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## We Advocate for Residents of Miami Beach!

We are a community-based 501(c)4 not-for-profit organization providing Miami Beach residents a cohesive voice for city-wide issues that impact our quality of life. Click here to [join us!](#)



We hope all of you, our neighbors, friends, colleagues and greater community, are staying safe and are #stayinghome. We know that there is untold hardship for far too many with this silent stealthy disease, which is wreaking havoc on lives in every possible way - health, emotional well-being, financial survival. We commend all for taking the necessary precautions, and for toeing the line when it goes against the very nature of this city, to stay apart and keep our heads down. However, the faster we get through this, the more we learn, and the quicker we can adapt, adjust, rebuild and soar to greater heights, together. The City of Miami Beach has been doing a remarkable job of communicating, If you haven't already signed up for the City's CORONAVIRUS direct emails, or text alerts to your phone, you can do so [via this link](#) on the City's website. On behalf of the entire Board...stay safe. Stay home. See you on the flip side!

# Commission Virtual Meeting



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**Wednesday, September 16, 2020**  
**8:30 a.m.**



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## The September 16, 2020 Commission Meeting will be held VIRTUALLY.

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### IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM DURING THE MEETING:

Please click the "raise hand" button on the screen to raise your hand as soon as the item is called. This will pull you to the top of the list and make it easier for the team to find you in the list of attendees.

**Commission meetings start at 9 a.m. at the Commission Chambers.**  
**There is a Sutnick Hour, at which residents may address the Commission on any subject, from 8:30-9:00 a.m.**

**Want to read the proposed Commission agenda items and get info about the Commission meeting on Wednesday? Click [here](#).**  
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## Commission Meeting September 16, 2020

# These are Miami Beach United's Resolutions

## DESIGN REVIEW BOARD ADVISORY PROCESS

**R5A**

### **Executive Summary:**

This resolution requires Design Review Board advisory input of City neighborhood projects for above ground exterior aesthetics. This includes but is not limited to: pump stations, generators, pedestrian bridges, and landscaping of street-ends and major road projects.

### **Why It Matters:**

- It will lay out a plan and shorten the amount of time to complete projects.
- Solves the problem of costly project do-overs.
- Requires that residents be notified.
- Adds transparency by reporting the plan in the public record.
- Allows for resident input and participation in projects that directly impact their quality of life and property values.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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

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## RESPONSIBILITIES OF PERSONS AND BUSINESS ENTITIES PROVIDING RENTALS OR LEASES OF MOPEDS, MOTORCYCLES, AND MOTORIZED BICYCLES

**R5D**

### **Executive Summary:**

This resolution seeks to impose more restrictions on moped, motorcycle and motorized bicycle rentals. Safeguards that are already enacted, including being able to reach business operations 24-hours a day, are not working well enough to curtail the reckless driving behavior permeating the Ocean Drive corridor and spreading to other areas.

### **Why It Matters:**

- Reckless driving puts everyone at risk.
- Rental companies must be held accountable for unchecked behaviors on the part of their customers that not only risk everyone's physical safety but also jeopardize drivers.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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## NORTH BEACH INTERNATIONAL INN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT & LDR

### AMENDMENTS

#### R5F AND R5G

##### **Executive Summary:**

This resolution allows for very specific zoning amendments to permit the iconic International Inn to be revitalized. The goal is to restore this historical landmark and to provide an opportunity for this business to become a economic driver and an important cornerstone of the community.

##### **Why It Matters:**

- It will help restore a unique architectural gem.
- It will reinvigorate this corner of North Beach at one of our City's main entrances.
- It could help this business become an important economic driver.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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## SUNSET HARBOUR NEIGHBORHOOD IDENTITY OVERLAY

#### R5H AND R5I

##### **Executive Summary:**

These two ordinances that aim to establish specific policies that foster the preservation and unique character of this Miami Beach neighborhood by limiting the types of entertainment and commercial uses to those that contribute to its original character. Miami Beach United recommends that the same approach be applied to ALL neighborhood development and enhancement projects throughout our City.

##### **Why It Matters:**

- Our neighborhoods lose their character when they are allowed to be taken over by large retailers.
- These initiatives help to preserve the unique character of our neighborhoods.
- This process ensures that residents have a say in the changes that affect their quality of life and property values.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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## FAENA DISTRICT OVERLAY

#### R5T

##### **Executive Summary:**

This resolution seeks to secure a height increases for the Faena District Overlay, which is a historic district. There is already an existing approval for a 200 foot tower plus a 3 foot waiver and the new tower, which is proposed at 250 feet, would dwarf the historic Versailles.

**Why It Matters:**

- Tall modern buildings can overshadow their contributing historical structures.
- Height increases in historic districts must be considered very carefully.
- Another increase in height would put undue pressure on the Historic Preservation Board in their attempts to ensure compatibility with nearby buildings.
- Developers who purchase historic gems must be held accountable to their preservation regardless of any other incentives, whether real or perceived.

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** this resolution.

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**ELECTRIC MOPED PILOT PROGRAM****R7J****Executive Summary:**

This resolution seeks to implement an Electric Moped Pilot Program in Miami Beach and would impact the MXE District significantly. Combined with the existing scooter incidents this would be a dangerous venture and is something that should be revisited at a later time.

**Why It Matters:**

- The current disregard for traffic and City laws by bad operators must be resolved before more electric modes of transport are introduced.
- It is always a good idea to consider new technology, especially if it's bio-friendly, but safety concerns for residents, tourists and motorists must be a top priority.

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** this resolution.

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**MANDATORY GENERATOR INSTALLATION****R9N****Executive Summary:**

This resolution supports eliminating the requirement that all new stormwater pump stations be served by a dedicated back-up electrical generator and instead consider using the two or more independent electrical feeds provided by FPL.

**Why It Matters:**

- Permanent generators can create significant eyesores.
- Permanent generator installations can be very costly, draining funds from the limited sources available to expand the number of pumps.
- The need for permanent generators should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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# Special Land Use and Sustainability Virtual Meeting



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**Thursday, September 17, 2020**  
**1 p.m.**



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## Special Land Use & Sustainability Meeting September 17, 2020 This is Miami Beach United's Resolution

### Executive Summary:

The damage to our image and brand, and the loss of quality of life for full-time residents, needs to be repaired and restored with all due haste and consideration.

### Why It Matters:

- We **MUST** start the process of regaining control of our city's most important tourist revenue driver, the Ocean Drive MXE.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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