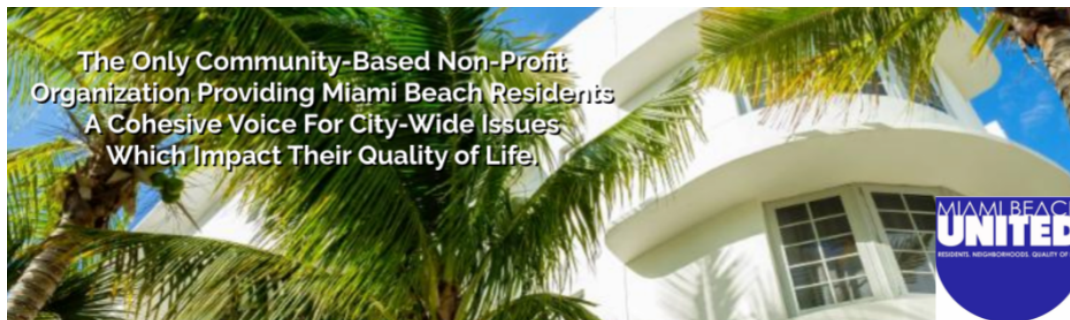




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Commission Meeting March 9, 2022

These are Miami Beach United's Resolutions:

ITEMS RELATED TO WEST AVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND THE PRECEDENTS THEY MAY SET CITY-WIDE

C4A; R7F; R7G; R7H; R9E; R9F - REFERRALS

Executive Summary:

We as a city are at the forefront of climate change resiliency issues and leadership. Thus, it is imperative that we recognize that there is no one-size-fits-all remedy for different areas of our city which confront different issues, and act accordingly. We must also be excellent stewards of the resources allocated to resiliency projects and demand accountability for how they are disbursed, and for results.

Why It Matters:

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** these referrals.

- C4A, R7F, R7G, R7H, R9E, R9F all propose actions which ultimately help the City create better processes to inform and engage residents regarding the crucial planning and operational details of our City's infrastructure resilience projects.
- MBU believes that as the City begins to actively move ahead with these projects, it is imperative to ensure processes that deliver complete information and prioritize resident participation and experience as keys not just to transparency, but to operational success of all future projects across our City.
- **C4A** is referral to the Ad Hoc Neighborhood Resiliency Projects Advisory Committee asking for more discussion of the City's process to inform and engage residents regarding project-related harmonization agreements, which recently have been the focus of resident complaints.
- **R7F** directs the City to closely review the proposed loss of 279 parking spaces in the West Avenue Neighborhood in conjunction with the West Avenue Phase II infrastructure plan, to see whether alternative approaches might be found to address residents' serious concerns over this loss of parking.
- **R7G** asks the City to provide analysis of potential flooding impacts for the proposed elevation of the parking lot at 1671 West Ave;
- **R7H** supports the expansion of the Inspector General's report on the Indian Creek infrastructure project, and encourages the use of this report data to inform other projects.
- **R9E** and **R9F** are both updates on important factual data in the West Avenue project.

Read the Commission documents by clicking on:

- [**C4A Improve information and engagement with residents as it relates to projects that require harmonization agreements.**](#)
- [**R7F Review the proposed loss of 279 parking spaces in the West Avenue Phase II neighborhood as the result of the West Avenue Improvement Project.**](#)
- [**R7G Elevation of the P-24 parking lot at 1671 West Avenue.**](#)
- [**R7H Supporting the expansion of the Inspector General's independent review of the Indian Creek Flood Mitigation Project.**](#)
- [**R9E Update on the West Avenue Project.**](#)
- [**R9F South Florida Water Management District issues – West Avenue Phase II Improvement Project.**](#)

LINCOLN ROAD WEST PARKING SUBZONE

C4C - REFERRAL

Executive Summary:

This would incentivize hotel development in direct contradiction of the new city vision for diverse business and more apartment development for full time residents.

Why It Matters:

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** this proposal which would eliminate all parking requirements for hotels on Alton Road from 16th to Collins Canal.

- Office and housing development bring year-round employment and residents, making far less demands on the police.
- The city already reduced hotel parking requirements from 1 space per room to 0.5 spaces per room.
- There are already 4 existing hotels and 2 more proposed hotels in this three-block area (Sonder 17, Variety, Palomar, Marriot; a proposed Citizen Hotel with micro-units and another proposed hotel at 1695 Alton Road).
- There should be no more hotel incentives added, especially on these three blocks.
- The proposal is initiated by Citizens Hotel. Therefore, this should have been a private application. The up-zoning does not benefit the public so it should never be a commission-sponsored application.

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DISCUSSION REGARDING PERMITTING LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

C4D - REFERRAL

Executive Summary:

This item proposes a discussion about expanding live entertainment in the city.

Why It Matters:

Miami Beach United Miami Beach United **is not opining** on whether or not there should be ambient indoor live entertainment throughout the city, but it **is in support of a serious discussion about the issue**.

- There is already live entertainment permitted in various areas around the city; what this discussion should really be focusing on is not whether, but HOW to create a fair, manageable, enforceable system with strict rules of engagement that doesn't further leverage our already overtaxed code compliance team.
- Other cities have figured out how to manage the issue of indoor live entertainment; we already permit it in some of our neighborhoods. We need to address this once and for all.

