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Wednesday, April 21, 2021
8:30 a.m.

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Commission Meeting March 21, 2021 These are Miami Beach United's Resolutions

ADCD EXPERIENTIAL RETAIL AND ADCD NOISE EXEMPTIONS

R5-A AND R5-N

Executive Summary:

These two ordinances are intended to curb unruly behavior within, and take the first clear steps to establish the new normal in the Art Deco Cultural District.

Why It Matters:

- After years of progressive deteriorating activities within its borders, the MXE/Entertainment District is being reimagined to encourage the desired behavior and to discourage behavior that is incompatible with quality of life and safety issues for residents and visitors alike.
- Tightening up regulations surrounding the permitted uses for retail establishments in the ADCD to refocus on the original intent of the historically-designated neighborhood is good forward progress in the quest to reimagine this neighborhood.
- This amendment to the Noise Ordinance should help reduce negative impacts of noise along Ocean Drive and re-direct the activities of alcoholic beverage establishments to be substantially contained within private property and not spill onto the public street and sidewalks/

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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

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

HEIGHT LIMITS FOR OFFICE USE SUNSET HARBOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Executive Summary:

This draft ordinance was prepared by a representative of a property owner in the Sunset Harbour area, who is seeking to develop a mixed-use project with an office component; it includes recommendations from city staff and the planning board. Within the proscribed geographic boundaries, it permits an additional ten feet of height in certain cases provided the development program is not significantly altered from the approved plans. This would permit a developer to increase floor-to-ceiling heights of the office floors to make them more economically viable.

Why It Matters:

- While this is geared to a "pilot project" in Sunset Harbour, we have seen precedents set which then are able to be used as arguments for allowing the same changes in other parts of the city.
- It seems premature to pass such an ordinance prior to the codification of the proposed Sunset Harbour Neighborhood Vision Plan; at that time, modifications can be discussed in context of the approved plan.
- This is one of two draft ordinances being discussed on this agenda regarding development in the Sunset Harbour neighborhood. C4B concerns an overall vision for future development; this one addresses incentivizing office development by allowing additional height. They should be reviewed in tandem.
- As currently drafted, this ordinance does not address quality of life issues such as limitations on usage, noise, etc. that may arise out of this passage, thereby opening the door to unintended consequences and upsetting the balance which has made this neighborhood's renaissance a success.

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** this resolution.

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INCREASE MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT AND REDUCE REQUIRED SETBACKS ON PROPERTIES THAT ARE TEN ACRES OR LARGER

Executive Summary:

This ordinance would more than double the current allowable height as well as reduce minimum setbacks in an already overbuilt neighborhood in the City.

Why It Matters:

- The proposed ordinance would have a devastating effect on the Gilbert M. Fein Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District to the north as well as the lower scale buildings to the east.
- Neither the Planning Department nor the Planning Board support this ordinance.

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** this resolution.

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AMEND THE HOURS OF SALE FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY
ESTABLISHMENTS IN SPECIFIED AREAS OF THE CITY

R5-O

Executive Summary:

This is another step in trying to address the unruly behavior in the current MXE/Entertainment District. While we are generally supportive of the efforts overall, we cannot support this ordinance as currently proposed.

Why It Matters:

- The Commission should deal with the issue of alcohol sales hours in a comprehensive manner throughout the City, and not make incremental changes which will leave some neighborhoods exposed to possible spillover effects.
- Miami Beach United's opposition to the amendment also takes into consideration that in a previous referendum in 2017 the voters of Miami Beach overwhelmingly opposed the 2 am alcohol ban.
- Any change to the hours governing alcohol sales is a citywide issue and should not be reserved to one section of the city.

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** this resolution.

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