



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
Steven Dloogoff A
Sacha DuBearn
Courtney Omega
Hank Sanchez-Resnik

Monday October 29, 2018

6:30 PM

Miami City Hall

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call, Quorum, S. Dloogoff not present
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. House Keeping
 - a. Approve previous month's Minutes- Approved
 - b. Opportunity for any changes in Agenda Items – Deferred all new business until October
 - 9.a – indefinitely deferred
 - c. Mr. Brandon added to the agenda as guest speaker: Brandon Cruz. Health issues tied to sedentary lifestyle. Ask to team up bring awareness to child obesity rates by arranging a "fitness feast" enjoy a workout and bring awareness about healthy diets, stress, inactivity and diet as it relates to disease.
5. Announcements
6. Discussion Items
 - a. NCD – Proposed changes. Presentation by Marc Coleman on NCD proposed changes to clarify the proposed changes. City Commission postponed First Reading.
 - Not historic designation. NCD refers to protection greenspace, overdevelopment and affordable housing in the form of TOD development and ADUs. Floor to lot ratios used as the multiplier to enhance diversity of construction styles. FLR (everything under AC) is not FAR (developed space, lot coverage). Other municipalities have similar proposed FLR of .5 as proposed.
 - NCD does not have mechanism to enforce the NCD because the NCD pre dates the current Miami 21 zoning codes.
 - Resident commented on the NCD 2 as a way to foster proper scale of development and protect current, long term residents as well as cultural identity. Destination tourism results and helps the local West Grove economy. Over development reduces the appeal and therefore our local economy.
 - Resident and Commissioner Russell commented that the current NCD language is vague, changes to the NCD driven by community and Russell supports the residents. Process has gone through proper channels and now the commission can vote it up, down, compromise or deferred. It is a city-wide initiative, potential conflicts, perceptions may exist because it impacts such a large community. Also , code itself is complex, many acronyms. Ideally a Sunshine meeting will happen so consensus and understanding can be reached. He explained the reasons why some commissioners may be concerned with passing this legislation. Be flexible in positons and consider all sides. Reinforce the organic public supports.

- Resident suggested that changes to the NCD are more flexible where if we knew where the pushback first.
- One area that remains conflated is the perception that the Thematic historic preservation is the same as the proposed NCD changes. The Sunshine meeting would help clarify positions
- Resident mentioned the long history of the NCD. Intent was there and during the recession there was no need to execute enforcement because there was no development. Suggested areas of compromise
- Council commented that neighborhood conservation is not historic designation. The goal is enforcement of the NCD guidelines.
- Resident reminded the Council that Design guidelines were a request by Village West community.
- Resident: Questioned why City representation from planning and zoning. The Grove needs a zoning plan. Charles Avenue does not have a zoning plan. What is the difference between a warrant and a waiver. What is the differences between NCD2 and NCD3? Those are the conversations.
- Resident: Hopeful there is a Sunshine meeting. Issue is Section 2.2 new construction comes before the HEPB. 6.4.2. as well. With this it seems like it is a de facto historic district.
- Resident: going before the HEPB should not be the board for NCD2 residents
- Resident: People don't know what's going on, need other outlets than electronic and social media to inform people, maybe by text. Design guidelines scare my friends.
- Resident: Design standards are current guidelines- maybe compromise not go to the HEPB maybe just staff.
- Chair: does the community want guidelines, if so what type?
- Resident: No revisions or strikeout for proposed NCD, that should not. Initial guidelines enough, it's the checks and balances that are missing. Scrap the new provisions, focus on the checks and balances because existing intent is good. Suggests a community advisory board for any new construction. Throw out the proposed guidelines
- Resident: agrees with Community advisory board. Not building within the context of this environment. HEPB is not the best way to get things in context of the Grove.
- Resident: NCD2/3 19 under construction 2 more underway and no trees. HEPB is not the venue to preserve those in NCD2. Noted that without enforcement this is a waste of time.
- Russell: attempt to hire train staff that understand NCD. He can offer the tools and funding and administration has to carry it out
- Chair suggests funding mechanism, tax on an application to construction of properties in NCD to hire an NCD specialist in Building Compliance/Inspection.

b. Coconut Grove Trolley Route

Will reach out to Cynthia and see who she can have inform us on the system, initiatives, plans for future?

c. 2018 Public Space Challenge – Coconut Grove winners

- Competition had two winners in the Grove. North Grove was "The Resilient Living Shoreline Micro Smart Park" by Albert Gomez and in the south grove "Palmetto Plaza Green Space" by Glenn Terry. Next month will be more information about the Miami foundation's program for this public space competition.
- Residents in attendance from the south grove wanted to understand more about the Palmetto plaza green space and asked their concerns be considered in the project's planning.

d. Sidewalks repair and improvements – Deferred

e. Abandoned properties/Demolition by neglect – Deferred

- f. Charles Avenue reconstruction 60% design , Construction end of 2019
 - Capital Improvements presented on the improvement projects. Presentation available.
 - Council: Concerned with the fate of the planters along Charles. City confirmed that safety and setbacks were reasons why planters were likely to be removed along Charles Ave. Suggested to keep them if you can
 - Council: Would the trees remain? If planters go away then then the trees maybe relocated or re-planted. Is there a plan to replace trees, yes 1:1 or equivalent canopy
 - Council: Urged City to be mindful of spillover streets that would be impacted by construction and eventual traffic calming measures
 - Asphalt speed bumps will be installed.
 - Resident asked if the non-linear “pumpkin tooth” roadway cutouts would be removed to create a more linear roadway? Dedicated parcels need to be rededicated. --Cut outs will be left.
 - Archeologist on site during construction
 - Resident suggested that perhaps the city could consider non-standard signage
 - Resident: good idea to remove the planters
- g. 25-mile hour speed limit & traffic calming initiatives on all City streets
 - Capital Improvements presented on the improvement projects. Presentation available.
 - 119 25-mph speed limit signs to be installed at ingress areas from main thoroughfare (different posted speed limit) in ROW of first parcel in. City will be mindful of where signs are placed
 - IOC with County needs to be in place for installation to occur. End of 2018
 - Test areas will go first as a pilot project. Next year
7. Unfinished Business.
 - a. Colzie Corner, co-naming update – application for co-naming was delivered to the council and will work with stakeholders on next steps.
8. New Business
9. Adjournment approx. 8:45Pm