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UPDATE ON PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT

C4M - REFERRAL

Executive Summary:

Cities around the world are testing and utilizing new methods and technologies such as sound radar to address noise pollution; we should be doing the same.

Why It Matters:

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** the effort to investigate ways technology can be utilized to both monitor and reduce noise levels in the City of Miami Beach. We applaud the effort to investigate – and hopefully implement – new technologies to make Miami Beach a quieter and more pleasant place to live.

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**TRANSITION TO ELECTRIC WASTE VACUUM CLEANERS FOR ALL CITY
LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS**

C7R

Executive Summary:

This resolution is consistent with the prior decision by the City Commission to ban all gas leaf blowers.

Why It Matters:

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** the effort to transition to electric waste vacuum cleaners for city landscape operations. The transition to new electric equipment will improve air quality and reduce the noise generated by these machines. We believe this decision will make Miami Beach more ecologically friendly while creating a quieter and more pleasant environment for its citizens.

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JUDICATE MISDEMEANORS IN CITY OF MIAMI BEACH

R5-F - SECOND READING

Executive Summary:

This seeks to adopt the state law misdemeanor offenses of battery, criminal mischief, and indecent exposure. This will make the conduct underlying these crimes offenses against municipal law for the same acts that constitute such offenses against state law, and thereby enable the City to become the primary entity responsible for the prosecution of those criminal violations under City law.

Why It Matters:

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution because having the City of Miami Beach judicate misdemeanor crimes here in our city, rather than in the county courthouse, will lend us more power to create a better deterrent towards these quality of life crimes.

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2:00 a.m. TERMINATION OF SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN SPECIFIC
RESIDENTIAL AREAS

R5M; R5N; R5O - FIRST READING

Executive Summary:

The ballot question asking Miami Beach voters whether they would "support changing this [alcohol consumption] 5:00 a.m. termination time to 2:00 a.m. throughout the City, with specific locations and related restrictions and exceptions, to be determined by City Commission by Ordinance?" by over 56% of voters. This attempts to define how that would work.

Why It Matters:

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** these amendments to Chapter 142 to repeal the exceptions to the 2 AM termination time for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages South of Fifth, in the West Avenue Neighborhood, and along the 41st Street corridor. Miami Beach residents have suffered for too long from the noise, rowdiness, litter, and traffic congestion created by patrons congregating on the streets and sidewalks outside of late-night bars and clubs. When these businesses are located in close proximity to residential buildings, it is simply an incompatible use.

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

DATA UTILIZED BY MIAMI BEACH POLICE AND CODE COMPLIANCE
DEPARTMENTS

R7C

Executive Summary:

In the ongoing effort to make sound policy decisions which will help with reducing crime, restoring residents' quality of life, and improving our city's image, sharing data utilized by the Miami Beach Police Department and Code Compliance Department is necessary to assist the Mayor and City Commission in making effective, informed, data-supported decisions.

Why It Matters:

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution because we believe that the Mayor and Commissioners can best serve the residents of Miami Beach when they have unfettered access on an as-needed basis to all databases and categories of data utilized by the Miami Beach Police Department and Code Compliance Department. Without such access, the Mayor and Commissioners cannot effectively address the law enforcement and code enforcement needs of the City.

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THE LOG CABIN

R9I

Executive Summary:

The Log Cabin, an important historical structure, was demolished and elements "stored" in December 2017, much against the community's wishes, in order to make way for a business that has since reneged on its commitment and has opened in Doral.

Why It Matters:

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this discussion item. Since its demolition, the Log Cabin's chimney has been languishing on the site, mostly, but not always, under a protective tarp. What remaining logs were not cut up are in a storage space somewhere. We are into our fifth year and still nothing has been done to rebuild this historic structure; it is well past time to do so.

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THE BYRON CARLYLE SITE**R9M****Executive Summary:**

The commission committed to a process that will determine the concept and design for an arts and culture center at the Byron Carlyle, and to steps to move forward, without any further delay, with transparent and active community engagement.

Why It Matters:

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** having this particular discussion as there has not yet been the promised community outreach and input that is critical to determining the best uses for the reimagined Byron Carlyle. While it's possible that workforce housing could be potentially incorporated into the new facility, it is premature to have a discussion focused solely on that possibility before having engaged the community in the process, as the Commission has committed to do.

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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD'S REQUEST FOR HISTORIC DESIGNATION
REPORT FOR 93 PALM AVE.****R9W****Executive Summary:**

The Al Capone House is a part of Miami Beach's history, and there was national outcry against the owners seeking to demolish the structure. Since then, the HPB has requested a historic designation report as part of the consideration process.

Why It Matters:

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** this item as it seeks to preempt the City's Historic Preservation Board from performing the duties granted to it under section 118-591 of the City's historic preservation code. It's hard to imagine why there is a proposal for discussion to encourage the city to circumnavigate its own legal process, crafted from county, state, and federal best practices, for the process of determining whether a property should be designated historic. The Al Capone house meets at least two criteria

for historic designation, has been documented having historic significance, and has over 25,000 signatures petitioning for its preservation.

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