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**May 5, 2016**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 3-57 OF THE TOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO NR, NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

## MIAMI

# Babylon Apartments live on for now; preservation board blocks demolition

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Miami's preservation board staved off the impending demolition of the Babylon Apartments, the first building designed by the famed homegrown firm Arquitectonica, unanimously voting to consider design-

nating the structure a protected historic landmark.

The vote Tuesday evening buys time for the Babylon, whose owner got the city to condemn it as an unsafe structure, by imposing a moratorium on issuance of a demolition permit by the city building department. But it doesn't settle the question of the building's

survival long term.

Few dispute the architectural originality of the small Brickell apartment building, distinguished by its vivid red, zigzag-shaped facade, its key role in shaping the redevelopment of Brickell as an urban residential district in the 1980s, or its role in gaining a worldwide rep for the young Arquitectonica.

But the Babylon, designed in 1979 and completed in 1982, falls short of the normal eligibility standard of 50 years of age for designation. That means the city's preservation office must research if it meets a higher bar of "exceptional importance" for it to be designated.

The board gave city preservation officer Megan Cross Schmitt until July to make that determination

amid concerns aired by A. Vicky Leiva, the owner's attorney. Leiva cited a structural analysis that concluded the building was poorly built and badly deteriorated, and could send debris flying into the neighborhood in a tropical storm.

Still, the vote represents a victory for preservationists.

Testimony in Tuesday's hearing outlined a last-ditch effort to block demolition just as owner Francisco "Paco" Martinez Celeiro was about to obtain a demolition permit from the city. He has been trying for two years to demolish the five-story building and get the sliver of property its on rezoned for an amuch taller structure. He contends the building's low-scale zoning was an error made during

the drafting of the city's Miami 21 code, and persuaded the city planning department to back the upzoning.

But the rezoning proposal stalled after provoking an uproar from neighboring residents, architects and preservationists and opposition from Miami Mayor Tomás Regalado. The city's former planning director and Miami 21's chief consultant both said the low zoning for the Babylon was deliberate.

That imbroglio set the stage for a request on April 5 by historic preservation board member Lynn Lewis, with support of historian Arva Moore Parks, for a report from city staff on whether there could be a case for designation for the Babylon. Parks has called it "truly an iconic building."

That set in motion a 120-day moratorium on demolition a day before Martinez Celeiro was to get a permit to take the building down.

A subsequent report by Schmitt's office concluded that the building deserves further study, but cautioned

that several questions need to be addressed. Those include whether it's truly Arquitectonica's first building. Though the Babylon was designed at the same time as the larger Palace condo, the latter was finished first. The report also says more thought needs to be given to how the building fits in with Arquitectonica's early work and the firm's quick rise to fame, and how it compares with other buildings designated before they turned 50.

"Staff is not saying today that this property is eligible for designation," Lewis said at Tuesday's hearing. "I think there is enough there to warrant affording staff additional time to answer the questions it posed."

Leiva said the condemnation by the city's safe structures board, which gave Martinez Celeiro a deadline to repair or demolish the building, trumps the preservation board's authority. But assistant city attorney Rafael Suarez-Rivas told the board it could proceed with a designation study.

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## TOWN OF CUTLER BAY NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN'S LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Council of the Town of Cutler Bay, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 10720 Caribbean Boulevard, Cutler Bay, Florida. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider adoption on Second Reading of the Ordinance described below:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 3-57 OF THE TOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO NR, NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The Town Council may continue or defer the hearing to a new date and time certain without further notice provided the date and time of the continuance or deferral is announced at the hearing. The Ordinance in its entirety may be inspected at the Office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.

Persons wishing to appeal any decisions made by the Town Council with respect to any matter considered at such hearing will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based (F.S. 286.0105).

Any and all interested parties may appear at the above meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed items.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), persons needing special accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact the Town Clerk's Office for assistance at (305) 234-4262, no later than four (4) business days prior to such proceeding.

Jacqueline N. Wilson  
Town Clerk



**TOWN OF CUTLER BAY  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF  
ORDINANCES AMENDING  
THE TOWN'S FUTURE LAND USE  
AND ZONING MAPS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Council of the Town of Cutler Bay, Florida, sitting in its capacity as the Local Planning Agency, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 10720 Caribbean Boulevard, Cutler Bay, Florida. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider and make recommendations to the Town Council, regarding the ordinances described below.

