

July 21, 2022

City Commission Meeting July 25, 2022

Item G-7: A Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Manager and the City Attorney to negotiate the transfer of unused development rights...

On behalf of the Historic Preservation Association of Coral Gables, please accept this letter *in opposition to item G-7* that allows the sale of transfer development rights [TDR] to be used for other projects other than for the benefit of the original historic resource. Please do not tinker with the current zoning code that protects historic preservation and its maintenance.

HPACG asks that the proceeds obtained from the sale of the Coral Gables Museum's unused development rights stay with the museum to be used on the continued maintenance and repairs of the historic building -- a city property.

The Current Zoning Code, Section 8-114 and Section 14-204, regarding the Transfer of Development Rights, requires the approval of maintenance/preservation plan of the property by the Historic Preservation Board before any transfer takes place. The Zoning Code was established to preserve historic buildings in perpetuity by guaranteeing that any future incomes from the sale of development rights stay with the resource

We request that a regular maintenance plan is developed and the proceeds from the sale of the unused development rights of the museum be earmarked for the implementation of said maintenance plan.

Respectfully submitted,

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