

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

-MEMORANDUM-

TO: PATRICK SALERNO
CITY MANAGER

DATE: MAY 28, 2009

FROM: MARIA ALBERRO JIMENEZ
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: FINAL BUILDING DESIGN FOR
THE PALACE DEVELOPMENT

Mario J. Garcia - Serra, of Greenberg Traurig, P. A., on behalf of Palace Management Group, LLC (the "Palace Group") request to present to the City the proposed final building design consistent with the original design that was proposed as part of the RFP process for the project.

At the March 10, 2009 City Commission meeting, the City Commission expressed concerns with the design for the Palace building that was presented during the site plan approval for the project. The City Commission expressed a strong desire that the building design be consistent with the design that was presented as part of the response to the RFP.

At your request, the developer has agreed to modify design elevations to improve the building design, so that it would be consistent with what was originally presented to the City Commission. The cost of these design changes is approximately \$1,050,000 and will be incurred by the Palace Group, exclusively.

It has been determined that the changes to the design for the Palace building was a result of Zoning concerns raised over of the height of the cupola and the direction that the Palace was given by City staff. This matter has been addressed with the proposed change of land use which is being presented today for consideration on second reading, along with the site plan approval for the project.

Board of Architects approved proposed building design on May 28, 2009.

Attachments

1. Letter from Mario J. Garcia-Serra dated May 19, 2009
2. Copy of Final Building Design for the Palace Development
3. Copy of the Design presented at the March 10, 2009 City Commission meeting