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1	use	1	"similar," because in the chart, it says, "LEED
2	MS. MENENDEZ: But then you're bringing in	2	certification."
3	a restaurant.	3	MR. BEHAR: "Or similar rating agency."
4	CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: Right.	4	MR. TRIAS: Yes.
5	MS. MENENDEZ: So are you saying that the	5	MS. MENENDEZ: Where are you reading that?
6	restaurants is less intense	6	MR. TRIAS: That's the third line. The
7	MR. TRIAS: Yes.	7	third line, "Or similar rating"
8	MS. MENENDEZ: The existing Code says the	8	MS. MENENDEZ: Okay. Gotzk.
9	restaurant is more intense.	9	CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: Motion and a second.
10	MR. TRIAS: Yeah, the xisting Code	10	Anything further?
11	requires three times the parking for a	11	All right. Jill, call the roll please.
12	restaurant than it does for a retail store, and	12	THE SECRETARY: Maria Menendez?
13	what we're saying is that that is not working,	13	MS. MENENDEZ: Yes.
14	and that is not working especially in mixed use	14	THE SECRETARY: Alberto Perez?
15	buildings.	15	MR. PEREZ: Yes.
16	And it's not working in missed use	16	THE SECRE ARY: Frank Rodriguez?
17	buildings, because when there's a change of	17	MR. RODI/IGUEZ: Yes.
18	use, and a restaurant wants to be located at	18	THE SECRETARY: Robert Behar?
19		19	MR. BEHAR: Yes.
20	the ground level, there usually is not enough	20	THE SECRETARY: Marshal Bellin?
	parking.	21	MR. BELLIN: Yes.
21	MR. BEHAR: Maria, I feel personally	22	
22	comfortable, if it's for mixed use buildings,		THE SECRETARY: Julio Grabiel?
23	because he's right, you know, you have the	23	MR. GRABIEL: Yes.
24	excess parking	2.0	THE SECRETARY: Jeff Flanagan?
	MS. MENENDEZ: I understand. For a mixed	25	CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: Yes.
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1	use building, I understand.	1	All right. Last item, Number 10 on the
2	MR. TRIAS: And that's all it is, it's just	2	agenda, "An Ordinance of the City Commission of
3	for mixed use.	3	Coral Gables, Florida providing for text
4	MS. MENENDEZ: Just mixed use. Qkay. Got	4	amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official
5	it.	5	Zoning Code: Article 2, "Decision Making and
6	MR. TRIAS: Okay.	6	Administrative Bodies", Division 3, "Board of
7	CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: Ar ybody want to move		Architects", Section 3-301, "Powers and
8	it?	8	Duties"; Section 2-302, "Membership, Terms;
9	MR. BEHAR: I'll make a protion to approve.	9	Vacancies; Removal"; and Section 2-303,
10	MR. WU: Mr. Chair, just be aware, there's	10	"Meetings, Quorum; Required Vote", repealing
11	also a LEED requirement	11	Section 3-303, "Reconsideration of City
12	MS. MENENDEZ: A saw that, yeah.	12	Architect Administrative Determination" of
13	MR. WU: I just y ant to make sure we are	13	Article 3 "Development Review"; by updating the
14	comfortable with the LEED requirement.	14	membership and certain procedures of the Board
15	MR. BEHAP. The LEED requirement is	15	· · ·
	MR. TRIAS: Or similar.		of Architects; providing for severability,
16	MR. BEHAR: Or similar.	16	repealer, codification and an effective date."
17		17	MR. TRIAS: Mr. Chairman, thank you very
18	MR. WU: Equivalent.	18	much.
19	MP. BEHAR: Equivalent, yes.	19	As you know, the Board of Architects'
20	and, typically, today, just about any	20	process is probably the most important process
21	project you do, you've got to comply with that	21	that we have for the aesthetics of the City.
