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May 16, 2018: Another Busy Day at Commission Chambers! These are Miami Beach United's Resolutions:

NEW ITEMS TODAY - SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS

- Agenda Item R5-I - Ordinance Regarding Waiving the DRB Process for the North Beach GU Lots
- Agenda Item R5-M - Ordinance Regarding Inclusion of Tatum Water Way into the Local Historic District
- Agenda Item R7-B Resolution to Waive Development Regulations for North Beach Yard

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Support for Waiving the DRB Process for the North Beach GU Lots Ordinance R5-1

Executive summary:

Seeking to streamline how new TEMPORARY development can proceed in the West Lots on Collins Avenue in North Beach

Why It Matters

- The mandatory requirement for Design Review Board (DRB) review was put in place in the 1990's in order to ensure that permanent buildings and projects located on GU sites went through a comprehensive public review process. This provision was not previously envisioned to include temporary or 'pop-up' uses, which are short term in nature. The current process is onerous in the pursuit of pop-up, temporary businesses.

Miami Beach United is **IN SUPPORT OF** this ordinance on condition of the following provisions being included:

1. All affected residents will be amply noticed and be provided with at least one meaningful opportunity to hear how and ask questions about how the proposed project will affect significant quality of life issues including, but not limited to, noise, parking, traffic, alcohol sales, hours of operation.
2. That this ordinance affects projects of a temporary nature that is **limited to two (2) years of duration**, as opposed to the currently stipulated ten (10) years.

Read the MBU Resolution in its entirety by clicking [HERE](#) .

Read the Commission documents by clicking [HERE](#) .

Support for Inclusion of the Tatum Water Way into the North Shore Local Historic District Ordinance R5-M

Executive summary:

Confirming historic protections to the historic Tatum Water Way, as laid out in the North Beach Master Plan

Why It Matters

- On September 25, 2017, the Miami Beach Mayor and Commission passed Resolution 2017-30013 and affirmed Resolution No. 2016-29608 by unanimous vote, adopting the North Beach Master Plan in its entirety
- Subsequent Commission moves cherry-picked the plan and removed Tatum Water Way from the historic protections.
- The residents and MBU supported a referendum to increase FAR in the North Beach Town Center as part of an agreement which specifically included expanding the North Shore Local Historic District to include the Tatum Waterway.

Miami Beach United supports this ordinance providing the long-sought protection.

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Support for Waiving Development Regulations for North Beach Yard Resolution R7-B

Executive summary:

The North Beach Yard, modeled on the successful Wynwood Yard, has a signed lease, and through the planning/development process, has requested a number of waivers. The Planning Board reviewed the proposed Waivers of Development Regulations on April 17, 2018 and recommended approval.

Why It Matters

- MBUs supportive of efforts to streamline the review process for this temporary build-out. While we remain concerned that the key applicable components from the DRB and Planning Board criteria are sufficiently considered by the Commission, in lieu of the DRB or Planning Board, as part of the public review process, the extent of operational conditions contained within the executed lease, as well as the temporary nature of the proposal, are consistent with development regulations and

requirements. Additionally, as a City owned property, the City will have ultimate control over any code transgressions or operational issues that may arise in the future.

Miami Beach United SUPPORTS this resolution **with the caveat** that the affected parties including residents and property owners in the abutting residential neighborhoods shall receive notice and sufficient opportunity to have their concerns publicly heard and considered by the Commission.

Read the MBU Resolution in its entirety by clicking [HERE](#) .
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DID YOU KNOW THERE'S AN ELECTION?

Early Voting for County Commissioner

Early voting continues through this Sunday, May 20 for the Miami-Dade County Commissioner District 5 race.

[Click here](#) to view hours and locations of early voting sites.

Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
5/12	5/13	5/14	5/15	5/16	5/17	5/18	5/19	5/20
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- > **Hispanic Branch Library**
1398 SW 1ST Street, Miami, FL 33135
- > **Miami Beach City Hall**
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, FL 33139
- > **Shenandoah Branch Library**
2111 SW 19TH Street, Miami, FL 33145
- > **Stephen P. Clark Government Center**
(Elections Branch Office)
111 NW 1ST Street (Lobby), Miami, FL 33128

Get out there and make your vote count!

The New MBU Resident Scorecard: Coming Soon!

Miami Beach United will compile a scorecard to educate and inform residents. The new "Resident Scorecard" measures Commission and Committee votes to show how resident-friendly the City of Miami Beach Mayor and Commissioners are.

Here's how it works:

- Miami Beach United identifies and tracks issues that affect Miami Beach residents' quality of life.
- Official votes cast by elected officials are logged and scored on a scale from 0-100%. The highest score represents the most resident-friendly voting record.
- The resident scorecard will be updated monthly, distributed over email and shared on social media.

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