

**DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**  
**City of Miami Beach, Florida**

MEETING DATE: August 3, 2021

PROPERTY/FOLIO: **3900-4000 Alton Road**  
4000 Alton Road 02-3222-011-0430  
3900 Alton Road 02-3222-011-0432

FILE NO: DRB21-0664

IN RE: An application has been filed requesting Design Review Approval for the construction of a new 9-story multifamily building on the vacant portion of the site.

LEGAL: See "Exhibit A"

APPLICANTS: M 4000 Alton Owner, LLC

**ORDER**

The City of Miami Beach Design Review Board makes the following FINDINGS OF FACT, based upon the evidence, information, testimony and materials presented at the public hearing and which are part of the record for this matter:

**I. Design Review**

- A. The Board has jurisdiction pursuant to Section 118-252(a) of the Miami Beach Code. The property is not located within a designated local historic district and is not an individually designated historic site.
- B. Based on the plans and documents submitted with the application, testimony and information provided by the applicant, and the reasons set forth in the Planning Department Staff Report, the project as submitted is inconsistent with Design Review Criteria 4, 8, 9, 16, 17 and 19 in Section 118-251 of the Miami Beach Code.
- C. Based on the plans and documents submitted with the application, testimony and information provided by the applicant, and the reasons set forth in the Planning Department Staff Report, the project as submitted is inconsistent with Sea Level Rise Criteria 1, 10, 11 and 12 in Section 133-50(a) of the Miami Beach Code.
- D. The project would be consistent with the criteria and requirements of Section 118-251 and/ or Section 133-50(a) if the following conditions are met:
  1. Revised elevation, site plan, and floor plan drawings for the reconfigured office building at 3900-4000 Alton Road shall be submitted, at a minimum, such drawings shall incorporate the following:
    - a. The proposed URBAN HEAT ISLAND ORDINANCE Sec. 130-69. - Commercial and noncommercial parking lots. 3) Open- air parking lots,

open to the sky, shall be constructed with (i) a high albedo surface consisting of a durable material or sealant in order to minimize the urban heat island effect, or ii) porous pavement. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to all parking areas, and all drive lanes and ramps.

- b. The proposed drive parallel to the front property line shall be reduced in width, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff.
- c. The loading area shall be fully enclosed within the garage structure, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Design Review Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.
- d. The north elevation shall be further refined with fenestration and introduction of quality non-stucco finishes, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Design Review Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.
- e. The south elevation shall be further refined with planar movement, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Design Review Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.
- f. The design of the stair tower shall further designed and detailed, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff.
- g. The design of the ground floor and level one of garage shall be further developed and detailed, including the introduction of non-stucco materials and finishes.
- h. The final details, color and finish of the metal railings shall be submitted, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Design Review Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.
- i. All glazing shall consist of a uniform color, subject to the review and approval of staff.
- j. The final design details of the exterior materials and finishes shall be submitted, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Design Review Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.
- k. A copy of all pages of the recorded Final Order shall be scanned into the plans submitted for building permit, and shall be located immediately after the front cover page of the permit plans.
- l. Prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, the project Architect shall verify, in writing, that the subject project has been constructed in accordance with the plans approved by the Planning Department for Building Permit.

