



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
November 14, 2017

ITEM TITLE:

Discussion Item. Single-family design panel recommendations.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Discussion.

BRIEF HISTORY:

An informal panel began meeting during the last week of September 2016 and was composed of representatives from architectural firms that have experience designing single-family home in Coral Gables. In addition, the group members have served the community in various capacities throughout the years, including as professors, Board of Architects members, and research on George Merrick's founding design principles for Coral Gables.

The advisory group members included the following Coral Gables architects and local professionals:

- Jorge L. Hernandez, Chair
- Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk
- Rafael Portuondo
- Frank Martinez
- Mike Sardinas
- Luis Jauregui
- Callum Gibbs

Panel group meetings and reviews were held on the following dates:

- September 29, 2016
- November 17, 2016
- December 8, 2016
- February 21, 2017
- March 31, 2017
- June 29, 2017 – Workshop with Board of Architects
- July 24, 2017
- August 8, 2017
- September 25, 2017
- December 26, 2017

Over multiple group meetings with the advisory panel, members reviewed current Zoning Code regulations for single-family homes in Coral Gables, as well as the review processes that shape the design of those homes. Advisory group members discussed best practices in the field of architecture and urban design, and the unique role of design, review and regulation in Coral Gables.

Draft Zoning Code Text Amendments and Staff report are attached to this memorandum, see Exhibit A.

A second version of the Best Practices Manual was created specific to Single-Family Residential design as recommended by the advisory panel members.

Staff has created an interactive GIS application web page containing Future Land Use Map and Zoning Map information searchable by address, see Exhibit B. A PowerPoint Presentation is included as Exhibit C.

EXHIBIT(S):

- A. Draft Staff Report with Zoning Code Text Amendments.
- B. Interactive Land Use and Zoning Map GIS Application web page.
- C. PowerPoint Presentation.