

# MIAMI BEACH

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT


### Staff Report & Recommendation

### Historic Preservation Board

TO: Chairperson and Members  
Historic Preservation Board

DATE: October 10, 2017

FROM: Thomas R. Mooney, AICP  
Planning Director



SUBJECT: HPB17-0136, **1244 Ocean Drive.**

The applicant, Ocean Hotel Investment Corp, is requesting an after-the-fact Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of two retractable awning structures attached to the east façade of the building.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Approval of the after-the-fact Certificate of Appropriateness with conditions

### **EXISTING STRUCTURE**

Local Historic District:	Ocean Drive/Collins Avenue
Status:	Contributing
Original Construction Date:	1937
Original Architect:	Albert Anis

### **SITE DATA**

Legal Description:	Lot 3 and the South 3 feet of Lot 2, Block 17, of the Ocean Beach Addition No. 2, According to the Plat Thereof, as Recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 56, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.
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Zoning:	MXE, Mixed-Use Entertainment
Future Land Use Designation:	MXE, Mixed-Use Entertainment

### **THE PROJECT**

**The applicant has submitted plans entitled “Leslie Hotel Cala Cafe”, as prepared by J.D.C. Architect, Inc., dated August 10, 2017.**

**The applicant is requesting an after-the-fact Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of retractable awning structures attached to the east façade of the building.**

### **CONSISTENCY WITH 2025 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

A preliminary review of the project indicates that the proposed **hotel with accessory restaurant use** appears to be **consistent** with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan.

### **COMPLIANCE WITH ZONING CODE**

A preliminary review of the project indicates that the application, as proposed, appears to be consistent with the City Code.

The above noted comments shall not be considered final zoning review or approval. These and all zoning matters shall require final review and verification by the Zoning Administrator prior to the issuance of a Building Permit.

### **COMPLIANCE WITH CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS CRITERIA**

A decision on an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness shall be based upon the following:

- I. Evaluation of the compatibility of the physical alteration or improvement with surrounding properties and where applicable, compliance with the following criteria pursuant to Section 118-564(a)(1) of the Miami Beach Code (it is recommended that the listed criteria be found Satisfied, Not Satisfied or Not Applicable, as so noted):
  - a. The Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings as revised from time to time.  
**Satisfied**
  - b. Other guidelines/policies/plans adopted or approved by Resolution or Ordinance by the City Commission.  
**Satisfied**
- II. In determining whether a particular application is compatible with surrounding properties, the Board shall consider the following criteria pursuant to Section 118-564(a)(2) of the Miami Beach Code (it is recommended that the listed criteria be found Satisfied, Not Satisfied or Not Applicable, as so noted):
  - a. Exterior architectural features.  
**Not Satisfied**  
**The existing unpermitted awning structures are sagging and appear to be failing.**
  - b. General design, scale, massing and arrangement.  
**Not Satisfied**  
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  - c. Texture and material and color.  
**Satisfied**
  - d. The relationship of a, b, c, above, to other structures and features of the district.  
**Satisfied**
  - e. The purpose for which the district was created.  
**Satisfied**

