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City of Miami Beach
Planning Department
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Re: 266 and 270 South Hibiscus Drive Miami Beach
DRB number 18-0360

COMPLIANCE WITH SEA LEVEL RISE AND RESILIENCY REVIEW CRITERIA

1. Recycling or salvage plan for partial or total demolition shall be provided. Windows that are proposed to be replaced shall be hurricane proof impact windows.
RESPONSE: Two existing homes are scheduled to be demolished. One home was constructed in 1940 the other is 1956. The other contractor shall be required to obtain a salvage company prior to demolition. This requirement shall be a part of the construction documents. Salvage company shall provide proof of salvage and/or reuse of any material existing which can be salvaged. All new windows in the new structure shall be impact rated with no exception.
2. Where feasible and appropriate, passive cooling systems such as operable windows, shall be provided.
RESPONSE: The proposed new design of the residence includes the entire rear and all rooms facing the rear to be ten foot tall sliding glass doors. In addition all bedrooms facing the front are required to have operable windows and/or doors.
3. Whether resilient landscaping (salt tolerant, highly water absorbent, native or Florida friendly plants) will be provided.
RESPONSE: The proposed new landscape plan shall meet or exceed the landscape requirements including native Florida friendly plants. There are 13 plants, trees and palms that are proposed on the landscape plan that are considered "high" in drought tolerance. There are over 8 species of native trees, palms and shrubs that are proposed on the landscape plan. That is 298 total plants that are native. Much consideration has been given to these requirements on the plan proposed.
4. Whether adopted sea level rise projections in the southeast Florida regional climate action plan including a study of the land elevation and elevation of the surrounding properties were considered.

RESPONSE: The proposed new single family residence habitable enclosed levels are all proposed with a finished floor plus one foot above FEMA base flood (one foot free board). The finished floor of the house is proposed at +11'-0" NGVD. This meets the requirements for sea level rise in this area. In addition there is a perimeter wall that is existing on the side properties which will serve as any retainage necessary to keep the water on site during any storm. In addition a drainage system of swales and drains shall be addressed and submitted at time of permitting. All equipment including condensers, generators and pool equipment shall be at base flood plus freeboard. The garage level which is at about mid/adjusted grade shall have flood vents to equal one square inch per square foot of garage. All materials below base flood shall be flood resistant materials.

5. The ground floor driveways and garage ramping for new construction shall be adaptable to the raising of public rights of ways and adjacent land.

RESPONSE: This street south hibiscus drive has already undergone repaving and raising of the street level. As this is a new residence to be submitted for permit; therefore, consideration will be given to the new street level with the civil engineering and the site shall be sloped appropriately to contain any water on site per code. A drainage system of swales and drains shall be addressed and submitted at time of permitting. The proposed green space/open space and landscape area exceeds the city requirements for pervious. The garage shall be at mid/adjusted grade approximately therefore the garage driveway shall not require to be sloped considerably.

6. Where feasible and appropriate, all critical mechanical and electrical systems shall be located above base flood elevation.

RESPONSE: All equipment including condensers, generators and pool equipment shall be at base flood plus freeboard. The garage level which is at about mid/adjusted grade shall have flood vents to equal one square inch per square foot of garage. All materials below base flood shall be flood resistant materials.

7. Existing buildings shall be where reasonably feasible and appropriate, elevated to the base flood elevation

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8. 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.

RESPONSE: . The garage level which is at about mid/adjusted grade shall have flood vents to equal one square inch per square foot of garage. All materials below base flood shall be flood resistant materials.

9. Where feasible and appropriate, water retention system shall be provided.

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Please contact me at your convenience at 954-921-5333.

Respectfully,



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