- m. A dedicated right-turn lane shall be required on the westbound approach at the intersection of Alton Rd East and Alton Road West, located at the south east corner of the site, as indicated in the Traffic Study provided by the applicant, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff.
2. A revised landscape plan, prepared by a Professional Landscape Architect, registered in the State of Florida, and corresponding plans shall be submitted to and approved by staff. The species, type, quantity, dimensions, spacing, location and overall height of all plant material shall be clearly delineated and subject to the review and approval of staff. At a minimum, such plans shall comply with Chapter 26-Landscape Requirements of the Miami Beach Code and shall incorporate the following:
    - a. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the applicant shall submit a tree protection plan for all trees to be retained on site. Such plan shall be subject to the review and approval of staff, and shall include, but not be limited to a sturdy tree protection fence installed at the dripline of the trees prior to any construction.
    - b. In order to identify, protect and preserve mature trees on site, which are suitable for retention and relocation, a Tree Report prepared by a Certified Tree Arborist shall be submitted for the mature trees on site.
    - c. Any tree identified to be in good overall condition shall be retained and protected in their current location if they are not in conflict with the proposed construction, or they shall be relocated on site, if determined feasible, subject to the review and approval of staff. A tree care and watering plan also prepared by a Certified Arborist shall be submitted prior to the issuance of a Building Permit or Tree Removal/Relocation Permit. Subsequent to any approved relocation, a monthly report prepared by a Certified Arborist shall be provided to staff describing the overall tree performance and adjustments to the maintenance plan in order to ensure survivability, such report shall continue for a period of 18 months unless determined otherwise by staff.
    - d. Existing trees to be retained on site shall be protected from all types of construction disturbance. Root cutting, storage of soil or construction materials, movement of heavy vehicles, change in drainage patterns, and wash of concrete or other materials shall be prohibited.
    - e. All stormwater runoff shall be retained within private property and the any proposed on-site stormwater system must hold a 10-year, 24-hour rainfall event with an intensity of 8.75 inches of rainfall.
    - f. The proposed and existing trees located within the swale shall be subject to the review and approval of Green Space and CIP.
    - g. Any existing plant material within the public right-of-way may be required to be removed, as the discretion of the Public Works Department.

- h. A fully automatic irrigation system with 100% coverage and an automatic rain sensor in order to render the system inoperative in the event of rain. Right-of-way areas shall also be incorporated as part of the irrigation system.
  - i. The utilization of root barriers and/or Silva Cells, as applicable, shall be clearly delineated on the revised landscape plan.
  - j. The applicant shall verify, prior to the issuance of a Building Permit, the exact location of all backflow preventers and all other related devices and fixtures. The location of backflow preventers, Siamese pipes or other related devices and fixtures, if any, and how they are screened with landscape material from the right-of-way, shall be clearly indicated on the site and landscape plans, and shall be subject to the review and approval of staff.
  - k. The applicant shall verify, prior to the issuance of a Building Permit, the exact location of all applicable FPL transformers or vault rooms. The location of any exterior transformers and how they are screened with landscape material from the right-of-way shall be clearly indicated on the site and landscape plans and shall be subject to the review and approval of staff.
  - l. Prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, the Landscape Architect or the project architect shall verify, in writing, that the project is consistent with the site and landscape plans approved by the Planning Department for Building Permit.
3. The applicant may be required to submit a separate analysis for water and sewer requirements, at the discretion of the Public Works Director, or designee. Based on a preliminary review of the proposed project, the following may be required by the Public Works Department:
- a. A Declaration of Restrictive Covenant shall be required for the proposed basketball court over the utility easement with the 36" water main, prior to the issuance of a TCO.
  - b. Remove/replace sidewalks, curbs and gutters on all street frontages, if applicable. Unless otherwise specified, the standard color for city sidewalks is red, and the standard curb and gutter color is gray.
  - c. Provide underground utility service connections and on-site transformer location, if necessary.
  - d. Provide back-flow prevention devices on all water services.
  - e. Provide on-site, self-contained storm water drainage for the proposed development.

- f. Provide a hydraulic water model analysis and gravity sewer system capacity analysis as determined by the Department and the required upgrades to water and sewer mains servicing this project.
- g. Payment of City utility impact fees for water meters/services.
- h. Provide flood barrier ramps to underground parking or minimum slab elevation to be at highest adjacent crown road elevation plus 8”.
- i. Right-of-way permit must be obtained from Public Works.
- j. All right-of-way encroachments must be removed.
- k. All planting/landscaping in the public right-of-way must be approved by the Public Works and Parks Departments.

**In accordance with Section 118-262, the applicant, or the city manager on behalf of the City Administration, or an affected person, Miami Design Preservation League or Dade Heritage Trust may seek review of any order of the Design Review Board by the City Commission, except that orders granting or denying a request for rehearing shall not be reviewed by the Commission.**

**II. Variance(s)**

- A. No variance(s) were filed as part of this application.