- f. The relationship of the size, design and siting of any new or reconstructed structure to the landscape of the district.  
**Satisfied**
  - g. An historic resources report, containing all available data and historic documentation regarding the building, site or feature.  
**Not Applicable**
  - h. The original architectural design or any subsequent modifications that have acquired significance.  
**Satisfied**
- III. The examination of architectural drawings for consistency with the criteria pursuant to Section 118-564(a)(3) of the Miami Beach Code and stated below, with regard to the aesthetics, appearances, safety, and function of any new or existing structure, public interior space and physical attributes of the project in relation to the site, adjacent structures and properties, and surrounding community. The criteria referenced above are as follows (it is recommended that the listed criteria be found Satisfied, Not Satisfied or Not Applicable, as so noted):
- a. The location of all existing and proposed buildings, drives, parking spaces, walkways, means of ingress and egress, drainage facilities, utility services, landscaping structures, signs, and lighting and screening devices.  
**Satisfied**
  - b. The dimensions of all buildings, structures, setbacks, parking spaces, floor area ratio, height, lot coverage and any other information that may be reasonably necessary to determine compliance with the requirements of the underlying zoning district, and any applicable overlays, for a particular application or project.  
**Satisfied**
  - c. The color, design, surface finishes and selection of landscape materials and architectural elements of the exterior of all buildings and structures and primary public interior areas for developments requiring a building permit in areas of the city identified in section 118-503.  
**Satisfied**
  - d. The proposed structure, and/or additions to an existing structure is appropriate to and compatible with the environment and adjacent structures, and enhances the appearance of the surrounding properties, or the purposes for which the district was created.  
**Not Satisfied**  
**The existing unpermitted awning structures are sagging and appear to be failing.**
  - e. The design and layout of the proposed site plan, as well as all new and existing buildings and public interior spaces shall be reviewed so as to provide an efficient arrangement of land uses. Particular attention shall be given to safety, crime prevention and fire protection, relationship to the surrounding neighborhood, impact on preserving historic character of the neighborhood and

district, contiguous and adjacent buildings and lands, pedestrian sight lines and view corridors.

**Satisfied**

- f. Pedestrian and vehicular traffic movement within and adjacent to the site shall be reviewed to ensure that clearly defined, segregated pedestrian access to the site and all buildings is provided for and that any driveways and parking spaces are usable, safely and conveniently arranged and have a minimal impact on pedestrian circulation throughout the site. Access to the site from adjacent roads shall be designed so as to interfere as little as possible with vehicular traffic flow on these roads and pedestrian movement onto and within the site, as well as permit both pedestrians and vehicles a safe ingress and egress to the site.

**Satisfied**

- g. Lighting shall be reviewed to ensure safe movement of persons and vehicles and reflection on public property for security purposes and to minimize glare and reflection on adjacent properties and consistent with a City master plan, where applicable.

**Satisfied**

- h. Landscape and paving materials shall be reviewed to ensure an adequate relationship with and enhancement of the overall site plan design.

**Not Applicable**

- i. Buffering materials shall be reviewed to ensure that headlights of vehicles, noise, and light from Structures are adequately shielded from public view, adjacent properties and pedestrian areas.

**Not Applicable**

- j. Any proposed new structure shall have an orientation and massing which is sensitive to and compatible with the building site and surrounding area and which creates or maintains important view corridor(s).

**Satisfied**

- k. All buildings shall have, to the greatest extent possible, space in that part of the ground floor fronting a sidewalk, street or streets which is to be occupied for residential or commercial uses; likewise, the upper floors of the pedestal portion of the proposed building fronting a sidewalk street, or streets shall have residential or commercial spaces, or shall have the appearance of being a residential or commercial space or shall have an architectural treatment which shall buffer the appearance of a parking structure from the surrounding area and is integrated with the overall appearance of the project.

**Satisfied**

- l. All buildings shall have an appropriate and fully integrated rooftop architectural treatment which substantially screens all mechanical equipment, stairs and elevator towers.

**Not Applicable**

- m. Any addition on a building site shall be designed, sited and massed in a manner which is sensitive to and compatible with the existing improvement(s).  
**Satisfied**
- n. All portions of a project fronting a street or sidewalk shall incorporate an amount of transparency at the first level necessary to achieve pedestrian compatibility.  
**Satisfied**
- o. The location, design, screening and buffering of all required service bays, delivery bays, trash and refuse receptacles, as well as trash rooms shall be arranged so as to have a minimal impact on adjacent properties.  
**Not Applicable**

#### **COMPLIANCE WITH SEA LEVEL RISE AND RESILIENCY REVIEW CRITERIA**

Section 133-50(a) of the Land Development establishes review criteria for sea level rise and resiliency that must be considered as part of the review process for board orders. The following is an analysis of the request based upon these criteria:

- (1) A recycling or salvage plan for partial or total demolition shall be provided.  
**Not Applicable**
- (2) Windows that are proposed to be replaced shall be hurricane proof impact windows.  
**Not Applicable**
- (3) Where feasible and appropriate, passive cooling systems, such as operable windows, shall be provided.  
**Not Applicable**
- (4) Whether resilient landscaping (salt tolerant, highly water-absorbent, native or Florida friendly plants) will be provided.  
**Not Applicable**
- (5) Whether adopted sea level rise projections in the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Action Plan, as may be revised from time-to-time by the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact, including a study of land elevation and elevation of surrounding properties were considered.  
**Not Applicable**
- (6) The ground floor, driveways, and garage ramping for new construction shall be adaptable to the raising of public rights-of-ways and adjacent land.  
**Not Applicable**
- (7) Where feasible and appropriate, all critical mechanical and electrical systems shall be located above base flood elevation.  
**Not Applicable**
- (8) Existing buildings shall be, where reasonably feasible and appropriate, elevated to the base flood elevation.  
**Not Applicable**

- (9) When habitable space is located below the base flood elevation plus City of Miami Beach Freeboard, wet or dry flood proofing systems will be provided in accordance with Chapter of 54 of the City Code.

**Not Applicable**

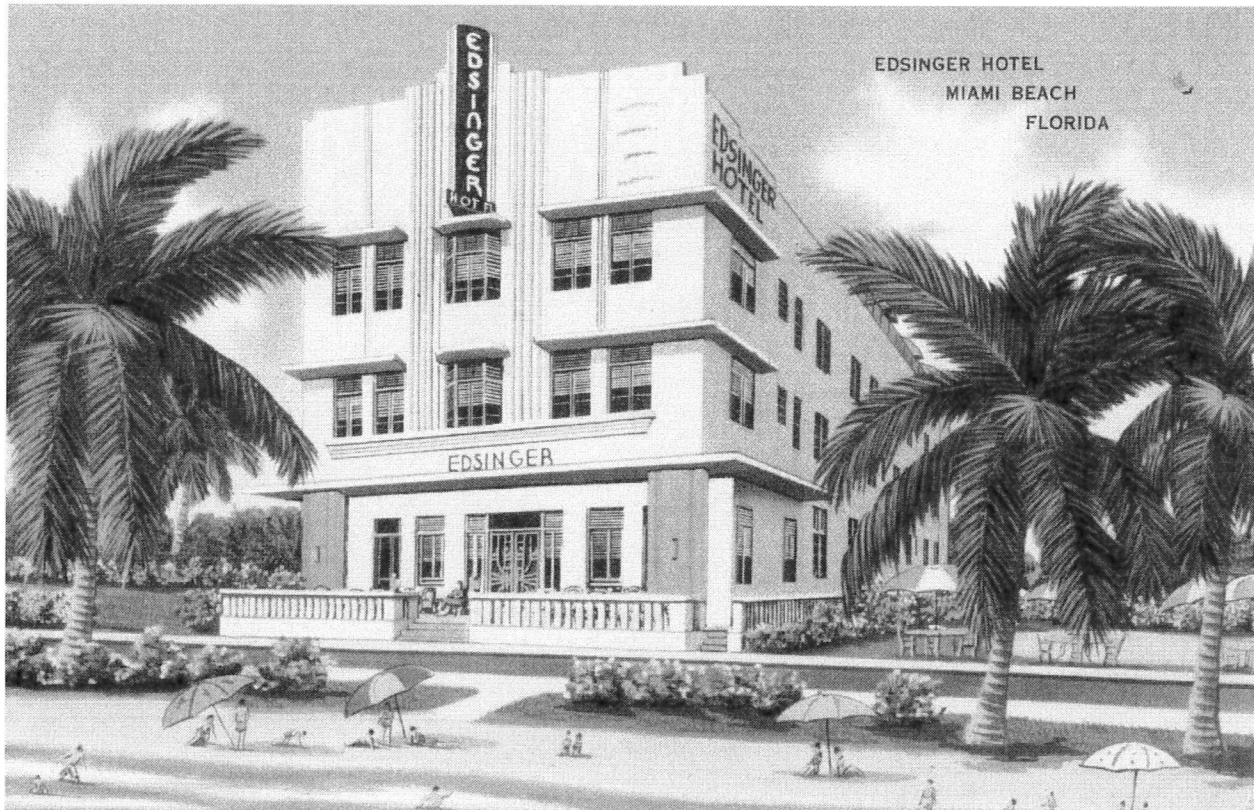
- (10) Where feasible and appropriate, water retention systems shall be provided.

