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To: Christian Garay
Cc: Christopher Cooper; Ella Parker
Subject: Proposed Text Amendments for Historic Preservation Ordinance

Good Afternoon, Mr. Garay.

This memo intends to provide an update to the Sailboat Bend Civic Association regarding current code amendments undertaken by the Development Services Department. The City welcomes any comments or suggestions you may have.

Item

Proposed Text Amendment – Amend Section 47-24.11 of the City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) to Provide a Process to Designate Thematic Districts City-Wide and to Amend Existing Historic Preservation Criteria and Procedures.

Background

On October 4, 2021, the Historic Preservation Board sent the following Communication to the City Commission:

The Historic Preservation Board requests that the City Commission ask the City Manager to have staff prepare a code amendment to include thematic historic district in the historic preservation ordinance that would enable the designation of noncontiguous historic districts.

A Thematic Historic District recognizes a group of properties that are united together through a common theme but are not located within a contiguous area. This designation type is different than a Historic District since all properties included within a Thematic Historic District do not need to be located within a contiguous boundary.

At its November 2, 2021, meeting the City Commission requested that staff prepare this amendment for consideration.

Outline of Proposed Changes to ULDR Section 47-24.11

The proposed amendments to Section 47-24.11, Historic designation of landmarks, landmark site or buildings and certificate of appropriateness include the following:

- Proposed language that will incorporate the ability to designate a "Thematic Historic District" in the City of Fort Lauderdale; and
- Additional definitions for "applicant," "agent," "site improvement," "Thematic Historic District," "Thematic Historic Resource," and "visible from the public right-of-way," as well as updates to other definitions that further clarify the text contained within the ordinance; and
- Modifications to the historic designation section to clarify the application process and procedures for historic designation as well as to amend or rescind a historic designation; and

- Modifications to review criteria for Certificates of Appropriateness including general criteria and criteria for new construction; and
- Proposed language to amend the administrative review process and (staff level review and approval) to add site improvements with reference to the City of Fort Lauderdale's Historic Preservation Design Guidelines; and
- Reference to Sections 166.03 and 553.79, Florida Statutes that affect our review process and procedures; and
- Miscellaneous edits to address any inconsistencies throughout the text to clarify the process for obtaining certificates of appropriateness and requirements.

Next Steps

The proposed text amendment is scheduled for the Monday, August 1, 2022, Historic Preservation Board Meeting. This is a public meeting and members of the community are invited to attend. Following this meeting, the proposed text amendment will then be scheduled for the Planning and Zoning Board and ultimately the City Commission.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Regards,

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