22	by Code, just standard. So that's okay.	22	We have made a few changes that I believe are
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23	MR. GRABIEL: I'll second it.	23	going to streamline the process and provide a
23 24	MR. GRABIEL: I'll second it. CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: And a second. MS. MENENDEZ: But where does it say,	23 24 25	going to streamline the process and provide a better service to our community.  The first change is that we are adding

Page 117 Page 119 1 1 alternate members, and the idea there is, the MR. TRIAS: Yeah. Just like any meeting, 2 2 City Manager may want to appoint -- the City you need have a quorum to have a meeting. 3 Manager appoints the Board, by the way, just to 3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Right. 4 remind you -- may want to appoint people, 4 MR. TRIAS: So if we have eight members, we 5 that if they're alternates, then they don't 5 would need to have four members present, before 6 have to comply with the attendance requirement. 6 we start. So what we're saying is, by having 7 7 the panel determine the quorum, then we can Sometimes that has been difficult. So we think 8 8 that's a good thing to open it up. have a meeting with less people. 9 Right now we have eight members. The Code 9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: If the goal is to maintain, 10 says, at least seven. So we're lucky to have 10 you know, a certain level of quality control, 11 eight. And we may have more. So that was one 11 isn't allowing a decision to be made by two --12 thing. 12 couldn't that potentially compromise the goal 13 Another thing, another idea that came up, 13 of quality control? 14 was to see if we could include a member from 14 Because, I mean, I'm always -- isn't, 15 the University of Miami, kind of like a way to 15 generally speaking, you're more comfortable if 16 have better relations with the school, if you 16 you have the input of at least four people or 17 want to suggest something different, but that 17 more people? 18 person would have to be a registered architect MR. TRIAS: No, Mr. Rodriguez, you're 18 19 and so on, and the idea there is that sometimes 19 right, but what happens is that that's the 20 we have professors that don't meet the 20 current practice. Right now we do have panels, 21 requirements for residency, in terms of the 21 and the reason is that we have 120, 130 items 22 time, and it may be a good idea to have 22 every meeting. 23 somebody like that on the Board. So it's just 23 So what happens is that a majority of those 24 to open it up. Again, it's not a requirement. 24 items are fairly routines, like, for example, 25 25 It's just another option. windows, doors, things that are easily dealt Page 118 Page 120 1 Then the significant change is in the panel 1 with, with a panel. Now, if we have a 2 review. And the practical issue is that it 2 significant -- well, significant in this City allows us to have a meeting with a smaller 3 3 is a house, anything that is a new building, 4 quorum, just two people form a panel. Three 4 then typically we have the full Board. 5 people is the panel, but two would be a quorum 5 MS. LEEN: Can I add something? 6 of that. 6 MR. TRIAS: Yeah. 7 7 Sometimes, in the summer, we've had some MR. LEEN: If we have five members present, 8 attendance issues. As you know, the Board is a 8 it allows three to act on one and two to act on 9 volunteer Board that serves every week, every 9 the other, so it expedites matters. If there's 10 week, for four or five hours, so that makes it 10 controversy, the City Architect has the 11 easier for us to run the meetings. 11 authority to say, "Well, you know what, let's 12 And then we're clarifying the current 12 move this to a full Board." 13 practice that there could be a review -- if you 13 MR. TRIAS: Yeah, and I understand exactly 14 don't like the decision of the panel, you could 14 the point that you're making, and what I would 15 ask for a review by the full Board. That's 15 encourage you to do is that if you visit one of 16 being done already. We just wanted to make 16 the meetings, you will realize that there's an 17 sure that it's in the Code. 17 amazing amount of little things that have 18 So those are the proposed changes. 18 people waiting in line and so on, and so that 19 CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: Let me, anybody from 19 was kind of what we were trying to do -- be 20 the audience? No? Okay. 20 able to --21 MR. TRIAS: Mostly administrative in 21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: An example -- let me throw 22 22 nature. out an example for you. What if, for example, 23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: If you said that, I missed 23 somebody wanted to come and wanted to paint 24 it, I'm sorry, presently you need a quorum to 24 their windows a color that wasn't, you know, a 25 get anything passed and of how many? 25 standard color approved by the City, and, you

