SHARE: Join Our Email List

# View as Webpage



We advocate for Residents of Miami Beach! Click here to join us!

# **Commission Meeting**



To participate or provide comments during our Commission Meeting, join the webinar at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89109475690

Via phone:

**301.715.8592** or **888.475.4499** (Toll Free) Webingr ID: 891 0947 5690

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 8:30 a.m.



To watch the meeting live, it can be streamed via Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/cityofmiamibeach) or watched on MBTV channel 660 on Atlantic Broadband or channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse.

he city is following CDC-recommended safety guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19

In Person Public Participation Members of the public who do not have access to a computer and wish to provide public comment at the Commission meeting, may appear in-person at Miami Beach CI Hall, Test Thio Conference Biom, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33199. At this location, members of the public will be provided access to a computer to provide public comment (only) audio form) on an appear at aeru and/or a the Dr. Stanley Sunkock Citizen Forum from 680 arts. To 92 arms of 19 public 20 public

request this material in alternate format, sign language interpreter (five-day notice required), information on access for persons with disabilities, and/or any accommodation to review any docume ritiginate in any city opposited properties. Call 305 604 3489 and select 1 for Fondish or 2 few Spanish, then protion 6/TIX users may call via 711 (Florida Belay Spanish).

MIAMIBEACH www.miamibeachfl.gov

The January 13, 2021 Commission Meeting will be held VIRTUALLY.

To join the virtual commission meeting via Zoom:

Please click this link to join the webinar: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89109475690">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89109475690</a>

ID is 891 0947 5690# **To join via phone:** 



US: +1.301.715.8592 or 1.888.475.4499 (Toll Free)

Webinar ID: 891 0947 5690

It will also be streamed live on MBTV, on the City's website, and on Facebook Live at <u>facebook.com/cityofmiamibeach</u>.

# 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. and from 1:00-1:30 p.m.

Want to read the proposed Commission agenda items and get info about the Commission meeting on Wednesday? Click here.

Want to contact your elected officials directly? Click here.

# Commission Meeting January 13, 2021 These are Miami Beach United's Resolutions

#### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES ON CITY LAND USE BOARDS

C4A

# **Executive Summary:**

This ordinance amendment is intended to ensure that resident at-large seats on the Land Use Boards are filled by people who represent residents' rather than development interests.

#### Why It Matters:

- Land Use Boards are overwhelmingly composed of individuals who represent development interests.
- It's important to ensure that residents have adequate representation on Land Use Boards.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

Read the MBU Resolution in its entirety by clicking **HERE** 

Read the Commission documents by clicking **HERE** 

#### FLORIDA FRIENDLY FERTILIZER USE WITHIN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH

R<sub>5</sub>E

# **Executive Summary:**

This ordinance seeks to regulate and enforce the use of fertilizers in the City of Miami Beach to minimize their effects which contribute to the pollution and destruction of Biscayne Bay.

#### Why It Matters:

- Biscayne Bay is an important habitat for fish and wildlife that also provides recreational opportunities and contributes greatly to our tourism industry/revenue, and to residents' quality of life.
- Recent reports indicate that our seagrass levels are beyond critical; everything
  possible must be done to restore the Bay to a healthy condition.
- The health of our water systems is directly interconnected to our City's overall wellbeing and must be a top priority.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

Read the MBU Resolution in its entirety by clicking **HERE**Read the Commission documents by clicking **HERE** 

# CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS TO STRENGTHEN COASTAL RESILIENCY VIA SEAWALLS AND OTHER TIDAL FLOOD BARRIERS

R5F

# **Executive Summary:**

Seawalls and other tidal flood barriers play a critical role in flood mitigation and resiliency efforts. This ordinance seeks to establish construction and fine enforcement standards so that seawalls that are in disrepair and are causing flooding on adjacent properties be maintained, and that seawalls are upgraded if the property has new construction or substantial improvements.

