be sodded with turf.

Response: The Applicant acknowledges this comment and will comply at the time of permitting.

COMMENT 14: Staff observed a number of dead trees and tree stumps on the property. Section 40.4 MZC requires removal and replacement of dead trees and tree stumps.

Response: The Applicant acknowledges this comment and will comply at the time of permitting.

COMMENT 15: Recommend installing “No Parking” striping and signage in front of the dumpster enclosures and associated pavement markings.

Response: The applicant will consider this recommendation.

COMMENT 16: Recommend installing “Do Not Enter” signage on south elevation of buildings for the existing one-way shared access lane located between buildings. Pavement is currently striped “one-way.”

Response: The applicant will consider this recommendation.

COMMENT 17: Recommend installing stop signs and associated striping at the intersection of the rear drive aisle (behind buildings) and the shared one-way drive aisle (between the buildings).

Response: The applicant will consider this recommendation.

COMMENT 18: Traffic and parking statement cites third edition of ITE Trip Generation Handbook for pass-by rates. The most current edition of this manual is the 11th edition. Please direct staff to this reference in the latest manual.

Response: The most current information for pass-by rates is provided in the 3rd edition was used for that information.

COMMENT 19: Section 33.11 MZC prohibits any vehicle reservoir area from interfering with parking circulation or loading within the facility, and provides that the reservoir areas shall not block parking stalls, parking aisles, driveway or pedestrian ways. Provide a dedicated route from loading zone to services doors in rear of building.

Response: The Applicant acknowledges this comment and will comply at the time of permitting.

III. CONSISTENCY WITH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ELEMENT I

ADVISORY NOTE 2: The original filing date of this special exception application pre-dates the certification of the most recent amendment to the Margate Comprehensive Plan, so staff has reviewed the previously certified version of the Comprehensive Plan.

ADVISORY NOTE 3: Subject Property has a land use designation of (C) Commercial. The proposed use is consistent with Policy 1.2 of Element I – Future Land Use, of the Margate Comprehensive Plan, which describes the permitted land uses of Commercial as follows:

- b) Commercial
 - 1. Neighborhood, community, and regional retail uses.
 - 2. Office and business uses.
 - 3. Commercial uses, including wholesale, storage, light fabricating and warehousing.
 - 4. Hotels, motels, and other tourist accommodations.
 - 5. Parks, recreation, and commercial recreation uses.
 - 6. Community facilities.