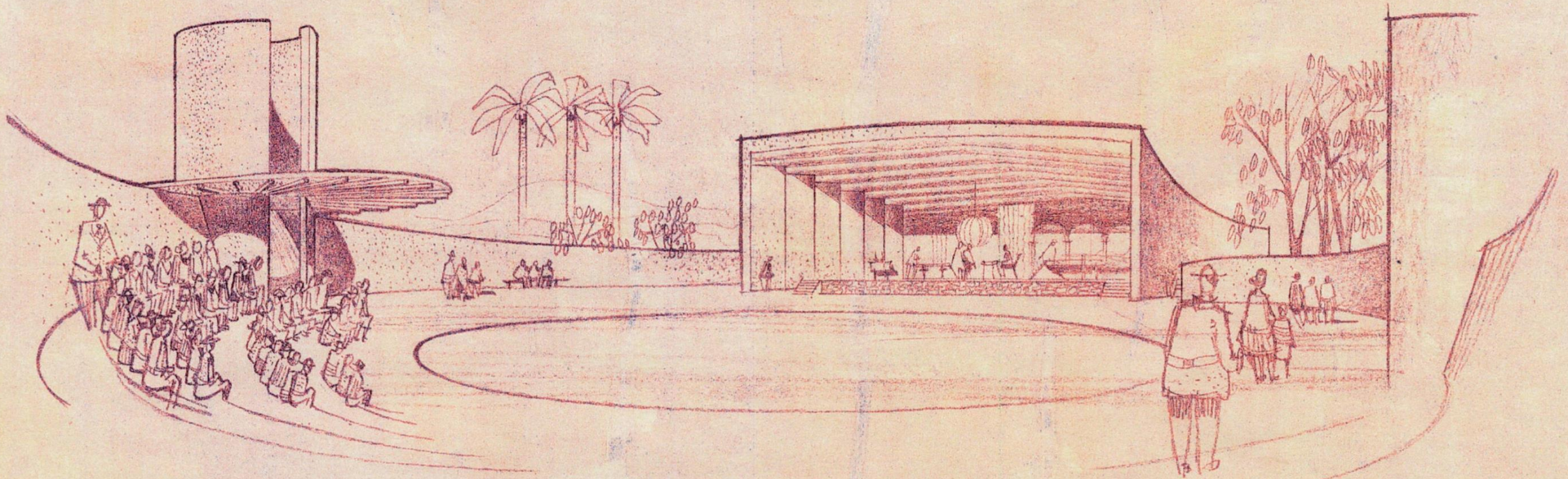


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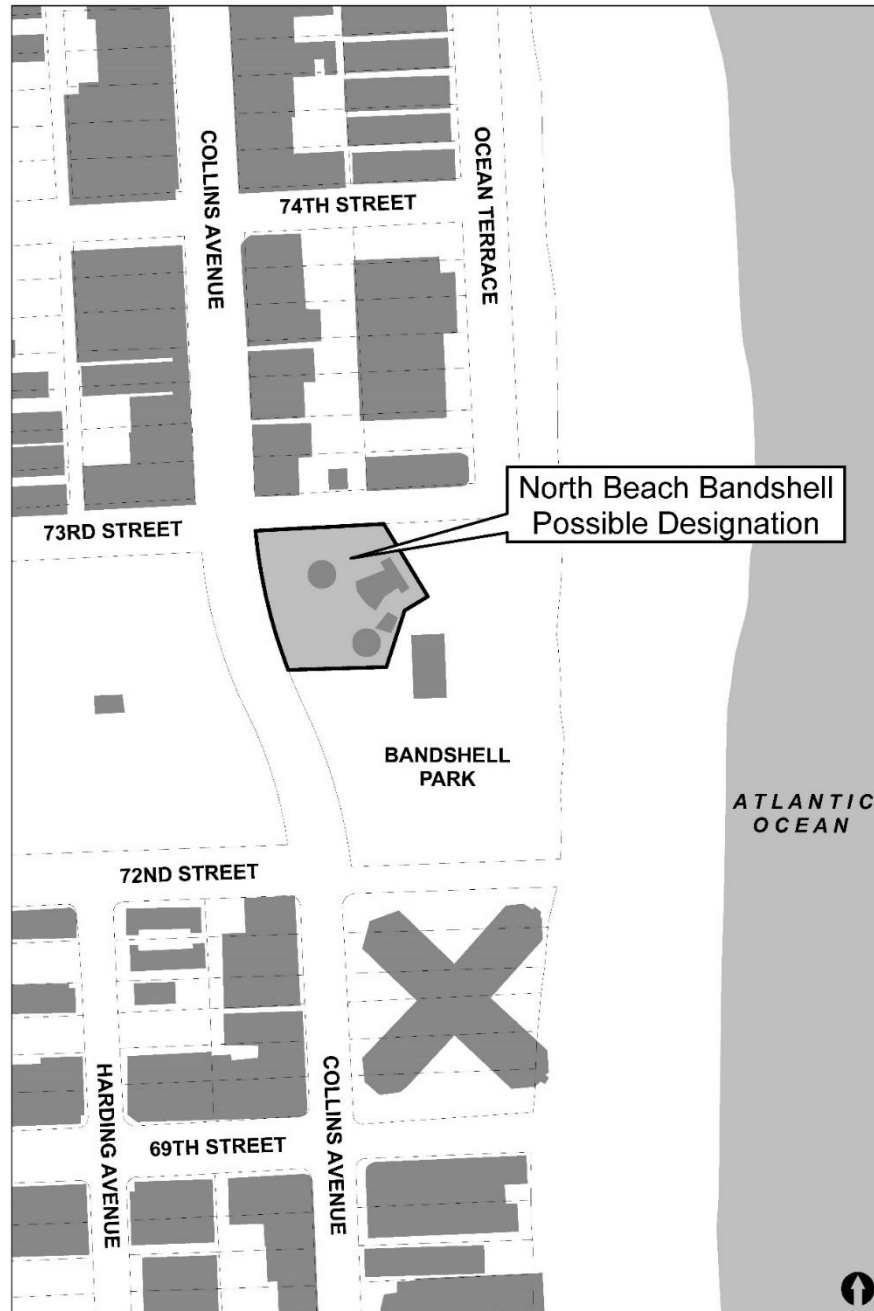
*Rendering by Norman Giller,  
Constructed 1961*