PLEASE NOTE that immediately following the meeting of the Town Local Planning Agency the Town Council will hold a public hearing and first reading of the ordinances described below:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP (FLUM) WITHIN THE TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FROM MIXED-USE TO MEDIUM DENSITY ON PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF S.W. 216<sup>TH</sup> STREET BETWEEN S.W. 92<sup>ND</sup> PLACE AND S.W. 89<sup>TH</sup> COURT (FOLIO NUMBER 36-6016-000-0027), AS LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A", CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY +/-18.57 ACRES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO PERMIT A REZONING FROM NC-2 (NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER 2) TO MR-13 (MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) ON PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF SW 216<sup>TH</sup> STREET BETWEEN SW 93<sup>RD</sup> PATH AND SW 88<sup>TH</sup> PLACE (FOLIO NUMBER 36-6016-000-0027), AS LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN APPENDIX "B", CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY +/-18.57 ACRES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**



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## Meeting Cancellation Notice

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- RESOLUTION RELATING TO ANNEXATION REQUEST OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK ANNEXATION APPLICATION; PROVIDING THAT ACTION BE TAKEN PURSUANT TO SECTION 20-7(B) OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO EITHER DIRECT THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE THE APPROPRIATE ORDINANCE, INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND BALLOT LANGUAGE TO EFFECTUATE THE ANNEXATION REQUEST, DENY THE ANNEXATION REQUEST OR TO DEFER THE ANNEXATION REQUEST

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## U.S.-CUBA RELATIONS

## Cuban security officials toured Key West drug-war center

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A delegation of Cuban government national security officials recently toured the Pentagon's counter-drug center in Key West — a first, signaling a nascent effort in U.S.-Cuban security cooperation, the admiral in charge of the U.S. Southern Command disclosed Wednesday.

Navy Adm. Kurt Tidd described the effort to crack down on illegal trafficking in the Caribbean as an "area of mutual interest" between the two nations that restored diplomatic relations on July 20, 2015. The Castro government still has not approved the addition of a military attaché to the U.S. Embassy in Havana, he said. So the senior interlocutor there is a Coast Guard liaison.

That officer, Lt. Cmdr. Derek Cromwell, escorted the four-member Cuban security delegation on a familiarization tour of the so-called Joint Interagency Task Force South, or JIATF-South, at the Truman Annex of the U.S. Navy base in Key West on April 21, according to Tidd's spokeswoman, Army Col. Lisa Garcia.

They got a briefing on the work of the multi-agency, multi-national organization that has been described as Southcom's command center in the war on drugs, toured the Joint Operating Center there and met with representatives of 18 different countries assigned there.

The JIATF is essentially a tracking center where different U.S. government intelligence, military and law

enforcement agencies — along with representatives of Caribbean, Latin American and European nations — try to help down-range aircraft and vessels intercept or thwart illegal air and sea travel. It started off as a nerve center in the war on drugs but has an expanded mandate to include "illicit trafficking."

Cuban delegate members were identified as Col. Idael Fumero Valdés of the Cuban National Police, part of the Ministry of Interior; Joel Lago Oliva, first secretary of Cuba's Ministry of External Relations; Lt. Col. Hector Gonzalez Hernandez, chief of Cuba's Counterdrug Directorate; and Lt. Col. Imandra Ocegüera Coll, the chief of analysis for the Cuban Border Guard.

The visit signals how much relations between the two nations have changed. U.S. federal agents who cracked a Cuban spy ring in South Florida in the 1990s described two targets of the so-called Cuban Five's Wasp Network as the Southern Command and U.S. Navy operations in Key West, where the military was setting up the anti-drug-trafficking war room.

But in April, the delegation got the official visit to the JIATF, stayed in a local hotel and visited the U.S. Coast Guard in Key West, Garcia said.

Tidd traveled to Havana in August as part of Secretary of State John Kerry's delegation for the flag-raising over the U.S. Embassy. On Wednesday, he discussed the Key West visit with editors and reporters of the Miami Herald.

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