

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

DATE: January 13, 2021

SUBJECT: BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – CITY COMMISSION / AT-LARGE APPOINTMENTS –

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Make necessary appointments and reappointments.

### **ANALYSIS**

The applicants that have filed with the Office of the City Clerk for the below At-Large appointments are included in item R9 A.

### **BOARD AND COMMITTEES:**

#### **1. AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

##### *VACANCY (2):*

- One citizen who actively serves on the local planning agency pursuant to Florida Statute §163.3174 (Planning Board member). (Category # 8). *To replace Daniel Veitia who is not seeking reappointment.*
- One citizen who represents employers within the jurisdiction. (Category # 10).

##### *POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (4):*

- One citizen actively engaged in the residential home building industry in connection with affordable housing. (Category # 1)
  1. Pilar Carvajal
- One citizen who resides within the jurisdiction of the local governing body making the appointments. (Category # 9)
  1. Barbara Montero
- One citizen actively engaged in the banking or mortgage banking industry in connection with affordable housing. (Category # 2)
  1. Juan Torres

- One citizen who represents essential services personnel, as defined in the local housing assistance plan. (Category # 11).
  1. Jeremy Wilson

## **2. ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE**

*VACANCY (1):*

- An individual who shall be recommended by the Miami Beach Animal Advocates Inc. and ratified by the City Commission.

*POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (1):*

- An individual who shall be recommended by SoBe Cats Spay & Neuter Inc. and ratified by the City Commission.
  1. Linda Diamond

## **3. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES**

*VACANCY (1):*

- One Citizen who shall possess a high degree of competence in evaluation of art history and architectural history, art, architecture, sculpture, painting, artistic structure design, and other appropriate art media for display or integration in public places. (To replace Chair Maria Ortiz, who no longer is affiliated with the City either by residency, business ownership, or employment in a business with an office in the City).

*POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (2):*

- Citizens who shall possess a high degree of competence in evaluation of art history and architectural history, art, architecture, sculpture, painting, artistic structure design, and other appropriate art media for display or integration in public places.
  1. Aaron Resnick
  2. Michael McManus

## **3. BLACK AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*VACANCIES (2):*

- Two members, meeting one the following criteria: a) business owner in the City; b) licensed and actively practicing in the field of real estate, hospitality/tourism, or banking; c) licensed and actively practicing in the field of human relations / people development, communications / entertainment, art/culture, or education; or d) have a personal or professional knowledge or expertise in at least one of the following areas: 1. Education; 2. Economic Development/Business Development; 3. Culture/Entertainment/Events; 4. Hospitality/Tourism; 5. Healthcare/Technology; 6. People Development/Human Relations; 7. Finance/Banking; 8. Media/Communications/Public Relations; and/or 9. Community Service/Social Justice.

5. **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** (5/7 vote required)

*POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (3):*

- Real Estate Development. (Category # 4)
  1. Andres Asion
- At-Large.
  1. Richard Baron, Vice-Chair
- Law. (Category # 1)
  1. Richard Segal

6. **BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (1):*

- Certified Public Accountant.
  1. Marc Gidney

7. **CULTURAL ARTS COUNCIL** (3-year term)

*VACANCY (3):*

- Three At-Large positions.
  1. To replace term limited members. (Dawn McCall, Samuel Rabin, Jr., and Israel Sands.)

*POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (4):*

- Four At-Large positions.
  1. Britta Hanson
  2. Bruce Carter
  3. Laurence Moser, Vice-Chair
  4. Vanessa Menkes

8. **DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**

*VACANCIES (2):*

- One landscape architect registered in the State of Florida. (Category # 3)
- One architect registered in the United States. (Category # 1) To replace term limited member. (Francis Steffens)

*POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (2):*

- One Citizen At-Large. (Category # 5)
  1. James Bodnar, Chair
- One architect registered in the United States, or a professional practicing in the fields of architectural or urban design, or urban planning, or a resident with demonstrated interest or background in design issues; or an attorney in good standing licensed to practice law within the United States. (Category # 4)
  1. Samuel Sheldon (Attorney)

**9. GENERAL OBLIGATION (G.O.) BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

*POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (3):*

- City Resident Mid-Beach Area.
  1. Francisco Diez-Rivas
- City Resident South Beach Area.
  1. Jason Greene, Vice-Chair
- City Resident North Beach Area.
  1. Laura Veitia

**10. HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*VACANCY (1):*

- Ex-Officio, Miami-Dade County Health Department.

*POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (5):*

- One administrator from an Adult Congregate Living Facility (ACLF), and/or an Assisted Living Facility (ALF). (Category # 3)
  1. Frank Mena
- One member shall be a physician or an individual with medical training or experience. (Category # 8)
  1. Marc Umlas
- One member shall be the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) from Miami Beach Community Health Center or his/her designated administrator. (Category # 2)
  1. Mark Rabinowitz, Chair
- One member shall be a health benefits provider. (Category # 5)
  1. Sorangely Menjivar
- One (1) member shall be the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or its designated administrator from Mount Sinai Medical Center. (Category # 1)
  1. Steven Sonenreich

## 11. HEALTH FACILITIES ADVISORY BOARD (4-year term)

### *POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (2):*

- One Accountant.
  1. Arthur Unger, Chair
- One Health Provider.
  1. Mark Sinnreich

## 12. HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

### *VACANCY (1):*

- One representative from the Miami Design Preservation League (MDPL) selected from three names nominated by such organization. (Category # 1) To replace a term limited member (Scott Needelman).

**NOTE:** MDPL has provided the following nominees: 1) David McKinney; 2) Sandra Scidmore; and 3) Laura Weinstein-Berman.

