

**HPB22-0531 North Beach Entrance Markers / Harding Site
Waivers Requested, Public Process to Date, Narrative Response to Comments
July 11, 2022**

Waivers:

Applicant is requesting waivers for height and setbacks:

- Setback reduction – Front Setback - 0'-0" (20'-0" required)
- Setback reduction – Side along street Setback - 0'-0" (7'-6" required)
- Setback reduction – Rear Setback - 0'-0" (4'-8" ft required)
- Setback reduction – Side interior Setback - 0'-0" (7'-6" required)

Public Process to Date:

Date	Action
2014	As part of continuing services contract, S+A is asked to explore concepts for signage at Normandy & Harding sites as well as improvements to 71 Street bridge
April 7, 2014	Presentation to Blue Ribbon Panel/North Beach
August 11, 2014	Second presentation to Blue Ribbon Panel/North Beach incorporating previous input
June 9, 2015	Economic Development Division contracts with S+A for Conceptual Design
Late 2015-2016	Project moves to Transportation
2017-May 2019	Project is dormant
May 8, 2019	Memo from City Manager: SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE REVISED CONCEPTS AND RECOMMENDED STRATEGY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NORTH BEACH ENTRANCE SIGNS AND THE 71 STREET BRIDGE ENHANCEMENTS.
May 8, 2019	RESOLUTION 2019-30832 passed
February 2022	Project resumes under direction of CIP

Narrative Response to Comments:

HPB Plan Review:

1. APPLICATION - Provide a letter of intent outlining the proposed project and any previous City actions/ public meetings. [See above](#)
2. DEFICIENCIES IN PRESENTATION
 - a. Provide an enlarged site and canopy plan
[Provided for both architectural and landscape. See sheets A-1.02, A-1.03, L-1.01.](#)
 - b. Provide additional details of the proposed channel letter signage, indicate the proposed letter finish
[The design intent for the letters is to replicate or approximate the look of typical channel letter signage used in hotel signage all over Miami Beach: typically an](#)

aluminum or metal-look frame with neon or LED lighting and a white plastic face. The letters will be illuminated at night. Applicant is working with a signage vendor on the exact specification.

- c. Are the existing yellow and black arrow signs remaining?
Applicant assumes that they will remain, but the design team has not yet met with FDOT.
 - d. In the renderings, it is unclear what the white sidewalk material appears to be, it does not seem to be indicated in the plans.
The sidewalk was rendered incorrectly in the First Submittal. The renderings now more accurately reflect the existing conditions at the site, meaning the Miami Beach Red pavement. We provided a view that shows the existing signage and one without.
3. DESIGN/APPROPRIATENESS COMMENTS (Recommendations)
- a. N/A

Urban Forestry Group Review:

1. Palms/trees with character or leaning trunks within the public ROW will not be accepted. Palms and trees in private property with character/leaning trunks will be accepted.
2. Palm species should be reconsidered. Sabal palms do not have a stature that indicates a grand entrance to the city. Nonnative palms could be considered, and the UF department would be willing to waive the Florida native requirements.

Palm specifications have been reconsidered and to provide further clarification we have updated comment notes for Sabal Palms. See chart on sheet LP-1.

Proposed palms are specified as specimen character palms. They will be handpicked, and photos are attached to provide further details for the proposed establishment on site. In order to provide the Grand Entrance appeal and maintain a sustainable approach, native plant types are selected for future maintenance ease and cost-effective upkeep.

See photos on following pages.