



**City of Coral Gables**  
**CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**October 8, 2024**

**ITEM TITLE:**

**Ordinances on Second Reading. Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment.**

1. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida amending the Future Land Use Map of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-213, "Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments," and Small Scale amendment procedures (ss. 163.3187, Florida Statutes), from "Commercial Mid-Rise Intensity" to "Commercial High-Rise Intensity" for Lots 1 through 9 (130 Almeria Avenue, 152 Almeria Avenue, 160 Almeria Avenue) and from "Single Family High Density" to "Commercial Low-Rise Intensity" for Lots 17 through 21, Block 14, Coral Gables Crafts Section (103 Sevilla Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and an effective date.
2. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida making Zoning District boundary changes pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-212, "Zoning Code Text and Map Amendments," from "Mixed Use 2 District" to "Mixed Use 3 District" for Lots 1 through 9 (130 Almeria Avenue, 152 Almeria Avenue, 160 Almeria Avenue) and from "Single-Family Residential District" to "Mixed Use 1 District" for Lots 17 through 21, Block 14, Coral Gables Crafts Section (103 Sevilla Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and an effective date.

**Resolution. Conditional Use Review for Mixed-Use Site Plan and Encroachments.**

3. A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida approving a Mixed-Use Site Plan and Encroachments pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process" Section 14-203, "Conditional Uses," for a proposed mixed-use project including live/work units referred to as "130 Almeria" on the property legally described as Lots 1 through 9, 17 through 21, and 39 through 42, Block 14, Coral Gables Crafts Section (130 Almeria Avenue, 152 Almeria Avenue, 160 Almeria Avenue, 2701 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, and 103 Sevilla Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and an effective date.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval, with conditions.

### **PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDATION:**

At the March 13, 2024 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Board recommended: 1) approval of the Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment (vote: 4-2); 2) approval of the Zoning Map Amendment (vote: 4-2); and 3) approval with conditions of the Mixed-Use Site Plan (vote: 4-2).

### **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION:**

At the May 9, 2024 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board unanimously approved the use of the 130 Almeria lot as a park.

At the April 4, 2024 meeting, no motion was made due to a lack of a quorum.

### **BRIEF HISTORY:**

At First Reading, the City Commission discussed several aspects of the proposed project and requested reduction of units; use of high-quality materials on the exterior; electric charging requirements; public engagement for the park; and prohibiting short term rentals.

Since First Reading, the Applicant has updated the proposed site plan to reduce the number of units from 122 to 118, and made some minor modifications to the façade. Staff's recommended conditions of approval were also updated to include:

- Public engagement and Commission approval for the proposed park, with Applicant's contribution up to \$700,000 for park construction
- Substantial completion of park prior to temporary Certificate of Occupancy, and fully completed and convey to the City prior to the final Certificate of Occupancy
- Confirm any redevelopment at 2701 Ponce de Leon Boulevard and 130-160 Almeria to adhere to similar architectural style and features
- EV charging
- Short-term rental of 30-days restriction
- High quality materials and natural stone on ground floor on the exterior façade

Cade Capital Partners, LLC (the "Applicant") is proposing a mixed-use project, referred as "130 Almeria," to be located between the south boundary of the Central Business District and the Plaza development, within walking distance of Miracle Mile, Ponce Circle Park, the Ponce de Leon Trolley, and other downtown destinations.

The site is slightly less than 1 acre (43,267 square feet), bounded by Almeria Avenue to the north, Galiano Street to the east, Sevilla Avenue to the south, and Ponce de Leon Boulevard to the west. The subject property comprises three separate parcels on Ponce, Almeria, and Sevilla. The site has an existing 4-story commercial building at 2701 Ponce de Leon Blvd that will remain; a 1-story commercial building with surface parking facilities at 130, 152, and 160 Almeria Avenue; and a surface parking lot at the 103 Sevilla Avenue parcel. Lots 1 through 9 and 39 through 42 on Ponce de Leon Blvd and Almeria are zoned Mixed-Use 2 (MX-2) and have a future land use designation of Commercial Mid-Rise Intensity. Lots 17 through 21 on Sevilla are zoned Single-Family Residential and have a future land use designation of Single-Family High Density.

