



City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
August 23, 2016

**ITEM TITLE:**

A discussion regarding a conceptual proposed use of the H. George Fink Studio and Office building, located at 2506 Ponce de Leon Boulevard.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

The H. George Fink Studio and Office building, located at 2506 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, was purchased by the City on February 10, 2016 (see Attachment 1), in order to preserve, honor and celebrate this iconic historic building that played such a critical role in the City's early development, and continues to inspire the City's architecture today.

At the time of its purchase, the building housed ten tenants, with varied lease terms. All leases will have expired by September 22, 2016, and the City has given notice to the tenants that a long-term plan would be developed that might cause them to have to vacate the building (see Attachment 2).

The City has since received multiple informal proposals from various organizations for use of the building. However, it is Staff's belief that any long term use should closely align with, honor and celebrate the building's heritage, as a space for design, architecture and historic preservation.

It is in this light that we present for City Commission discussion and guidance a conceptual proposal from the University of Miami to operate and manage the building as a community-oriented center for historic preservation architecture and design (see Attachment 3).

**APPROVED BY:**

| Department Director | City Attorney | Assistant City Manager | City Manager |
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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Resolution No. 2016-14 approving the purchase of the H. George Fink Studio
2. City letter to building tenants
3. Conceptual proposal from the University of Miami