

Freitas, Gabriela

From: Freitas, Gabriela
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 2:11 PM
Cc: Belush, Michael; Deschamps, Giselle; Guzman, Ricardo; Rothstein, Steven; Gonzalez, Jessica; Herrera, Miriam
Subject: FW: 1920 Alton Road

Hello bcc'd Board members and Staff,

Please see below public comment. Should you have any questions please contact us.

Thanks so much.

Kind regards,



Gabriela C. Freitas, Office Associate V

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Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 12:01 PM

To: Freitas, Gabriela <GabrielaFreitas@miamibeachfl.gov>

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Subject: FW: 1920 Alton Road

Hi Gaby,
Please process.

Thanks,

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From: Mooney, Thomas <ThomasMooney@miamibeachfl.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 11:37 AM
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Subject: RE: 1920 Alton Road

Jessica
See below; for DRB file and DRB members.
Tom

From: Terry Bienstock <tbienstock@tbienstock.com>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 10:24
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Dear Tom and Michael,

I have reviewed the revised plans for this project and want to register objection. As you know, when I was President of Sunset Islands 3 and 4 Association, I lead our efforts to oppose the Palau project as originally designed.

Like this project, its mass and scale was out of proportion for the neighborhood. We asked that it be stepped back along Sunset Drive, which is the entrance to Sunset Harbor and the only access to our islands. We also asked that there be no street parking on Sunset Drive and any access to the building not be on Sunset Drive. We asked that the height be lowered along residential streets.

Palau ultimately agreed, as did the city, as appropriate for this location. It worked well for Palau and accomplished everything hoped for. We know it works. This project needs the same modifications.

In addition, we agreed to a series of construction practices to minimize disruption during construction. They were in a settlement agreement in May 2013, which the City has in its files and approved. Similar construction constraints should be imposed for this project. The building next door to 1920 under construction has been a disaster for us. They have blocked the street for cars and pedestrians. It is simple dangerous and unnecessary.

As for traffic, the current situation is untenable and that will only be worse with this project. Again, we no longer can walk on the sidewalk and the car traffic is in disarray due to the angled parking, construction, the sidewalk cafe, and bicycle structures.

Finally, roof decks overlooking neighbors is always an invasion of privacy.

These suggestions are not theoretical. The City agreed with them and imposed them over the past decade. It should do so again.

Please forward this to all DRB members. Thank you.

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