Page 121 Page 123 1 know, that to me has potential for -- I don't 1 we always, for probably the 20, 30 years that 2 know if the right word is abuse, but potential 2 I've been associated with the Board, always had 3 3 to have an ugly house, you know, with an ugly two members, never three, until maybe two years 4 color. Is that something that would be handled 4 ago, and it worked for all that period of time 5 by two people, two architects? 5 and it worked well. 6 6 MR. TRIAS: And Staff. Obviously Staff is And I think the testament to that is, look 7 7 there and Staff is able to review it. Yes. at Coral Gables. 8 8 And all I'm saying is that, I have full MS. LEEN: Can I raise one issue that I see 9 confidence that the City Manager is going to 9 here, that I want to bring to your attention, 10 appoint competent people at that Board, and 10 because this actually came up in a Planning and 11 that's the assumption we have. 11 Zoning meeting, too, and it's something that 12 If we have a problem, we will deal with it. 12 we're addressing in other parts of the Code? 13 MR. BEHAR: Frank, the Board of Architects 13 But this does include the language that a 14 really attempts -- I used to serve on that 14 tie vote shall result in the automatic 15 continuance of the matter to the next meeting, Board, and you would do it for four or five 15 hours every week. It gets to be cumbersome. I 16 16 which shall be continued until a majority vote 17 mean, so I support the idea of bringing 17 is achieved. 18 alternates or, you know -- because --18 I don't normally make recommendations, but 19 19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I would be -- you know, that language --20 20 MS. MENENDEZ: Doesn't work. speaking for myself, I would be persuaded by 21 the opinions of the architects that are part of 21 MR. LEEN: -- in all of our Zoning Code 22 this Board, and especially if you've served on 22 troubles me, because what I think should happen 23 23 it. I mean, I'm sensitive to the issue. I when there's a tie vote, from a procedural 24 think that's something -- I mean, to ask people 24 standpoint, is that they should try to break 25 25 to be there for five or six hours at a time -the tie, and, you know, talk a little bit more, Page 122 Page 124 1 MR. BEHAR: Every week. 1 and if they can't, at some point it should just 2 MR. WU: Mr. Rodriguez, just to clarify one 2 fail. 3 point. If the two-panel member is going to 3 I mean, if you can't achieve a majority 4 deny something, it automatically kicks it to a 4 vote, then the matter should end, and then the 5 higher level review. It's not an automatic 5 party can appeal to the Commission. 6 denial. I think there's some foresight that 6 MS. MENENDEZ: I had that marked myself --7 7 members on the two panel have said, "This MR. LEEN: And I think that that's probably 8 requires a full Board hearing." So it's a 8 true for every Board. It worries me, because 9 fairly standard process. 9 sometimes, like with this Board, you could have 10 10 MR. GRABIEL: I've been on both sides. a two-three vote, which obviously doesn't pass 11 11 I've been on the Board of Architects and I've anything, but that goes to the Commission, but 12 presented projects to the Board many times, and 12 if you had a three-three vote, which still is 13 it works very well, because they divide 13 not four, then that's automatically continued 14 themselves into three groups of three each, and 14 and makes you go through an entirely new 15 they move along. And if the project is 15 proceeding. It doesn't make any sense to me. 16 important enough or if there's no agreement on 16 MS. MENENDEZ: No. It goes without a vote 17 the panel, then it goes to a full Board. 17 to the Commission, no? It goes to the next 18 18 MR. BEHAR: To the full Board. meeting. 19 19 MR. TRIAS: And that would be any addition. MS. LEEN: But we're changing that. 20 20 Any large addition to a single family house Remember, I gave an opinion last time that 21 would qualify for that. So the standards are 21 there was no -- to me, that that provision was 22 22 very high for projects that in other cities arbitrary, basically, because there was no 23 23 would not be reviewed. reason to treat three-three differently than 24 MR. BELLIN: Ramon, let me mention that I 24 two-three. Either one would normally go to the

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Commission.

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also sat on the Board for a lot of years. And

Page 125 Page 127 1 1 So I gave the opinion it could go to the MR. BEHAR: They live in a different world 2 2 Commission. So we're removing that from other sometimes. 3 3 provisions. MR. BELLIN: Always. 4 4 Ramon, do you -- if I may, Mr. Chair, do MR. TRIAS: Mr. Behar, I was at a design 5 you have any issue with --5 studio presentation today on the North Ponce 6 6 MR. TRIAS: No. No. We intent -- yeah. and I fully understand your point. 7 CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: That's fine. 7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Ramon, I'm persuaded by --8 8 MR. BEHAR: One more question. On the I mean, to me, what Mr. Behar is saying makes a 9 Board, appointed with the person affiliated 9 lot of sense, you know, and, plus, when you 10 with the University of Miami, can you maybe be 10 have stated -- I mean, you're not even hiding 11 a little bit more -- elaborate on that please? 