



Cocoanut Grove Village Council

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Monthly Meeting Agenda

Marcelo Fernandes, Chairman
Linda Williams, Vice Chair
S. Larissa Ozols, Secretary
Rachel Cardello, Treasurer
Thaddeus Scott, Sergeant at Arms
Sacha DuBearn
Steven Dloogoff
Courtney Omega
Hank Sanchez-Resnik

Monday, July 30, 2018

6:30 PM

Miami City Hall

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. House Keeping
 - a. Approve previous month's Minutes
 - b. Installation of new member, Sacha DuBearn
 - c. Add agenda items
 - i. Charles Dinkin, Urban Partnership of Miami Dade for Coconut Grove Drug Free Community Coalition – Presentation
 1. 2010 working together extend invite Council to participate in the process of developing the coalition further – Goal to reduce violence and drug and promote positive development of youth.
 2. Performed Community assessment to address current state of our families uses analytical model to determine where spending will be best applied to reduce youth violence. Council asked for results of the data collection.
 3. Council member asked the coalition presentation be scheduled during a time other than weekday mornings while people are at work and interested youth are in school.
 - ii. Coconut Grove resident promoted a rally for Phillip Levine for Governor 8/28. Council member clarified council does not support the event, it is supported by individuals support this effort. (*ed note*: council is non-partisan).
5. Discussion Items
 - a. Tree appeal 3376 Perry-Frow: Scheduled September 4 HEPB agenda. Owner representative requests Village Council withdraw the appeal.
 - i. Owner representative for Perry Frow suggests that Perry Frow is a street that is technically platted as an easement with public access and therefore can be closed off during construction.
 - ii. Chair noted the past trend for developers cut trees down and suffer consequences by city fine. This is not acceptable process and Council's appeal seeks to get out in front of this process by appealing trees. Recognition by Council that code is difficult and field application of it is lax

- as Member site visit, prior to appeal, suggested tree protection barriers insufficient. Owner representative showed improvement of the barrier.
- iii. Noted there was a relaxing in Setback on sides 5 ft to 2.5 feet (north), entire foot print shifted to accommodate live oak to south.
- iv. Discussed developers other tree mitigation efforts like footers and pervious pavers on driveway.
- v. The parapet was adjusted to accommodate the canopy versus trimming the canopy.
- vi. Tree protection bond on the tree. 20K /1 year.

b. West Grove multiple property designations

- i. Shotgun homes represent heritage and culture of Village West. Many residents express their wish to opt out and now the appeal fee is waived. After council discussion, general consensus is that the process has become the problem. Historic designation to allow public funding but without funding to assist low income residence with repairs and remain in their homes as historic – seems to have backfired. Holes in criteria and non-voluntarily opt in and opt out have given pause to some residents.
- ii. Suggest have some waiver to opt out and keep in only those that wish to be named historic remain. Council member wants to confirm that those who are in it really understand the implication of what it means to have a property designated as historic.
- iii. At HEPB meeting residents were reminded that their historic designation would permit another residence to be built on the lot. As such, be aware that historic designation may have the unintended consequence of zoning historic area and/or all Village West as T30.
- iv. Council advises that there must be incentive available to upgrade the properties. NO funds upfront gave concern to residents who would otherwise be open to historic designation. And taxation relief historic homes. If historic home receive these benefits then rent should also be off set – affordable, not at a premium.
- v. Main issue Historic Miami gives no incentives to restore. Identify the funding and then declare historic.
- vi. Decision making does not include renters but affects renters.
- vii. Public Comment:

Speaker: expressed concerns about the swift and push through of the historic preservation of the shotgun homes. Summarized the process to date. Appeals will be heard on 9/27

Speaker: expressed concern that there will be too much bureaucracy to keep his homes beautiful. Historic designation is complicated and appeals are complicated. Suggests to others they follow up with City. Ask questions. Agrees that cart was before the horse.

Chair to investigate number of residents that want to Appeal and how many have questions with the process...

Speaker: property rights being an owner with designation forced upon and understand exactly what that means. Public notification was bad. Message was vague and over promising – ie: no relief. Keeping these houses affordable is hard.

Speaker: rents are getting out of hand. Housing is unattainable.

Council comment: With ownership comes responsibility and cost.

Supply demand. Seller has the right to achieve highest price.

Affordability will only come with subsidy. Zoning has an effect on affordability to make more supply on the same land. And reduce costs.

Speaker: currently renting below market value in Village West with high windstorm on wooden structures it makes it impossible to keep rents low. Remember Coconut Grove is one of the most expensive neighborhoods in South Florida. Buy what you can afford if you want to be homeowners. Owners, not given a choice or benefits to own a historic home in Coconut Grove.

c. Committee Reports

Civic Cultural life parks Green Spaces

- Colzie Corner momentum – NCD and historic preservation and other elements – must not allow
- Pocket park, Charlies Woods grant program for benches, tree donation in the works.
- Royal Road with grove 2030 Grant approval by public works to get hardscape and sidewalk.
- Playhouse keep the theater 303 parking, and seating. Height of Garage is still too high but no movement. 50% construction docs means we will not have much further input before they application for permit to city (9/5 HEPB).
- Green space and driveway width are also issues this committee has with playhouse waivers.
- Legacy trees coordinated efforts with grove 2030 supplementing the _____.

Housing and Zoning

- NCD is the big ticket item for this committee
- HOTA will finalize NCD 2 language after the August break.
- Evictions 7 in past months and 15 pending evictions.

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- Stream line process procedure, communication efforts , next steps funding and bylaws

Transportation and Mobility:

- Quick Build stalled due to permitting. Fall
- 25 Speed limit will be enforced once signage is in place
- Commodore Trail improvements
- Freebee a nice addition, Trolley issues with route expediency and driver ability to communicate effectively about routes.
- Grass River property/County JPA for Overpass at 27th Ave. still on drawing board and Grass River is open to it.

Visibility:

- Website, email blasts, community public outreach improved and attendance/awareness is improved

6. Unfinished Business

- a. Colzie Corner, co-naming update – council and commission recess delay.

- b. Playhouse update – addressed above
- 7. New Business
 - a. “Go Fund Me” for Village Council donations from community
 - b. Criteria for Tree Appeals
- 8. Announcements
 - a. No regular Village Council August Meeting. Special meeting to discuss Beckham-Mas development bid for City of Miami property (Melreese Golf Course) TBD, Next Meeting Friday September 21, 2018
 - b. Planning, Zoning and Appeals Board Meeting • **September 5, 2018** • 6:00PM -
• City of Miami City Hall, Chambers; 3500 Pan American Dr. Miami, FL 33133;
 - c.a. Miami City Commission Meeting • **September 13, 2018 September 27, 2018** •
9:00AM - • City of Miami City Hall, Chambers; 3500 Pan American Dr. Miami, FL
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- 9. Adjournment 8:30 PM