

## City of Coral Gables Planning Department Staff Report

**To:** Planning and Zoning Board Members

**From:** Planning Department

**Date:** December 10, 2008

**Subject:** **Zoning Code Text Amendment – Article 2, Division 5, “Historic Preservation Board”**. An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables amending Zoning Code Article 2, Division 5, “Historic Preservation Board”, Section 2-502, entitled “Membership; Terms; Vacancies; Removal”, to amend the current membership to require two architects on the Historic Preservation Board; and providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date.

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### Recommendation

The Planning Department recommends approval of the following Zoning Code Text Amendment to Zoning Code Section 2-502, entitled “Membership; Terms; Vacancies; Removal”, to amend the current membership to require two architects on the Historic Preservation Board:

**Section 2-502. Membership; Terms; Vacancies; Removal.**

A. *Membership.*

2. *In making appointments to the Historic Preservation Board, membership shall be sought from persons of knowledge, experience, mature judgment, and background, having ability and desire to act in the public interest and representing insofar as may be possible the various special professional training, experience, and interests required to make informed and equitable decisions concerning conservation and protection of the physical environment, and also as follows:*
  - a. *The six (6) appointments made by the City Commission and City Manager shall include ~~at least one (1) each~~ from the following professions:*
    - i. ~~One (1)~~ Two (2) ~~architects~~ or preservation architects registered in the state.
    - ii. One (1) historian or architectural historian.
    - iii. One (1) certified planner or registered landscape architect.
    - iv. One (1) professional in the field of real estate, development, or licensed general contractor.
    - v. One (1) attorney-at-law.

A draft Ordinance is provided as Attachment A.

## **Historic Preservation Board Membership Amendment**

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### **Background**

The Historical Resources Department has requested the proposed Zoning Code text amendment in order to increase the number of required architects or preservation architects on the Historic Preservation Board. Currently, membership requirements for the Historic Preservation Board includes only one architect or preservation architect. This amendment will require two architects or preservation architects on the Historic Preservation Board.

Please refer to Attachment B, City of Coral Gables Zoning Code Text Amendment Request completed by the Historical Resources Department for further explanation of the text amendment.

### **Public Notification**

The Planning and Zoning Board meeting agenda, including this public hearing item has been advertised and posted.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **Attachments:**

- A. Draft Ordinance.
- B. City of Coral Gables Zoning Code Text Amendment Request.