



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 19-043

Date: May 3, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

From: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

Re: Proposed Change in Number of Historic Preservation Board Members

At the July 10, 2018 City Commission Conference meeting, the City Commission asked for recommendations regarding potential amendments to the existing historic preservation ordinance. Following this conference meeting, on August 28, 2018, Commission Memo 18-131 was sent outlining potential amendments and incentives. In addition, a follow-up Commission Memo 18-182, providing a status and adjusted timeline, was sent on December 20, 2018.

The proposed amendments that have been drafted and presented through public outreach efforts are primarily aimed to have a substantial positive impact on the overall historic preservation program and to streamline processes. One of the proposed amendments is to Section 47-32, Historic Preservation Board (HPB), of the ULDR, to reduce the number of HPB members from eleven (11) to nine (9) and to reduce the quorum from six (6) to five (5). This would bring the HPB more in keeping with the number of members in other quasi-judicial boards in the City of Fort Lauderdale including the Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) and the Board of Adjustment (BOA).

At the March 4, 2019, and April 1, 2019, HPB meetings, a draft of this proposed amendment was presented to the members. At its April 1, 2019, meeting the only comment noted was from one HPB member who remarked that having nine (9) members would be more manageable.

At its April 17, 2019, meeting the PZB voted to recommend approval of this proposed amendment. Following this recommendation, this item is now tentatively scheduled for first reading at the June 18, 2019, City Commission Regular Meeting.

At the same meeting, the PZB voted to defer the other proposed amendments included in this initiative to the May 15, 2019, PZB meeting.

Attachments: ULDR Section 47-32
Commission Memo 18-131
Commission Memo 18-182

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