

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager  
DATE: October 30, 2024  
TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE PLANNING BOARD - ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION OF PRIDE PARK.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Administration recommends that the Mayor and City Commission (City Commission) refer the attached draft ordinance to the Planning Board.

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

On March 13, 2024, at the request of Commissioner Alex Fernandez, the City Commission referred a proposal to modify the future land use classification of Pride Park (C4 M) to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee (LUSC). On May 1, 2024, the item was deferred to a future LUSC date, with no discussion. On September 5, 2024, the LUSC discussed the proposal and recommended that the City Commission refer an ordinance to the Planning Board.

### **ANALYSIS**

Pride Park is currently classified as Public Facilities - Convention Center Facilities (PF-CCC) on the City's Future Land Use Map (FLUM). The purpose of this designation is to provide development opportunities for facilities necessary to support the convention center.

Although open space, the area of Pride Park remains under the Civic and Convention Center (CCC) zoning classification, which allows the land area to be utilized for purposes of establishing a larger unified site that includes City Hall, the Convention Center and future hotel, the Holocaust Memorial and the Botanical Gardens. The benefits of having a larger overall site include the potential future expansion of the convention center, as well as the ability to meet minimum off-street parking requirements within the public garages on the larger site. For example, as a single development site, the minimum parking requirement for adjacent facilities may be satisfied within those garages and parking facilities located in the CCC district, due to inclusion within the larger unified site.

The attached draft ordinance creates a new future land use category of "Recreation and Open Space - Civic and Convention Center (ROS-CCC)," which would be specific to Pride Park. This new category would be similar to the Recreation and Open Space (ROS) FLUM category, and require that Pride Park remain as open, park space. It would also be consistent with the underlying zoning designation of CCC, and allow for a continued, unified site.

### **APPLICATION FEE WAIVER**

The subject amendment is proposed on a comprehensive basis, and not on behalf of a private applicant or third party. Pursuant to section 2.4.1.c of the Land Development Regulations of the City Code, amendments to the City Code require the payment of the applicable fees in section

2.2.3.5, 2.2.3.6, and appendix A to the City Code. These fees may be waived by a five-sevenths (5/7ths) vote of the City Commission, based upon one or more of the following circumstances:

1. The City Commission determines that the proposed amendment is necessary due to a change in federal or state law, or to implement best practices in urban planning, or based on circumstances unique to the proposed amendment.
2. Upon the written recommendation of the City Manager acknowledging a documented financial hardship of a property owner(s) or developer(s).
3. If requested, in writing, by a non-profit organization, neighborhood association, or homeowner's association for property owned by any such organization or association, so long as the request demonstrates that a public purpose is achieved by enacting the applicable amendment.

Should this proposal be referred to the Planning Board, the Administration recommends that the City Commission determine that the proposed amendment is necessary based on circumstances unique to the proposed amendment and waive the applicable fees.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

No Fiscal Impact

**Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?** No  
(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-notice/>

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Not Applicable

### **CONCLUSION**

The Administration recommends the following:

1. The City Commission refer the attached draft ordinance to the Planning Board.
2. In accordance with section 2.4.1.c.1 of the Land Development Regulations of the City Code, the City Commission waive the applicable fees based on circumstances unique to the proposed amendment.

### **Applicable Area**

South Beach

**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**

Planning

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

**Co-sponsor(s)**

**Condensed Title**

Ref: PB - Amend Comprehensive Plan, Change Future Land Use Classification of Pride Park.  
(Fernandez) PL