

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

MEETING DATE: October 20, 2021

PROPERTY: **7921 Abbott Avenue**      **02-3202-157-0010**  
   **02-3202-157-0020**  
   **02-3202-157-0030**  
   **02-3202-157-0040**  
   **02-3202-157-0050**  
   **02-3202-157-0060**

FILE NO: DRB21-0713

IN RE: An application has been filed requesting a side setback variance for the installation of air conditioning equipment for an existing single story multifamily building.

LEGAL: Lot 4, Block 8, of ALTOS DEL MAR NO. 3, according to Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 41 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

APPLICANT: Lirame Properties 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, and 10 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 the Sea Level Rise Criteria 4 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 site plan and floor plan drawings for the proposed air conditioning equipment at 7921 Abbott Avenue shall be submitted to and approved by staff; at a minimum, such drawings shall incorporate the following:
  - a. All trash containers shall be located behind the fencing located along the front of the property, subject to the review and approval of staff.
  - b. 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.
  - c. Prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Completion, 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.
2. A revised landscape plan, prepared by a Professional Landscape Architect, registered in the State of Florida, and corresponding site plan, 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 plan shall incorporate the following:
  - a. The extent of paving along the south side yard shall be reduced to the greatest extent possible, while providing access to each of the units, by removing the existing lighter colored concrete, and replacing with in-ground landscaping, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff.
  - b. The existing landscaping within the raised planters shall be enhanced or replaced with additional landscaping, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff.
  - c. An irrigation system for 100% coverage of all landscaping on site shall be provided, subject to the review and approval of staff.

**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. The applicant filed an application with the Planning Department for the following variance which was **approved** by the Board:
  1. A variance to reduce by a range of 2 feet to 3.5 feet the minimum required interior side setback of 5'-0" in order to install a series of condensing units with interior setbacks ranging from 1.5 feet to 3 feet along the north interior side yard.

- B. The applicant has submitted plans and documents with the application that the Board has concluded satisfy Article 1, Section 2 of the Related Special Acts only as it relates to variance(s) II.A.1 and II.A.2 and II.A.3 allowing the granting of a variance if the Board finds that practical difficulties exist with respect to implementing the proposed project at the subject property.

The applicant has submitted plans and documents with the application that the Board has concluded comply with the following hardship criteria, as they relate to the requirements of Section 118-353(d), Miami Beach City Code only as it relates to variance(s) II.A.1 and II.A.2, as noted:

That special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land, structure, or building involved and which are not applicable to other lands, structures, or buildings in the same zoning district;

That the special conditions and circumstances do not result from the action of the applicant;

That granting the variance requested will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by this Ordinance to other lands, buildings, or structures in the same zoning district;

That literal interpretation of the provisions of this Ordinance would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same zoning district under the terms of this Ordinance and would work unnecessary and undue hardship on the applicant;

That the variance granted is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building or structure;

That the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general intent and purpose of this Ordinance and that such variance will not be injurious to the area involved or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare, and

That the granting of this request is consistent with the comprehensive plan and does not reduce the levels of service as set forth in the plan.

The granting of the variance will result in a structure and site that complies with the sea level rise and resiliency review criteria in chapter 133, article II, as applicable.

- A. The Board hereby **Approves** the medications to Variances #1 and #2 and imposes the following conditions based on its authority in Section 118-354 of the Miami Beach City Code:
1. Substantial modifications to the plans submitted and approved as part of the application, as determined by the Planning Director or designee, may require the applicant to return to the Board for approval of the modified plans, even if the modifications do not affect variances approved by the Board.

The decision of the Board regarding variances shall be final and there shall be no further review thereof except by resort to a court of competent jurisdiction by petition for writ of certiorari.

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

- A. The final building plans shall meet all other requirements of the Land Development Regulations of the City Code.
- B. The Final Order shall be recorded in the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, prior to the issuance of a Building Permit.
- C. 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.
- D. 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.
- E. The conditions of approval herein are binding on the applicant, the property's owners, operators, and all successors in interest and assigns.
- F. 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 "Proposed Mimo on the Beach IX Condo", as prepared by **Krel Design LLC** dated June 1, 2021 and as approved by the Design Review Board, as determined by staff.

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

STATE OF FLORIDA            )  
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COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE    )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_ by Michael Belush, Chief of Planning and Zoning of the City of Miami Beach, Florida, a Florida Municipal Corporation, on behalf of the Corporation. He is personally known to me.

{NOTARIAL SEAL}

Notary:  
Print Name  
Notary Public, State of Florida  
My Commission Expires:  
Commission Number:

Approved As To Form:  
City Attorney's Office: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

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