### *POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (2):*

- One representative from Dade Heritage Trust (DHT) selected from three names nominated by such organization. (Category # 2)
  1. Kirk Paskal

**NOTE:** DHT has provided the following nominees: 1) Kirk Paskal; Current HPB member and 2) Linda Chamora, Assistant Professor - Department of Landscape, Environmental, and Urban Design at FIU.

- One at-large member who has resided in one of the City's historic districts for at least one year and has demonstrated interest and knowledge in architectural or urban design and the preservation of historic buildings. (Category # 3)
  1. Nancy Liebman

## 13. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

### *POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (6):*

- Five citizens who shall reflect, as nearly as possible, the diversity of individuals protected under the City's Human Rights Ordinance.
  1. Dale Stine
  2. Jesse Fleet
  3. Jessica Londono
  4. Jonathan Welsh
  5. Michael Sherman
- One citizen with a license to practice law in Florida; active member of and in good standing with the Florida Bar; and have experience in civil rights law.
  1. Alan Fishman, Chair

**14. NEXT GENERATION COUNCIL (1-year term)**

**Note:** Members must be eighteen (18) years through thirty-six (36) years of age at the time of appointment.

*VACANCIES (2):*

- One member must be licensed and actively practicing in the field of architecture or engineering. (Category C)
- One member must be a business owner in the City. (Category A)

*POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENT TO BE MADE (1):*

- One member must be licensed and actively practicing in the field of real estate. (Category B)
  1. Jefferson Brackin, Vice-Chair

**15. NORMANDY SHORES LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT**

*POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (3):*

- Three members of the Executive Committee of the Normandy Shores Homeowners Association.
  1. Carmen Browne
  2. Diane Klein
  3. Susanne Demmerle

**NOTE:** The Executive Committee of the Normandy Shores Homeowners Association has requested that the above three individuals be reappointed.

**16. PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITY**

*POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENT TO BE MADE (1):*

- One (1) member who has demonstrated a high degree of interest, participation and/or expertise in the sport of golf.
  1. Wil Martinez, Vice-Chair

**17. PERSONNEL BOARD (5/7 vote required)**

*VACANCIES (2):*

- Two citizens of Miami Beach, not employed by the City, and not having the same vocation as any other member of the Personnel Board. (Excluded vocations: Psychotherapist, Attorney, Translator, and Concert Producer/Impresario.)

*POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (2):*

- Two citizens of Miami Beach, not employed by the City, and not having the same vocation as any other member of the Personnel Board.
  1. Gail Harris - Psychotherapist
  2. Raquel Pacheco - Translator/Vice-Chair

**PLANNING BOARD**

*VACANCIES (2):*

- One person who has education and/or experience in historic preservation issues. For purposes of this section, the term "education and/or experience in historic preservation issues" shall be a person who meets one or more of the following criteria: (a.) Has earned a college degree in historic preservation; (b.) Is responsible for the preservation, revitalization or adaptive reuse of historic buildings; or (c.) Is recognized by the City Commission for contributions to historic preservation, education or planning. (Category # 4) *To replace Daniel Veitia who is not seeking reappointment.*
- One person who is a citizen at-large or engaged in general business in the City. (Category # 5) *To replace Michael Barrineu who has resigned effective January 2021.*

*POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (2):*

- One person who is a citizen at-large or engaged in general business in the City. (Category # 5)
  1. Kareem Brantley
- One architect registered in the State of Florida; or a member of the faculty of a school of architecture in the state, with practical or academic expertise in the field of design, planning, historic preservation or the history of architecture; or a landscape architect registered in the state of Florida; or a professional practicing in the fields of architectural or urban design, or urban planning. (Category # 1)
  1. Nicholas Gelpi - Faculty of a School of Architecture

**18. SENIORS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

*VACANCIES (2):*

- A resident of the Blackstone Apartments who shall be recommended by the residents of the Blackstone Apartments and ratified by the City Commission. (Category # 4)
- An individual selected by the board of directors of UNIDAD of Miami Beach. (Category # 10) **Note:** The board of directors of UNIDAD of Miami Beach has selected Larissa Caijao.

*POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (4):*

- One at-large appointment by the City Commission. (Category A)
  1. Bernardo Collado
- A resident of the Four Freedoms House who shall be recommended by the residents of the Four Freedoms House and ratified by the City Commission. (Category # 3)
  1. Enilda Thomas
- A resident of Stella Maris House selected by the board of directors of Stella Maris House. (Category # 5)
  1. Gaby Baglietto
- An administrator selected by the board of trustees for Mount Sinai Medical Center who is not the chief executive officer of Mount Sinai Medical Center. (Category # 2)
  1. Oscar Llorente

**Note:** The board of trustees for Mount Sinai Medical Center has selected Oscar Llorente for reappointment.

**19. TRANSPORTATION, PARKING AND BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

*VACANCIES (2):*

- A Mid-Beach business association. (Category # 5)
- A North Beach neighborhood association member. (Category # 6) (To replace Stuart Reed, whose MDPL Category was eliminated.)

*POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (3):*

- A South Beach business association member. (Category # 3)
  1. Al Feola, Chair
- A Mid-Beach Neighborhood Association member. (Category # 4)
  1. Esteban Porcelli
- A Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce's Transportation and Parking Committee member. (Category # 1)
  1. Linsey Lovell

**20. VISITOR AND CONVENTION AUTHORITY**

*POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (3):*

- Hotel Industry or At-Large.
  1. Christopher Rollins
- At-Large.
  1. Jeff Lehman, Vice-Chair
  2. Steven Adkins, Chair