11 it, the stated purpose is to curry favor with 12 MR. TRIAS: Well, that's an idea that came 12 the University of Miami -- I mean, look, I 13 up from discussions with the City Manager, 13 understand -- but, I don't know, to me, that is 14 brainstorming ways of including the community a 14 a little bit of a concern, as opposed to 15 little bit more in our efforts, and what 15 having, you know, architects that work in the 16 happened was that, I realized that there were City, live in the City, maybe have been here 16 17 17 several people that potentially could serve on for a while, understand, you know, some of the 18 the Board, that were qualified and interested, 18 sensibilities that are important to the City or 19 but they didn't qualify because of the 19 maybe more so because they've been around it 20 residency requirement. They were new 20 and they're more accustomed to it. 21 21 professors. So that was one way to deal with MR. TRIAS: My recommendation to the City 22 that issue. 22 Manager has been to appoint anyone who 23 23 Again, it's an option. It's not required. qualifies, who wants to serve, because the Code 24 MR. BEHAR: For the record, I'm very 24 allows that. So now we have eight. If we had 25 25 supportive of the School of Architecture -two more, and one of them happens to be a Page 126 Page 128 professor -- that was my thinking -- why not? 1 MR. TRIAS: I think you have some relation 1 2 2 with that, yeah. But, you know, it's up to you, whatever 3 3 recommendation you want to make. MR. BEHAR: Very much so. I have some 4 concerns when you start bringing academia and 4 CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: And just as "minor" in 5 professional together. You know, I think that 5 the last one was maybe a little too loose of a 6 I -- this has to work, where you have the 6 word, I question the word, "affiliated." I 7 professional that resides or practices in the 7 think that's very broad as to what that means, 8 City of Coral Gables, and I'm not sure it would 8 "Affiliated with the University of Miami." 9 be a good idea to start bringing professors 9 MR. TRIAS: All right. We can --10 CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: That's a comment. into the Board. 10 11 MR. TRIAS: They would have to be 11 But then, also, Ramon, it says, if you're 12 registered architects. 12 affiliated with UM, you must be a registered 13 MR. BEHAR: You know, I --13 architect or landscape architect, but you're 14 MS. MENENDEZ: I have confidence, though, 14 exempt from all other requirements. 15 that the person that will be selected will have 15 MS. MENENDEZ: That's true. 16 what you're hoping they would have and not just CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: And one of the other 16 17 be academia, and I'm sure that Ramon will share 17 requirements was a minimum of experience of 18 that with the Manager. 18 having been an architect. 19 MR. TRIAS: Absolutely, and the Manager 19 MS. MENENDEZ: In Coral Gables. 20 makes the appointment, and she's very sensitive 20 MR. TRIAS: In Coral Gables. 21 to this. And it's an option. And the only 21 MS. MENENDEZ: Right. 22 option is to have more people that qualify. 22 MR. TRIAS: For example, the Dean -- a new 23 23 Dean at the School of Architects, I had that That's it. 24 MS. MENENDEZ: Right, but I understand what 24 conversation, just recently hired, he said, 25 25 you're saying. "Oh, yeah, I want to serve."

Page 129 Page 131 1 1 Well, he doesn't qualify. Well, that's the here 20 years, but they may not be practicing 2 2 kind of scenario that I'm proposing. It's like in Coral Gables, even though they work in Coral 3 all of a sudden, it's like we have a university 3 Gables, and even principal place of business, I 4 that is very qualified, in our City, and would normally think that would mean as an 4 5 certain individuals, we may want to have that 5 architect, although they are working at the 6 option, and it is that residency requirement --6 University of Miami. So we could argue that's 7 7 MR. BEHAR: But, actually, he is a resident their principal place of business. 8 of Coral Gables. So that may be a different --8 So, you know, (B) may even be satisfied by 9 9 CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: This section also someone who's a professor at the University of 10 10 Miami. deletes the ten years experience in the 11 11 profession. CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: What bothers me is, Sub 12 12 MR. TRIAS: We could --A says you have to have a minimum of ten years' 13 13 experience in the profession. So that tells me CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: So if it's just 14 residency, then I think we should state that 14 you have to have been an architect for at least 15 15 it --ten vears. 16 MR. BELLIN: There is no requirement for 16 Sub C takes that away. Now, granted, you 17 residency in the Board of Architects. 17 have to have some faith in the judgment of 18 MR. TRIAS: Or have an office. Residence 18 whoever appoints them, but this technically 19 19 says, if you're affiliated with UM, you could or office. 20 MR. BELLIN: And also there's a requirement 20 be a recent graduate. You could have just 21 21 gotten your architect's license and you are, that you have worked in Coral Gables, that you 22 22 do work in Coral Gables. therefore, entitled to serve. 