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WALK-ON
MOTION FOR
DISCUSSION



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#14-1291

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager *Lee R. Feldman*
DATE: October 7, 2014
TITLE: WALK-ON- MOTION FOR DISCUSSION – City Commission Request for Review – Aquablu - Case R14033

Recommendation

It is recommended the City Commission analyze the proposal and decide whether to set a hearing to review the application known as Aquablu (Case R14033), reviewed by the Development Review Committee and approved by the Planning & Zoning Board (PZB) by a vote of 5-3.

Background

The City Clerk has received a statement of intent filed by Commissioner Bruce Roberts, pursuant to the City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-26A.2, City Commission Request for Review (“CRR”) to review the Planning & Zoning Board approval of Aquablu, a 201-foot tall, multi-family residential project proposed at 920 Intracoastal Drive, in the Residential Multi-Family High-60 units per acre (RMH-60) zoning district. The site plan and elevations are provided as **Exhibit 1**. A full set of plans is available upon request. The PZB staff report is available as Exhibit 2.

The Development Review Committee (DRC) reviewed the Aquablu project on July 8, 2014. The project was presented to the Historic Preservation Board on August, 4, 2014, as an informational item due to its proximity to the Bonnet House property. There were no significant issues raised by the Board. The project was reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Board on September 17, 2014. The Planning and Zoning Board approved the project by a vote of 5 to 3 subject to a 26-foot reduction in height and a 4 unit reduction in the number of units.

Pursuant to ULDR Section 47-26A.2., City Commission Request for Review:

- A. If an application for development permit is approved or denied and the ULDR provides for City Commission request for review ("CRR") as shown in Table 1 of Section 47-24, Development Permits and Procedures, or other provision of the ULDR, the City Commission may adopt a motion to set a hearing to review the application if it is found that the new project is in an area which due to characteristics of the project and the surrounding area requires additional review in order to ensure that development standards and criteria have been met and to ensure that the area surrounding the development is protected from the impacts of the development. The process for CRR may be initiated by a statement of intent filed by any member of the City Commission with the City Clerk with a copy to the department. Except as provided herein, the motion shall be considered within thirty (30) days of the decision by the lower body.
- B. The motion approving a CRR shall set a date for consideration of the application no later than sixty (60) days from the date the motion is adopted. Notice of the hearing shall be given to the public by posting a sign at least ten (10) days before the hearing in accordance with Section 47-27, Notice Procedures for Public Hearing. Review by the City Commission shall be by de novo hearing supplemented by the record below and the same standards and criteria applicable to the development permit shall be applied. At the conclusion of the hearing the city commission shall take action approving, approving with conditions or denying the application.

The City Commission may adopt a motion to set a hearing to review the application if it is found that the proposed project is in an area which due to characteristics of the project and the surrounding area requires additional review in order to ensure that development standards and criteria have been met and to ensure that the area surrounding the development is protected from the impacts of the development.

Should the City Commission wish to proceed with the CRR request, a hearing may be set on November 4, 2014 to comply with the requisite sixty (60) day period to set a date for consideration of the application relative to Aquablu.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Site Plan & Building Elevations

Exhibit 2 – PZB Staff Report

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