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Wednesday, March 17, 2021
8:30 a.m.



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Commission Meeting March 17, 2021 These are Miami Beach United's Resolutions

REFERRAL TO LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS
CLOSING THE LOOPHOLE FOR UN-CALCULATED ROOFTOP HEIGHT AND FLOOR
TO AREA RATIO (FAR)

C4D

Executive Summary:

This ordinance would close the loophole that allows for additional height increases to rooftop structures that are not included in the maximum height calculations, adding as much as 25' or more of rooftop structures to the allowable building height.

Why It Matters:

- Recent projects have exploited the fact that rooftop structures are not included in the maximum height calculations increasing the allowable building height.
- It is in the public interest to close loopholes in the Land Use Regulations.
- It is also in the public interest for commercial buildings to pay their fair share of property taxes. That doesn't happen when activated rooftops are excluded from F.A.R. calculation.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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REFERRAL TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO
DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE BYRON CARLYLE THEATER AND FUNDING

C4K, C4L, R9K

Executive Summary:

Resolutions asking the City Administration to perform an assessment and provide a breakdown of the needed repairs to fully, and partially, reopen the Byron Carlyle Theater, and present short-term and long-term alternatives and recommendations for the facility.

Why It Matters:

- The Byron Carlyle is a landmark theater in North Beach.
- The local North Beach community strongly supports taking the necessary action to return the theater to full use.
- This is an important first step in the process of assessing the status of the location to understand the costs associated with reopening the theater.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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ESTABLISHING CRITERIA TO BE UTILIZED IN THE DETERMINATION OF SIDEWALK CAFÉ PERMIT RENEWAL

R5B

Executive Summary:

This ordinance would set forth identifiable criteria to be considered by the city manager, or designee, prior to making the determination to approve or deny the issuance of a sidewalk café permit (or renewal thereof.)

Why It Matters:

- The ability to operate a sidewalk cafe is a privilege, not a right, and should be made available to only those operators who demonstrate consistent adherence to excellent business practices required by the city of Miami Beach.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE CITIZEN AT LARGE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY ON THE PLANNING BOARD AND DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

R5G

Executive Summary:

This resolution adopts the Amendments to the Composition of the Design Review Board (DRB) and Planning Board (PB) to exclude individuals who are qualified to serve in other DRB and PB membership categories (as professionals in the real estate and development industries) from being appointed to the resident at-large seats.

Why It Matters:

- The impact of the decisions made by the DRB and the PB fall on the everyday residents of our City.

- The input of “ordinary” residents-at-large is necessary so that the remaining residents of this City, who are not engaged in the real estate and development industries, have a voice in this process.
- The DRB and PB process should not be controlled or seen to be controlled by those industries which have direct economic interests in the outcomes.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.
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**EXPAND THE CITY MANAGER’S AUTHORITY TO ORDER THE IMMEDIATE
 SUSPENSION AND CLOSURE OF BUSINESS ENTITIES RENTING OR LEASING
 CERTAIN VEHICLES DURING HIGH IMPACT PERIODS**

R5K

Executive Summary:

This resolution allows the City Manager to immediately suspend or shut down businesses that rent these additional vehicles - golf carts, low-speed vehicles, autocycles, or motorized scooters-during high impact periods.

Why It Matters:

- Safeguards previously enacted, including being able to reach business operators 24/7 in the case of problematic behavior, have failed and more restrictions and enforcement are essential to ensure safety on our streets.
- The proliferation of rental mopeds exacerbates the out-of-control situation on Ocean Drive and now bad moped behavior has spread throughout South Beach.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.
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APPEAL OF MIAMI BEACH DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (DRB) ORDER

R9D

Executive Summary:

This appeal, filed by Beach Legal Properties, Inc., seeks to reverse the decision reached by the Design Review Board to deny the demolition of this significant architectural feature of the building at 317 71st Street in North Beach, specifically the 55'-0" tall tripod pylon.

Why It Matters:

- The DRB’s decision is supported by careful analysis under the Design Review Criteria.
- The DRB’s order and findings are supported by competent substantial evidence outlined in the City Staff report and analysis.
- The DRB observed the essential requirements of law and provided adequate procedural due process and their decision should be upheld.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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