The Applicant proposes to incorporate the existing 4-story 2701 Ponce de Leon Blvd building as office use within the site plan; transform the surface parking lot on Sevilla to be a public park; and redevelop

the remaining site on Almeria into a 13-story (141 ft) mixed-use project with 4 ground-floor live/work units, 118 upper-level residential units, rooftop amenities, and a public park.

The Application has been submitted by Jorge Navarro of Greenberg Traurig on behalf of Cade Capital Partners, LLC for Small Scale Comprehensive Plan Map amendments to change the current Commercial Mid-Rise Intensity designation of Almeria to Commercial High-Rise Intensity, and to change the current Single-Family High Density of the parking lot on Sevilla to Commercial Low-Rise Intensity. The Applicant is also requesting Zoning Map amendments to coincide with the proposed changes to future land use designations. A Mixed-use Site Plan and Encroachment is required to be reviewed and approved by the City Commission, due to the size of the property. Below summarizes the proposed site plan:

Standard	Project Data	
<b>Lot Area</b>	2701 Ponce de Leon Blvd: 8,368 sq. ft. 160 Almeria Ave: 2,933 sq. ft. 152 Almeria Ave: 4,466 sq. ft. 130 Almeria Ave: 15,000 sq. ft. 103 Sevilla Ave: 12,500 sq. ft. Total: 43,267 square feet (0.99 acres)	
	<b>Current / Required</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
<b>Zoning</b>	Lots 1-9 & 39-42: Mixed-Use 2 (MX2)  Lots 17-21: Single-Family Residential	Lots 1-9 & 39-42: Mixed-Use 3 (MX3)  Lots 17-21: Mixed-Use 1 (MX1)
<b>Future Land Use</b>	Lots 1-9, 39-42: Commercial Mid-Rise Intensity  Lots 17-21: Single-Family High Density	Lots 1-9 & 39-42: Commercial High-Rise Intensity  Lots 17-21: Commercial Low-Rise Intensity
<b>Open Space</b> (ground-level outdoor area, open to the sky)	4,326.7 sq. ft. (10% of building site)	12,500 sq. ft. (uncovered) 2,516 sq. ft. (arcade/covered paseo) 15,016 sq. ft. (34.7%) total
<b>Density</b>	125 du/ac	118 residential units 4 live/work units
<b>FAR (site area x 3.5)</b> Mediterranean Design	43,267 sq. ft. x 3.5 = 151,434.5 sq. ft. (w/ Med. Bonus II)	Residential: 119,917 sq. ft. Commercial/office: 29,644 sq. ft. <b>Total: 149,561 sq. ft.</b> (existing 2701 Ponce de Leon and new building)
<b>Stepback up to 45 feet</b>		
<i>Front/North (Almeria Ave)</i>	0' up to 45' 10' above 45'	0' up to 45' 10' above 45'
<i>Interior/East (Adjacent Prop)</i>	0' up to 45' 15' above 45'	0' up to 45' 15' above 45'
<i>Rear/West</i>	0' up to 45' 3' above 45'	0' up to 45' 10' above 45'
<i>Rear/Alley</i>	0' up to 45' 3' above 45'	0' up to 45' 3' above 45'
<b>Building Height</b>	70', 97' w/ Med Bonus (current MX2) 150', 190.5' w/ Med Bonus (proposed MX3)	141 ft.
<b>Parking</b>		

<i>Residential</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 52 1-bedroom units</li> <li>• 53 2-bedroom units</li> <li>• 13 3-bedroom units</li> </ul>	(1 space/1 BR) + (1.75/2 BR) + (2.25/3 BR) = 174 spaces	185 spaces
<i>Commercial</i> <i>(Retail/Restaurant/Sales)</i>	22,155 sq. ft. (1 space/300 sq. ft.) = 73.85	
		185 spaces
<i>H.C. Accessible</i>	6 spaces	6 spaces
<i>EV Parking with Charging Station</i>	185 x 5% min.) = 10 spaces	10 spaces
<i>EV Ready</i>	182 x 15% min. = 28 spaces	28 spaces
<i>EC Capable</i>	182 x 20% min. = 37 spaces	37 spaces
<b>Bicycle Storage</b>	1 bicycle space per four (4) residential units: 122/4 = 30.5 space	31

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

Per Section 14-205.3 of the Zoning Code, a mixed-use building site may not be contiguous or abutting if a portion of the site is dedicated as a public park space. In addition to satisfying all the requirements, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board reviews the building site for the creation of dedicated public park space.