23 23 MS. MENENDEZ: Yes, it says it right there. MR. LEEN: It is true. That ten-year 24 CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: But this says, design 24 requirement, sounds like the will of the Board 25 25 projects within the City during the last five would be to move that as a requirement in C. Page 130 Page 132 1 1 years, and you shall have a minimum of ten CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: I'll leave that to the 2 2 years' experience in the profession. So Sub C, architects on the Board, but I think 3 3 as written, I think, deletes that requirement experience --4 4 of a minimum of ten years in the profession. MR. BEHAR: I agree with you. I agree with 5 MR. TRIAS: Yeah. The policy issue here, 5 that 100 percent. You know, in the case you 6 6 and this is really a policy choice, it could go mentioned, the Dean, that's different, because 7 7 either way, is, do we want to keep the Board he has been in practice for over ten years. 8 8 only with people who have five years of Not in Coral Gables, but he has practiced. He 9 experience of working in Coral Gables 9 resides in Coral Gables. So that may be a 10 specifically. I mean, that's really what the 10 little different, but like Jeff, you know, 11 issue is, because if we want to open it up to 11 pointed out, you may have a recent graduate, 12 other people, then maybe recent professors who 12 you know, that just got licensed, and that may 13 came to work here, we may have that option. 13 not be the right person --14 MR. TRIAS: If this creates problems, then MR. RODRIGUEZ: Is there a problem getting 14 15 qualified people now, because the requirements 15 I will recommend to delete it, because I don't 16 are too restrictive? 16 think it's a major issue. It was just -- okay. 17 MR. TRIAS: It was a problem, yes. We were 17 I mean, if that's the consensus of the Board --18 18 able to work it through and get enough people, MR. BELLIN: I don't quite understand why, 19 but, yes, certainly -- it's not only the 19 you know, this whole story, if it ain't broke, 20 qualifications. It's a significant time 20 don't fix it. 21 21 commitment. It's every week, the whole five The Board has been around since the '20s, 22 hours in the morning. 22 you know, and it seems to me that the 23 MS. LEEN: If I may, Mr. Chair, one other 23 requirements really serve that Board well. 24 thing to think about, from a legal perspective, 24 MS. LEEN: Well, I mean, I think the policy 25 25 is that, you could have a professor that's been decision for you is, do you want to allow

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1 professors that are not practicing in Coral 1 MR. BEHAR: Second.	
2 Gables, but that teach in Coral Gables, to be 2 CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: S	econd. Any further
3 on the Board or not? 3 comment?	
4 MR. TRIAS: That's it. 4 Seeing none, Jill.	
5 MR. PEREZ: No. 5 THE SECRETARY: Alberto P	erez?
6 (Simultaneous speaking.) 6 MR. PEREZ: Yes.	
7 MR. TRIAS: Yeah, I don't have any problem 7 THE SECRETARY: Frank Ro	driguez?
8 removing it, if that's the consensus of the 8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.	
9 Board. 9 THE SECRETARY: Robert Be	ehar?
10 CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: I'm hearing murmurs to 10 MR. BEHAR: Yes.	
11 my left. 11 THE SECRETARY: Marshall	Bellin?
12 MR. BEHAR: I will say, no, I don't 12 MR. BELLIN: Yes.	
think I think we leave it the way it is, and 13 THE SECRETARY: Julio Gral	biel?
14 your case specific, that would qualify, if they 14 MR. GRABIEL: Yes.	
want to be on the Board. 15 THE SECRETARY: Maria Me	enendez?
16 CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: So that's for that 16 MS. MENENDEZ: Yes.	
portion. There are other changes. 17 THE SECRETARY: Jeff Flana	ıgan?
18 MR. TRIAS: Any other issues? 18 CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: Y	es.
19 MS. MENENDEZ: But what you're saying is to 19 MR. TRIAS: Thank you very r	nuch.
20 strike C altogether or just strike to exempt it 20 CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: T	hank you.
from the other requirements of Subsection A and 21 All right. That's the last item or	n the
22 B? 22 agenda. So we are adjourned until	l December
23 MR. TRIAS: Mr. Chairman, just for clarity 23 9th.	
24 sake, I would just strike C altogether, in the 24 (Thereupon, the meeting was co	oncluded at
25 sense that it's not material to this. It's one 25 8:10 p.m.)	
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1 of those things that 1 CERTIFICATE	
2 CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: Okay. All right.	
3 MR. BEHAR: I'm good with the other two. 3 STATE OF FLORIDA:	
4 MS. MENENDEZ: A and B exist now. 4 SS.	
5 MR. BEHAR: Right. And I'm good with the 5 COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE:	
6 rest. 6	
7 CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: And there's other 8	
changes throughout okay, through Section	orter and a Notars
10. Dublic for the State of Florida at Large	
Anybody have any other comments of	io nercoy
thoughts? So we re detering Subsection C.	ceedings and
13 that the transcript is a true and complete t	_
CHAIRWAN FLANAGAN: Okay. Anybody as	, i
15 MS MENENDEZ: And we're also going to	
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21 CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: Mr. Rodriguez, are you 22	
21 CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: Mr. Rodriguez, are you 22 good with that?  NIEVES SANCHEZ	
21 CHAIRMAN FLANAGAN: Mr. Rodriguez, are you 22 NIEVES SANCHEZ	