**III. General Terms and Conditions applying to both 'I. Design Review Approval and 'II. Variances' noted above.**

- A. Site plan approval is contingent upon meeting Public School Concurrency requirements. Applicant shall obtain a valid School Concurrency Determination Certificate (Certificate) issued by the Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The Certificate shall state the number of seats reserved at each school level. In the event sufficient seats are not available, a proportionate share mitigation plan shall be incorporated into a tri-party development agreement and duly executed prior to the issuance of a Building Permit.
- B. This approval is subject to the formal conveyance from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to the Applicant concerning the adjacent portion of the Property ("FDOT Parcel"), determined by FDOT as surplus land and presently in the process of being transferred to the Applicant. No building permit for the proposed project shall be issued until after the conveyance of the FDOT parcel to the Applicant as confirmed by an opinion of title in a form to be reviewed and approved by staff and the City Attorney's Office.
- C. Upon the issuance of a final Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Completion, as applicable, the project approved herein shall be maintained in accordance with the plans approved by the board, and shall be subject to all conditions of approval herein, unless otherwise modified by the Board. Failure to maintain shall result in the issuance of a

Code Compliance citation, and continued failure to comply may result in revocation of the Certificate of Occupancy, Completion and Business Tax Receipt.

- D. If applicable, a Construction Parking and Traffic Management Plan (CPTMP) shall be approved by the Parking Director pursuant to Chapter 106, Article II, Division 3 of the City Code, prior to the issuance of a Building Permit.
- E. All applicable FPL transformers or vault rooms and backflow prevention devices shall be located within the building envelope with the exception of the valve (PIV) which may be visible and accessible from the street.
- F. A copy of all pages of the recorded Final Order shall be scanned into the plans submitted for building permit, and shall be located immediately after the front cover page of the permit plans.
- G. The Final Order shall be recorded in the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, prior to the issuance of a Building Permit.
- H. Satisfaction of all conditions is required for the Planning Department to give its approval on a Certificate of Occupancy; a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy or Partial Certificate of Occupancy may also be conditionally granted Planning Departmental approval.
- I. The Final Order is not severable, and if any provision or condition hereof is held void or unconstitutional in a final decision by a court of competent jurisdiction, the order shall be returned to the Board for reconsideration as to whether the order meets the criteria for approval absent the stricken provision or condition, and/or it is appropriate to modify the remaining conditions or impose new conditions.
- J. The conditions of approval herein are binding on the applicant, the property's owners, operators, and all successors in interest and assigns.
- K. Nothing in this order authorizes a violation of the City Code or other applicable law, nor allows a relaxation of any requirement or standard set forth in the City Code.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, based upon the foregoing findings of fact, the evidence, information testimony and materials presented at the public hearing, which are part of the record for this matter, and the staff report and analysis, which are adopted herein, including the staff recommendations, which were amended and adopted by the Board, that the **application** is GRANTED for the above-referenced project subject to those certain conditions specified in Paragraph I, II, III of the Finding of Fact, to which the applicant has agreed.

PROVIDED, the applicant shall build substantially in accordance with the plans, entitled "3900 Alton Road – DRB Final Submittal File No. 21-0664", by **Arquitectonica**, dated, signed, and sealed May 10, 2021, and as approved by the Design Review Board, as determined by staff.

When requesting a building permit, the plans submitted to the Building Department for permit shall be consistent with the plans approved by the Board, modified in accordance with the

conditions of approval that must be satisfied prior to permit issuance, as set forth in this Order, have been met.

The issuance of the approval does not relieve the applicant from obtaining all other required Municipal, County and/or State reviews and permits, including final zoning approval. If adequate handicapped access is not provided on the Board approved plans, this approval does not mean that such handicapped access is not required. When requesting Building permit, the plans submitted to the Building Department for permit shall be consistent with the plans approved by the Board, modified in accordance with the conditions set forth in this Order.

If the Full Building Permit for the project is not issued within eighteen (18) months of the meeting date at which the original approval was granted, the application will expire and become null and void, unless the applicant makes an application to the Board for an extension of time, in accordance with the requirements and procedures of Chapter 118 of the City Code, the granting of any such extension of time shall be at the discretion of the Board. If the Full Building Permit for the project shall expire for any reason (including but not limited to construction not commencing and continuing, with required inspections, in accordance with the applicable Building Code), the application will expire and become null and void.

In accordance with Chapter 118 of the City Code, the violation of any conditions and safeguards that are a part of this Order shall be deemed a violation of the land development regulations of the City Code. Failure to comply with this **Order** shall subject the application to Chapter 118 of the City Code, for revocation or modification of the application.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_.

