



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
September 14, 2017

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables appointing Aramis “Mitch” Alvarez as the Special Master presiding over quasi-judicial public hearings for the Board of Architects pursuant to Sections 2-302 and 2-303 of the Coral Gables Zoning Code.

BRIEF HISTORY:

Mr. Alvarez meets and exceeds the requirements to serve as Special Master of the Board of Architects. He is a longtime Coral Gables resident and has been a registered architect since 1970. During his illustrious career, Mr. Alvarez has worked on such landmark developments as the Douglas Entrance, The Colonnade and the Village of Merrick Park.

The Special Master’s appointment shall be for a two (2) year term by the City Manager, in consultation with the Board of Architects and approved by the City Commission. In the event a person is aggrieved by a Board of Architects decision, a conflict resolution meeting shall be convened to address the aggrieved party’s concerns. Such meeting shall be held with the City Attorney or designee, and any other member of the City Staff that the Planning and Zoning Director deems appropriate. Any settlement that is reached may then be presented to the Board of Architect Special Master as part of a quasi-judicial public hearing on the settlement.

If the conflict resolution meeting does not result in a settlement, the Board of Architect Special Master shall hear the appeal in a quasi-judicial public hearing. The decision of the Special Master on the settlement or the appeal shall be final unless appealed directly to the City Commission in accordance with Sec. 3-606 of the Zoning Code.

APPROVED BY:

Department Director	City Attorney	City Manager

Attachments

- 1. Draft Resolution**
- 2. Resume**

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES APPOINTING ARAMIS "MITCH" ALVAREZ AS THE SPECIAL MASTER PRESIDING OVER QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 2-302 AND 2-303 OF THE CORAL GABLES ZONING CODE.

WHEREAS, Sections 2-302 and 2-303 of the Coral Gables Zoning Code outline the qualifications and responsibilities of the Special Master presiding over quasi-judicial public hearings for the Board of Architects; and

WHEREAS, the Special Master must have been a registered architect or landscape architect responsible for the design and construction of projects within the City of Coral Gables during the last five (5) years and shall have a minimum of ten (10) years' experience in their profession and shall either be a resident or have their principal place of business in the City of Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, Aramis "Mitch" Alvarez meets and exceeds the qualifications and responsibilities outlined in the Zoning Code and is a longtime resident with an illustrious career designing many landmark buildings within the City or Coral Gables and Greater Miami Area; and

WHEREAS; the Special Master appointment shall be for a two (2) year term by the City Manager, in consultation with the Board of Architects and approved by the City Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The City Commission of Coral Gables hereby approves the City Manager's appointment of Aramis "Mitch" Alvarez as the Special Master presiding over quasi-judicial public hearings for the Board of Architects.

SECTION 3. That said Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

That this resolution shall become effective upon the date of its adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D., 2017

RAUL J. VALDES-FAULI
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRAIG E. LEEN