

MEETING SUMMARY

LOCATION: City Commission Chambers

DATE: Monday, January 28, 2019

TIME: 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

SUBJECT: City of Miami Beach Comprehensive Plan Update

STAFF PRESENT:

Heidi Siegel, AICP	Keith & Schnars – Planning
Erin Sita, AICP	Keith & Schnars – Planning
Kristen Nowicki, AICP	Keith & Schnars – Planning
Thomas Mooney, AICP	City of Miami Beach – Planning
Rogelio A. Madan, AICP	City of Miami Beach – Planning
Frank Arbelaez, AICP	City of Miami Beach – Planning

The community meeting held January 28, 2019 for the update of the Miami Beach Comprehensive Plan was an opportunity to gather public input.

OPENING PRESENTATION:

Commissioner John Elizabeth Aleman provided a welcome to the attendees, and introduced Planning Director Tom Mooney to discuss the importance of the City's Comprehensive Plan, as well as the City's commitments to sustainability, multi-modal transportation, and historic preservation. A Power Point presentation was given by Heidi Siegel of K&S to provide a background on the Comprehensive Plan amendment process and the work that the City has done since the last Comprehensive Plan update.

There were approximately 28 attendees. Two members of the City Commission, Commissioner John Elizabeth Aleman and Commissioner Joy Malakoff, were also in attendance.

DISCUSSION / KEY COMMENTS:

Many community members asked questions or provided comments about concerns in their neighborhoods and the City. The major takeaways are noted below:

- Additional consideration of the needs of single family neighborhoods
- Preservation of single family neighborhoods
- Concern regarding streets being raised causing pollution in Lake Surprise
- Resolving conflict between resiliency and single family neighborhoods
 - This subject was mostly in reference to addressing sea level rise without major impact to the character of the neighborhood
- Transfer of Development Rights to create more parks

- Need to identify appropriate areas to encourage redevelopment vs. preservation (focus on the more valuable contributing properties)
- A need for real incentives to get workforce housing units built
- A need for an “inclusive threshold” to ensure that the workforce housing incentive is to scale with the size of the project
- Inclusivity in regard to public amenity provision (such as benches, sun shelters).
- 41st Street Master Plan
- Resiliency & Sea Level Rise
- Business development on Washington Avenue
- Biscayne Bay – houseboats or housing at the marina to address future population growth
- Solar energy – incentives/promotion desired
- Ask Federal government for assistance to sea level rise issues
- Alternative energy sources, such as windmills
- Consider sound mitigation in the Intergovernmental Coordination Element to address the sounds from the new, taller, cruise ships docked at the Port of Miami
- Water pollution and seagrass decline
- Support for Citywide tree planting program
- Address seawall height and raising them for resiliency, citywide.
- Include PACE programs in the Comprehensive Plan, including seawalls, to support legislative agenda

NEXT STEPS:

- Complete the amendments
- City of Miami Beach
 - Local Planning Agency (Planning Board) – Public Hearing
 - City Commission Transmittal Hearing – Public Hearing
 - Transmit to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
- State issues Objections, Recommendation and Comments Report (ORC)
- City of Miami Beach
 - City Commission Adoption Hearing– Public Hearing