At the April 4, 2024 meeting, the Applicant presented the proposed site plan and park design to the members of the Board that were present to get feedback; however, no motion was made due to a lack of a quorum.

At the May 9, 2024 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, the Applicant discussed several aspects of the project, such as the site plan, play structures, planting options, cross section, proposed features, as well as the criteria, guidelines, and estimated project budget. The Board unanimously approved the 130 Almeria park project development.

**Planning & Zoning Board**

The Applicant deferred the item at the February 20, 2024 Planning and Zoning Board meeting.

At the March 13, 2024 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Board discussed several aspects of the proposed project. The height of the building and the park were predominant topics of discussion. A few Board members raised their concerns regarding the requested re-zoning and high-rise designation and how the project can set the precedent for taller buildings and shadows in the south portion of downtown. The Applicant voluntarily proffered a covenant to restrict the height of the building and any future development to 141 feet and included in the Comprehensive Plan. During public comment, several community members raised their support for the park and how it will improve the quality of life and connectivity to downtown Coral Gables. Others spoke in opposition of the increased height, density, and traffic.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made to approve the requests for the Comprehensive Plan map amendments with the conditions to withdraw 2701 Ponce de Leon and accept the proffered covenant (vote: 4 – 2). The Board recommended approval for the Zoning Map amendments with the condition to withdraw 2701 Ponce de Leon Blvd (vote: 4 – 2). The Board also recommended approval of the mixed-

use site plan with the additional condition to accept the proffered conveyance of the park to the City (vote: 4 – 2).

Since the March 13, 2024 Planning and Zoning Board meeting, the Applicant has withdrawn the Comprehensive Plan map amendment and Zoning map amendment for Lots 39 through 42 (2701 Ponce de Leon Blvd) as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Board. The Comprehensive Plan map designation and Zoning designation for these lots will remain Mid-Rise Intensity and Mixed-Use 2 (MX2).

The Applicant has also proffered another voluntary covenant that will only allow a park to be developed on the Sevilla parcel, which has been reviewed for legal competency by the City Attorney’s office.

The updated plans submitted by the Applicant is provided as Attachment A.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**

Date:	Resolution/Ordinance No.	Comments

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION(S):**

Date	Form of Notification
10.28.22	Development Review Committee
01.26.23 03.30.23 04.27.23	Board of Architects
06.14.23	Mailed notice for neighborhood meeting.
02.05.24	Mailed notice for Planning & Zoning Board.
02.05.24	Legal advertisement for Planning & Zoning Board.
02.05.24	Sign posting of property for PZB meeting.
02.29.24	Mailed notice for Planning & Zoning Board.
02.26.24	Legal advertisement for Planning & Zoning Board.
03.01.24	Sign posting of property for PZB meeting.
02.15.24	Planning and Zoning Board meeting agenda and staff report on City web page/City Hall.
04.08.24	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting agenda on City web page/City Hall.
05.02.24	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting agenda on City web page/City Hall.
08.14.24	Mailed notice for City Commission First Reading.
08.20.24	City Commission meeting agenda posted on City webpage.
09.25.24	Mailed notice for City Commission
09.26.24	Legal advertisement for Legal advertisement for Planning & Zoning Board.
10.01.24	City Commission meeting agenda posted on City webpage.

**EXHIBIT(S):**

- A. Application Revised Submittal Package.
- B. Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment.
- C. Draft Ordinance – Zoning Map Amendment.
- D. Draft Resolution – Mixed-Use Site Plan (Conditional Use).

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.	\$0		
2.	\$0		
Total:	\$0		

**Fiscal Impact:** The proposed mixed-use building with commercial uses may result in additional tax revenue generated from the additional commercial square footage in the downtown area.