



COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Alex Fernandez

DATE: December 11, 2024

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS/REVIEW THE FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 2024 AD HOC HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE ADVISORY REVIEW COMMITTEE.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Please place the above item on the December 11, 2024 City Commission meeting agenda as a referral to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee ("LUSC").

On January 31, 2024, and at my request, the City Commission referred a discussion regarding the establishment of an Ad Hoc Historic Preservation Ordinance Review Advisory Committee (C4 H) to the LUSC. On February 26, 2024, the LUSC discussed this proposal and recommended that the City Commission establish an Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of reviewing current historic preservation regulations and making recommendations to the Mayor and City Commission.

On March 13, 2024, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2024-32964 (as subsequently amended by Resolution No. 2024-33193), creating the Ad Hoc Historic Preservation Ordinance Review Advisory Committee (the "Ad Hoc Committee").

ANALYSIS

The Ad Hoc Committee was tasked with a comprehensive review of the City's historic preservation regulations including the possible expansion of the certificate of appropriateness (COA) review criteria, as well as providing recommendations to improve and/or streamline the review process for projects located in historic districts or on individual historic sites. The Ad Hoc Committee also discussed adopting new incentives for historic preservation. After a series of highly productive public meetings, the Ad Hoc Committee voted unanimously on October 15, 2024, to approve its Final Report and Recommendations, which are set forth in Exhibit "A" to this Memorandum.

I would like the LUSC to review the Ad Hoc Committee's report and discuss which recommendations should be adopted by the City Commission. Given the significance and breath of the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations, I intend to call a special LUSC meeting. Following review and recommendations by the LUSC, I intend to sponsor a subsequent referral to the Planning Board to adopt corresponding amendments to the Land Development Regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?
(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:
See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

Applicable Area

Citywide

**Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item,
pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?**

Yes

**Is this item related to a G.O. Bond
Project?**

No

**Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481,
includes a principal engaged in lobbying?** No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

Department

Office of Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Ref: LUSC - Final Report of Ad Hoc Historic Preservation Committee. (Fernandez)