**CITY OF MIAMI BEACH PLANNING DEPARTMENT**  
**March 8, 2021**

# NORTH BEACH BANDSHELL

7275 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach 33141

The possible historic site is located within Bandshell Park east of Collins Avenue between 72<sup>nd</sup> and 73<sup>rd</sup> Streets.



## NORTH BEACH BANDSHELL

# HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- The Bandshell site was part of a 10-acre strip of land claimed by the U.S. government by executive order of President Ulysses S. Grant in 1875.
- The Biscayne House of Refuge, constructed in 1876, located just south of the Bandshell site, is believed to be the first formal structure erected in what would later become the City of Miami Beach. This was one of 5 stations constructed by the U.S. Lifesaving Service (later to become the Coast Guard) along Florida's southeast coast. The station provided shelter and food for shipwrecked mariners.
- In 1941, the Coast Guard exchanged this property for its present site adjacent to the MacArthur Causeway and the land between 72 and 73 Street east of Collins Avenue became a City park.
- In 1942, the City constructed a lifesaving station within the park just south of the Bandshell site. In 2010, this building was demolished and replaced by a new community center.



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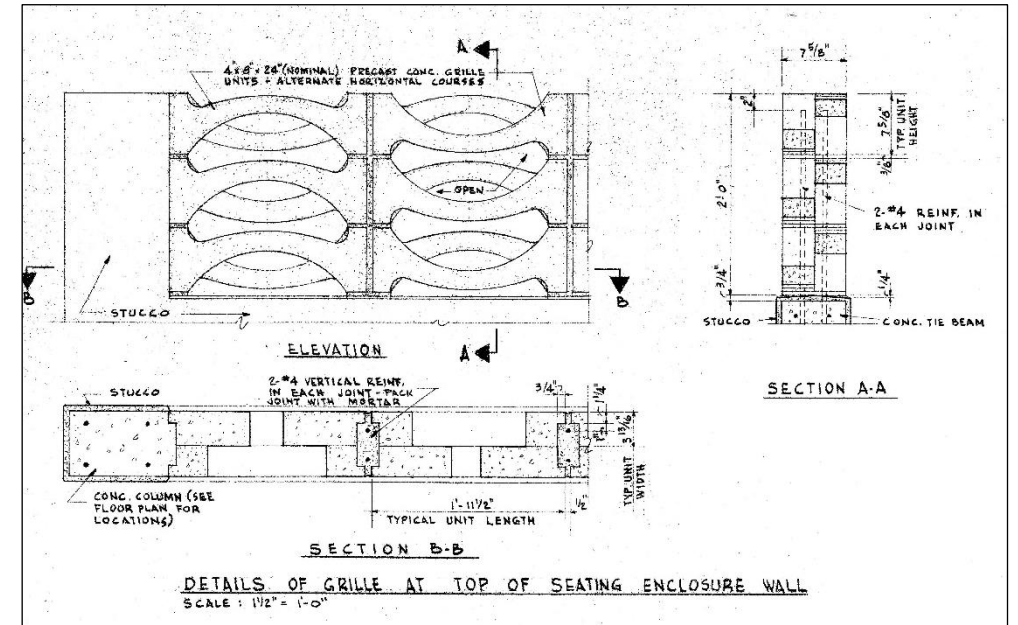
# POST WAR MODERN STYLE

The Post War Modern style of architecture in South Florida spans from approximately 1942 to the mid-1960s.

Miami Modern, known as MiMo, is a style that originated in Miami & Miami Beach as a local adaptation of the Post War Modern style.

Characteristics:

- Horizontal emphasis
- Space-age design elements including soaring decorative pylons
- Breeze block
- Sculptural concrete forms
- Flat roofs with broad overhanging eaves
- Decorative metal gates



## NORTH BEACH BANDSHELL

# CRITERIA

The proposed North Shore Historic District is eligible for historic designation as it complies with the following criteria as specified in Section 118-592 of the City Code:

- (1) Association with events that have made a significant contribution to the history of the city, county, state or nation.
- (3) Embody the distinctive characteristics of a historical period, architectural or design style or method of construction.
- (4) Possesses high artistic values.
- (5) Represent the work of a master, serve as an outstanding or representative work of a master designer, architect or builder who contributed to our historical, aesthetic or architectural heritage.