# Why It Matters:

- Sea level rise is an ongoing and quickly escalating threat that must be addressed in real time.
- It's important to take the necessary steps now to avoid costly repairs and damages to private and commercial property throughout our City later.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

Read the MBU Resolution in its entirety by clicking **HERE**Read the Commission documents by clicking **HERE** 

#### SUNSET HARBOUR PROHIBITED USE REGULATIONS

R<sub>5</sub>H

# **Executive Summary:**

This ordinance seeks 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.

# Why It Matters:

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

 Miami Beach United recommends that the same approach be applied to ALL neighborhood development and enhancement projects throughout our City.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

Read the MBU Resolution in its entirety by clicking <u>HERE</u>

Read the Commission documents by clicking <u>HERE</u>

## HISTORIC SITE DESIGNATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL INN

#### R<sub>5</sub>K

# **Executive Summary:**

This ordinance amends the land development regulations to allow for the historic designation of the International Inn in North Beach.

# Why It Matters:

- The International Inn a unique architectural gem.
- It provides the opportunity to reinvigorate an under-the-radar corner of North Beach.
- It provides an opportunity for this business to become an economic driver and an important cornerstone of the community.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

Read the MBU Resolution in its entirety by clicking <u>HERE</u>
Read the Commission documents by clicking <u>HERE</u>

# **SPRING BREAK 2021 PROGRAMMING**

#### R7M

# **Executive Summary:**

The City is proposing a test of Spring Break 2021 programing...It would include activations that encourage visitors to Miami Beach, as if we are open for business as usual, and which are likely to lead to large group gatherings.

We understand the crushing financial hardship this pandemic has imposed on small businesses owners and their staffs in the tourism industry, but until we have a handle on mitigating the spread of the COVID19 virus, and ensuring that vaccinations have reached critical mass among the general population, anything that is done to encourage visitors is exacerbating an already fraught situation.

## Why It Matters:

- By encouraging large gatherings in our City we contribute to the already escalating infection rates.
- Not only does it put Miami Beach residents at risk for heightened community spread, and visitors as a result of the normal activities associated with Spring Break, it also puts our already taxed first responders at heightened risk.

Miami Beach United **STRONGLY OPPOSES** this resolution. Read the MBU Resolution in its entirety by clicking **HERE** Read the Commission Documents by Clicking **HERE** 

#### CREATION OF NORTH BEACH CRA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

#### R7N

# **Executive Summary:**

A resolution to create an oversight committee for the North Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) giving residents from within the affected community a seat at the table to ensure their needs, goals, and concerns are taken into account as this planning process gets underway.

# Why It Matters:

- You cannot redevelop a community with significant ongoing input from that community!
- Successful CRAs are achieved through maximum resident involvement and input.
- North Beach residents who will be affected by, but have no financial stake in, the CRA need a vehicle to express concerns regarding the CRA process and its impact on their quality of life.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution. Read the MBU Resolution in its entirety by clicking <u>HERE</u> Read the Commission Documents by Clicking <u>HERE</u>

## 2020 Miami Beach United Board of Directors

#### Officers

Tanya K. Bhatt, President Saul Gross, Treasurer Ron Starkman, VP, Government Affairs Raquel Pacheco, VP, Marketing Hortense DeCastro, Recording Secretary

#### **Directors**

Ryan Barras
Rhea D'Souza
Gayle Durham
Herb Frank
Jorge Gonzalez
Jack Johnson
Adam Kravitz
Sarah Leddick
Scott Needelman
Kirk Paskal
Sandra Stendel

Nancy Liebman, Chair Emerita





**Our Mission** Dedicated to improving the quality of life for Miami Beach residents, managed and measured growth of our city, and



ethical leadership of government – for a vibrant city rooted in history, its people, resources and neighborhoods, with focus on the future – by providing educational and analytical focus on the organization, structure, policies and performance of Miami Beach government. We share our newsletters with over 8000 subscribers, 75% of whom are registered Miami Beach voters.