**Not Applicable**

### **ANALYSIS**

Staff would preface this analysis by noting that on October 19, 2016, the City Commission reviewed and approved Ocean Drive Sidewalk Café Design Guidelines. The approved design guidelines allow for retractable awnings that are attached to a building to extend a maximum distance of 9'-6" into the right-of-way, in lieu of providing sidewalk café umbrellas, subject to the review and approval of the Historic Preservation Board.

The Leslie Hotel (originally known as the Edsinger Hotel), constructed in 1937 and designed by Albert Anis, is a very good example of the Art Deco style of architecture. The applicant is requesting after-the-fact approval for two existing retractable awnings installed along the east façade of the building that extend into the right-of-way providing overhead protection for patrons on the outdoor terrace, as well as patrons of the sidewalk café.



*Postcard, postmarked 1941*



*Photo 1: Unpermitted retractable awning structures sagging, August 4, 2017*



*Photo 2: Unpermitted retractable awning structures resting on top of umbrellas, August 21, 2017*

While not opposed to the introduction of appropriately designed awnings for this particular building, staff is concerned with the overall size and projection of the 10'-9" x 21'-4" existing awnings. As shown in the photo 1 on the preceding page, the awning structures are sagging and appear to be structurally inadequate. Further, as shown in photo 2, it now appears that the awnings are resting on top of umbrellas. The adopted Ocean Drive Sidewalk Café Design Guidelines expressly prohibit the overlapping of awnings and umbrellas. Staff believes the unpermitted awnings are currently failing, and total failure of the awnings could have serious impacts on the structural integrity of the Contributing Leslie Hotel.

Consequently, staff recommends that the unpermitted awnings be removed immediately and two new retractable awnings be permitted located between the porch columns, each with a maximum projection of 8'-6" into the right-of-way and a minimum separation of 6'-0" between awnings. Further, in order to maintain openness, staff would recommend that there be a minimum clearance height of 8'-6" from the sidewalk to the lowest point of the awning (excluding the fabric valance) and no fixtures, including but not limited to lighting, speakers, fans, heaters, misters and roll-down or other similar side panels permitted to be attached to the awnings.

Finally, staff would note that it appears as though a number of items have been installed on the building and within terrace without a Certificate of Appropriateness. These elements include: signage, speakers, lighting, fans, shade devices etc. Staff recommends that all of these unpermitted elements be removed, prior to the issuance of a permit for any new awnings.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

In view of the foregoing analysis, staff recommends the application be **approved** subject to the following conditions, which address the inconsistencies with the aforementioned Certificate of Appropriateness criteria.



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD**  
**City of Miami Beach, Florida**

MEETING DATE: October 10, 2017

FILE NO: HPB17-0136

PROPERTY: 1244 Ocean Drive

APPLICANT: Ocean Hotel Investment Corp

LEGAL: Lot 3 and the South 3 feet of Lot 2, Block 17, of the Ocean Beach Addition No. 2, According to the Plat Thereof, as Recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 56, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

IN RE: The Application for an after-the-fact Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of two retractable awning structures attached to the east façade of the building.

