



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
April 10, 2018

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on First Reading. Zoning Code Text Amendment. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 3, "Development Review," Division 11, "Historic Preservation: Designation and Certificates of Appropriateness," Section 3-1104, "Designations Procedures," providing for procedures for designation of the City Plan, Notice of Hearing and, amendments to the Plan, providing for a repealer provision, providing for a severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning and Zoning Board at their 03.14.18 meeting recommended approval (vote: 5-0).

BRIEF HISTORY:

In November, the Commission adopted Resolution No. 2017-240, which directed City Staff to prepare an ordinance that would provide a procedure to adopt the City Plan as historic. It also directed the Historic Preservation Officer and the City Attorney to proceed to designate the City Plan historic.

The Ordinance recognizes the importance of the City Plan noting, "the underlying grid of orthogonal streets and avenues of which a series of diagonal and thoroughfares were carefully overlaid as part of Merrick's 'Great Development Program.'"

The draft Ordinance does not declare the City Plan historic. Rather, it provides the procedural framework whereby the City Commission can consider declaring the City Plan historic and provides a process to consider amendments to the City Plan if declared historic.

At their 03.14.18 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the proposed Zoning Code text amendment (vote: 5-0). At the meeting, the Board discussed which elements of the City Plan would be designated historic, such as blocks, streets, and alleyways. Staff recommends that the alleyways, along with streets and blocks, be included when the City Plan is designated. The proposed text amendment is only creating the process for designation. The City Plan will be designated at a later date.

The proposed amendment is provided in the draft Ordinance in ~~strike through~~/underline format attached as Exhibit A.


OTHER ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S):

Date	Board/Committee	Comments (if any)
03.14.18	Planning and Zoning Board	Recommended approval (vote: 5-0).

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION(S):

Date	Form of Notification
03.02.18	Planning and Zoning Board legal advertisement.
03.02.18	Planning and Zoning Board agenda posted at City Hall.
03.09.18	Planning and Zoning Board agenda, staff report, legal notice and all attachments posted on City web page.
04.06.18	City Commission meeting agenda posted on City web page (1 st reading).

APPROVED BY:

Asst. Director of Development Services for Planning and Zoning


EXHIBIT(S):

- A. Draft Ordinance.
- B. 03.14.18 Staff report and recommendation with attachments.
- C. Excerpts of 03.14.18 Planning and Zoning Board meeting minutes.