

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION 2017-\_\_\_\_\_**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NOTICE PROVISION AND PROCESS IN THE ZONING CODE, AS WELL AS A STANDARD FOR EVALUATING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY PLAN, AND AUTHORIZING THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO PROCEED WITH SEEKING HISTORIC DESIGNATION OF THE CITY PLAN; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, both State law and the City's Zoning Code recognize the importance of preserving historic districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has many roadways with historic significance (i.e. Old Cutler Road, Coral Way, Sunset Drive); and

**WHEREAS**, Frank Button drew the first comprehensive map of what would become the City of Coral Gables in 1921; and

**WHEREAS**, this map pre-dates the incorporation of the City on April 29, 1925; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Plan is part of George Merrick's vision for the City which included broad avenues and vast park land, as shown in both the 1925 City map and the 1928 City map (attached); and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the City Commission to designate the City Plan as historic.

**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.** That the City Attorney, Historic Preservation Officer and other appropriate staff are directed to proceed with seeking designating of the City Plan as historic, which would create a historic district.

**SECTION 3.** That an Ordinance be drafted establishing a process for designation of the City Plan as historic, which provides that any material amendments to the plan would be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Board for a special certificate of appropriateness and under a balancing of interests standard, with an opportunity for review by the City Commission.

**SECTION 4.** That the standard of review for proposed amendments to the City Plan will be a balancing of interests (weighing historic integrity, development and public purpose). The review would be conducted initially by the Historic Preservation Board, with the final decision being made by the City Commission.

**SECTION 5.** That the Zoning Code be amended to provide that notice, relating to the historic designation of City roads or the City Plan, be provided by publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

**SECTION 6.** That City staff is directed to prepare a proposed amendment to the Zoning Code to reflect this process.

**SECTION 7.** That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 2017.

APPROVED:

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN  
CITY CLERK

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