# **Historic Resources Report**

## **1776 Collins Avenue**

# 1951 Fairfax Apartments & Hotel





ZONING, LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

# **Context Aerial**

## 1776 Collins Avenue & 1775 James Avenue







# **Existing Condition Photo**

1776 Collins Avenue Presently Operated as UMA Hotel





# **Contributing Structure Within the Museum Historic District**





## **Original 1951 Building Card**

Owner: "Fairfax Apartments"

Three Stories and 42 Total Units

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50 3 Permit No.
Owner FAIRFAX APARTMENTS
                                                                                 36384
                                                                                                          $ 275,000 ...
                                  Subdivision FISHER S FIRST
Lot 9 & 10 Block
                      27
                                                                   Address
                                                                               1776 Collins Avenue
General Contractor North Atlantic Contractors, Inc.
                                                                   Bond No.
                                                                               5046
                                                 Joseph Mann
Architect N.A. Seiderman
                                                                   Engineer
                                                                               Zurwelle & Whittaker, Inc.
                                    RE
Zoning Regulations:
                          Use
                                              Area
                                                                   Lot Size
                                                                               101X 199
Building Size:
                          Front
                                    901
                                              Depth 165'
                                                                   Height
                                                                               37 1
                                                                                                   Stories
                                                                                                              3
Certificate of Occupancy No. 1716 (3-26-52)
                                                                   UseAPARTMENT-42 UNITS-1 bedroom &2baths each
Type of Construction
                                           Foundation
                                                                                                        Date July 20, 1951
                        #2 CBS
                                                         Spread Footing
                                                                                Roof
                                                                                              Flat
PLUMBING Contractor #32172 Rose Plumbing Co: ok8-24-51-LR Sewer Connection 2 (6")
                                                                                                         Date Aug. 17, 1951
                                                                   Temporary Water Closet 1
                                           Swimming Pool Traps
Water Closets
                                                                                              Down Spouts 4
Lavatories
                                           Steam or Hot Water Boilers
                                                                                              Wells
                                                                                               Fire standpipes 3,
                                           ROUGH APPROVAL L. Rothman 11/23/51
Showers
                                                                                                         OK ZR
                                           FINAL APPROVAL L.Rothman 3/25/52
               43, slop sinks 3,
                                           GAS Contractor
                                                                                                  Date
Dish Washing Machine
                                           Gas Ranges ____ 142
Gas Water Heaters
                                                                                      Gas Frylators
Laundry Trays 1
Laundry Washing Machines 2
                                                                                      Gas Pressing Machine
Gas Vents for Stove
                                           Gas Space Heaters
Gas Refrigerators
Drinking Fountains
Floor Drains
Grease Traps
                                           Gas Steam Tables
Gas Broilers
                                                                                       ~-10-52 LR
3-25-52 LR
                                                                GAS Rough APPROVAL
GAS FINAL APPROVAL
Safe Wastes
AIR CONDITIONING Contractor
SEPTIC TANK Contractor
OIL BURNER Contractor 1 (1,000 gallons)
SPRINKLER Contractor #32975 Rose Plumbing Co: 30 heads- Feb. 8, 1952
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# **Original Architect Nathan A. Seiderman**

**Nathan A. Seiderman** (1908–2002) had an office on Normandy Isle and worked mostly in North Beach, designing at least 32 apartment buildings there from 1951 to 1959. He also designed the Fairfax Apartments at 1776 Collins Avenue in 1951. He later moved to Los Angeles, California, and died in 2002.

#### Source:

NPS Form 10-900-a

OMB Approval No. 1024-0018

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

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### Post WW II Mid-Century Styles (1946-1958)

North Beach's distinct layering of elements—oceanfront hotels, retail corridors, apartment districts and neighborhoods of single family houses—were already in place, if thinly populated, by 1945. With the end of World War II, hundreds of new buildings were built in North Beach, completing the urban fabric and infusing the entire area with a new architecture. Stylistically, this new architecture tailored and humanized the language of mid-century American modernism according to a carefully defined vision of place—commercial to be sure, but also distinctly Floridian in its emphasis on private and public leisure in tropical surrounds. Civic and religious buildings, schools, commercial shopping centers, houses and apartment buildings, hotels and attractions each illustrated this assimilation.

#### Source:

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#### 2013 and 2014 Roof Deck Renovations

2013 Renovation

Additional Bar Counter in 2014

#### **ANALYSIS**

The subject structure, originally constructed in 1951 and designed by architect N.A. Seiderman, was renovated in 2013 including the construction of a new rooftop pool and deck. The applicant is now proposing to construct a modest 8 seat, approximately 350 sq. ft., open-air rooftop bar counter in order to more efficiently provide beverage service to hotel guests who utilize the roof top amenities. The proposed bar counter is located at/the eastern portion of the roof deck between the elevator and stairwell bulkheads. The proposed counter has a maximum height of 4'-6" and will not be visible from Collins Avenue or 18th Street. As designed, staff does not believe the new bar will have any negative impact on the historic structure and could be easily removed in the future.

#### Source:

Staff Report & Recommendation

Historic Preservation Board

TO:

Chairperson and Members Historic Preservation Board DATE: October 14, 2014

FROM:

Thomas R. Mooney, AICF

Planning Director

SUBJECT:

HPB File No. 7475, 1776 Collins Avenue - Redbury Hotel.

The applicant, SOBE Hotel Miami Beach, LLLP., is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a new rooftop bar.



**1776 Collins Avenue** 

**Built in 1951** 

Identified as Contributing by the Miami Beach Historic Properties Database