**ORDER**

The City of Miami Beach Historic Preservation 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. Certificate of Appropriateness**

- A. The subject site is located within the Ocean Drive/Collins Avenue.
- 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:
  1. Is consistent with the Certificate of Appropriateness Criteria in Section 118-564(a)(1) of the Miami Beach Code.
  2. Is not consistent with Certificate of Appropriateness Criteria 'a' & 'b' in Section 118-564(a)(2) of the Miami Beach Code.
  3. Is not consistent with Certificate of Appropriateness Criteria 'd' in Section 118-564(a)(3) of the Miami Beach Code.
  4. Is consistent with Sea Level Rise and Resiliency Review Criteria in Section 133-50(a) of the Miami Beach Code.
- C. The project would be consistent with the criteria and requirements of section 118-564 and 133-50(a) if the following conditions are met:
  1. Revised elevation, site plan and floor plan drawings shall be submitted and, at a minimum, such drawings shall incorporate the following:

- a. The existing unpermitted retractable awnings shall be removed. Two new retractable awnings may be introduced on the east façade of the building between the existing columns with a minimum separation of 6'-0" between awnings.
- b. The separate awning structures shall project a maximum of 8'-6" into the right-of-way when fully extended, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Certificate of Appropriateness Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.
- c. The awning structures shall maintain a minimum vertical clearance of 8'-6" from the elevation of the sidewalk to the underside of the awning structure (excluding the fabric valance), in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Certificate of Appropriateness Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.
- d. The drop of the awning structures shall not exceed 2'-6" measured from the top of the hood to the underside of the awning (excluding the fabric valance), in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Certificate of Appropriateness Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.
- e. All items which have been installed on the exterior of the building and within terrace without a Certificate of Appropriateness, shall be removed prior to the issuance of a building permit for the awning structures, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Certificate of Appropriateness Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.
- f. Final details of all exterior surface finishes and materials for the frames of the structures, including samples, shall be provided, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Certificate of Appropriateness Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.
- g. Fixtures, including but not limited to lighting, speakers, fans, heaters, misters shall not be permitted to be attached to the awning structures.
- h. Any lighting, fans or heaters or similar fixtures proposed to be located within the terrace shall be free standing and shall not be permanently attached, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Certificate of Appropriateness Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.
- i. No exterior speakers, except as may be required for Fire or Building Code/Life Safety Code purposes may be permitted within the terrace.
- j. Vertical side panels and/or gutters, including those for weather protection, shall not be permitted to be attached to the awning structures.
- k. Televisions or similar digital screens shall not be permitted to be located within the terrace.

**II. Variance(s)**

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

**III. General Terms and Conditions applying to both 'I. Certificate of Appropriateness' and 'II. Variances' noted above.**

- A. Where one or more parcels are unified for a single development, the property owner shall execute and record an unity of title or a covenant in lieu of unity of title, as may be applicable, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.
- 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. The Final Order shall be recorded in the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, prior to the issuance of a Building Permit.
- D. 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.
- E. 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.
- F. The conditions of approval herein are binding on the applicant, the property's owners, operators, and all successors in interest and assigns.
- G. 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 Findings of Fact, to which the applicant has agreed.

PROVIDED, the applicant shall build substantially in accordance with the plans entitled "Leslie Hotel Cala Cafe", as prepared by J.D.C. Architect, Inc., dated August 10, 2017, and as approved by the Historic Preservation 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 set forth in this Order. No building permit may be issued unless and until all 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 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 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 should 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 this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD  
THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEBORAH TACKETT  
CHIEF OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
FOR THE CHAIR

STATE OF FLORIDA                     )  
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COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE        )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by Deborah Tackett, Chief of Historic Preservation, Planning Department, City of Miami Beach, Florida, a Florida Municipal Corporation, on behalf of the corporation. He is personally known to me.

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Meeting Date: October 10, 2017

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NOTARY PUBLIC  
Miami-Dade County, Florida  
My commission expires:\_\_\_\_\_

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

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