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD  
THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Belush, AICP  
Chief of Planning and Zoning  
For Chairman





**“Exhibit A”**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:**

ALL OF LOT 53 AND A PORTION OF LOTS 52, 54 AND 55, BLOCK 1 OF NAUTILUS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8 AT PAGE 95, AND A PORTION OF LOT D OF RE-SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 48, 49, 50 AND 51 OF BLOCK 1, NAUTILUS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 35 AT PAGE 46 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND A PORTION OF SECTIONS 22 AND 27 IN TOWNSHIP 53 SOUTH, RANGE 42 EAST, CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 54 OF BLOCK 1 OF NAUTILUS SUBDIVISION; THENCE NORTH 09 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOTS 52, 53 AND 54, ALSO BEING THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ALTON ROAD (STATE ROAD 907) AS SHOWN ON THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT-OF-WAY MAP SECTION 87090-2402 DATED 12-2009, SHEET 16 OF 18, FOR 228.03 FEET; THENCE NORTH 80 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST FOR 269.11 FEET; THENCE NORTH 09 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST FOR 144.42 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 55 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY, LIMITED ACCESS, RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE JULIA TUTTLE CAUSEWAY AS SHOWN ON STATE ROAD 112/I-195 OF SAID FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT-OF-WAY MAP SECTION NO. 87090-2402, SHEET 16 OF 18, FOR 301.90 FEET TO A POINT ON A CIRCULAR CURVE, CONCAVE TO THE NORTHEAST AND WHOSE RADIUS POINT BEARS NORTH 42 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST FROM THE RADIUS POINT OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CIRCULAR CURVE; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG A 768.51 FOOT RADIUS, CURVE LEADING TO THE LEFT THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 06 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 09 SECONDS FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 93.48 FEET TO A POINT OF TANGENCY (SAID POINT BEING COINCIDENT WITH STATE ROAD NO. 907, STATION 17+34.46, AS SHOWN ON SAID FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT-OF-WAY MAP SECTION 87090-2402, SHEET 16 OF 18); THENCE SOUTH 54 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST FOR 218.45 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE (SAID POINT BEING COINCIDENT WITH STATE ROAD NO. 907, STATION 15+16.00 AS SHOWN ON SAID FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT-OF-WAY MAP SECTION 87090-2402, SHEET 16 OF 18); THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG A 600.92 FOOT RADIUS CURVE LEADING TO THE RIGHT, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 09 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 10 SECONDS FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 104.39 FEET (LAST MENTIONED THREE COURSES BEING COINCIDENT WITH THE NORTHERLY LIMITED ACCESS RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF ALTON ROAD (STATE ROAD NO. 25), AS SHOWN ON SAID FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT-OF-WAY MAP); THENCE SOUTH 76 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST FOR 72.65 FEET; THENCE NORTH 41 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE WESTERLY LIMITED ACCESS RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ALTON ROAD (STATE ROAD 907) AS SHOWN ON SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY MAP SECTION 87090-2402, FOR 48.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 80 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 54, FOR 26.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR INGRESS AND EGRESS AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 1(C), A TEMPORARY NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR M-400 PHASE I CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 3(A), A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF STORMWATER DRAINAGE AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 6(B) AND A TEMPORARY NONEXCLUSIVE M-4000 CRANE SWING EASEMENT AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 7(B) OF THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT AND OPERATING AGREEMENT EXECUTED BY AND BETWEEN TALMUDIC COLLEGE 4000 ALTON ROAD, INC. AND M-4000 ALTON OWNER, LLC, DATED OCTOBER 3, 2014 AND RECORDED OCTOBER 6, 2014 IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 29338, PAGE 3650, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

AND TOGETHER WITH ANY AND ALL RIGHTS IN AND TO THOSE CERTAIN COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN THAT CERTAIN DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS IN LIEU OF UNITY OF TITLE DATED OCTOBER 1, 2014, RECORDED OCTOBER 6, 2014 AT OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 29338, PAGE 3635, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; BUT ONLY TO THE EXTENT THEY ARE DETERMINED TO BE INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY.

LANDS SHOWN HEREON CONTAINING 99,240 SQUARE FEET, OR 2.278 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 22 AND 27, TOWNSHIP 53 SOUTH, RANGE 42 EAST, MIAMI BEACH, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA.