

# MIAMI BEACH

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## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: June 24, 2020

SUBJECT: **LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 26, 2020**

A Land Use and Sustainability Committee virtual meeting was held on May 26, 2020. Land Use and Sustainability Committee Members participating were Commissioners Mark Samuelian, Michael Gongora, and Ricky Arriola. Members from the administration, including Alina T. Hudak, Thomas Mooney, Eric Carpenter, Elizabeth Wheaton, Amy Knowles, Nick Kallergis, Roy Coley, Josiel Ferrer, David Martinez and as well as members of public, also participated.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 AM

1. A) Review Of Resilience Strategy Workplan – Planned And In Progress Resiliency Projects. (CIP)  
B) Discussion On Alternate Harmonization Approach For Improvements At 900 Block West Ave. (PW)  
C) Review of Palm Hibiscus Status & Road Elevation Experience. (CIP)  
D) Discuss Status And Jump Starting Of First Street Neighborhood Project. (PW)  
Commissioner Mark Samuelian  
Recurring Item  
CIP / Public Works

1. **A) Review Of Resilience Strategy Workplan – Planned And In Progress Resiliency Projects.**

### **B) Discussion On Alternate Harmonization Approach For Improvements At 900 Block West Ave.**

- Michael Larkin, representing Gumenick properties, explained that his client has developed a proposed harmonization of the east side of the 900 block. Mr. Roy Coley, Public Works Director, explained that the proposed alternate harmonization plan differed from what was presented during the Colombia Accelerator. He also explained that the proposed harmonization will add additional cost. The discussion included the potential of opening the Baywalk as part of the negotiations.
- Members of the public discussed the proposed harmonization and the Baywalk.

**D) Discuss Status And Jump Starting Of First Street Neighborhood Project. (PW)**

**AFTER-ACTION:**

Mr. Roy Coley presented the item and the two proposed designs. Saul Frances, Parking Director, discussed the parking analysis for the parking needs for First Street. The study found that 58% of the residential spaces were utilized. Josiel Ferrer, Transportation Assistant Director, presented on the transportation and mobility study completed for this corridor.

Members of the public spoke on this item.

**MOTION:**

**By Acclamation: Accept City staff's recommendation, additional minor improvements, and feedback given by City Committees, and move item to full Commission.**

**2. Comprehensive Plan Amendment For Public Facility (PF) Future Land Use Element.**

Mayor Dan Gelber

March 18, 2020 C4 V (Continued from May 6, 2020)

Planning

**AFTER-ACTION:**

Thomas Mooney introduced the item.

David Martin (Developer) provided a presentation on the proposed Miami Beach Marina lease.

Robin Jacobs, for MB Chamber of Commerce, noted recommendation for approval by the chamber.

DeAnne Graham indicated support for the project as it will make Miami Beach a more luxury destination.

Daniel Ciraldo requested that design presentation be provided online.

Jay Parker commented on support for the proposal as it would bring world class quality architecture.

Wayne (no last name) commented on opposition to the proposal as it will be bad for Murano Grande and will impact valuation and privacy, and views, and will have an environmental impact.

Merve Yirgen commented on support for the proposal and need for a facelift.

Andrea Spiridonalis indicated concerns that there are no renderings from the Alton Road perspective (from the street), and that it is unfair to rush forward without meetings.

Patricio Fernandez commented in favor of the project and the increase in fees the city will get.

Brian Sereny commented that he likes pedestal design, and supports the project.

Ceci Velasco indicated support for the project.

Sheila Duffy-Lehrman commented that it will breathe life into South of 5<sup>th</sup> and supports the project.

Mike Ohana commented on support for the project and it will add value to south of 5<sup>th</sup>.

Michael Comras indicated that this is an incredible opportunity for the city.

Darin Tansey indicated support for the project and what it will bring to the neighborhood.

Jake Resnicow indicated support for the project.

Alex Sapir indicated support for the project.

Scot London commented in favor of the project and the proposed green space.

Michael Sadoff indicated support for the project.

Dino Spencer indicated support for the project.

Karim Sabet indicated support for the project.

Seth Feuer indicated support for the project and that it will keep up with neighboring communities.

Lyle Stern indicated support for the project and the quality design.

Ben Faure indicated support for the project.