



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

#21-0080

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: February 16, 2021

TITLE: Public Hearing - Quasi-Judicial Resolution Approving Historic Designation as an Archaeological Site, of the Property Commonly Known as Rivermont, Located at 1016 Waverly Road, Fort Lauderdale, Florida – Historic Preservation Board Case No. UDP-HPD20004 - **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission consider adopting a resolution approving the historic designation of the property known as “Rivermont” located at 1016 Waverly Road as an Archaeological Site in accordance with Section 47-24.11.C.7. of the Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR).

Background

On October 6, 2020, the City Commission approved a resolution authorizing the acquisition of the property located at 1016 Waverly Road, with funding allocation from the Parks and Recreation Bond. As part of the discussion to approve the acquisition, the City Commission requested that an application be initiated for local historic designation as an archaeological site and to submit a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

On January 4, 2021, the Historic Preservation Board (HPB) reviewed the application and recommended by a vote of 7-0 that the City Commission approve the request for historical designation as an archaeological site.

The HPB considered the staff memorandum prepared by Trisha Logan (Historic Preservation Planner and HPB Liaison), and the historic designation report, prepared by Bob Carr, archaeologist of the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy. Staff concluded that Rivermont meets Section 47-24.11.C.7.a of the ULDR for historic designation as an archaeological site. The pertinent part of Section 47-24.11.C.7.a of the ULDR states as follows: “Its value as a significant reminder of the cultural or archeological heritage of the city, state, or nation...” The staff memorandum is provided as Exhibit 1 and the historic designation report is provided as Exhibit 2.

The HPB concluded that the property meets the criteria for designation and voted to recommend the City Commission approve the request for historic designation as an archaeological site. The minutes of the January 4, 2021 HPB meeting are provided as

Exhibit 3.

Designation Process

In accordance with Section 47-24.11.C.7 of the ULDR, the criteria for the designation of property as a landmark, landmark site or historic district shall be based on one (1) or more of the criteria and evaluated in conjunction with guidance provided within the National Register Bulletin series published by the National Park Service. In this case, the Rivermont property located at 1016 Waverly Road is eligible for historic designation under Criterion (a) of Section 47-24.11.C.7 of the ULDR.

A Nomination of described site to the National Register is also in process of being drafted with a request to be considered by the State of Florida's National Register Review Board. The next available meeting is in May 2021. Following review by the National Register Review Board, their recommendation will be provided to the State Historic Preservation Officer. If the recommendation is to approve, the State Historic Preservation Officer will forward the proposed National Register nomination to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods.
- Objective: Create a continuum of education services and support

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Here.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – HPB Staff Memorandum

Exhibit 2 – Historic Designation Report

Exhibit 3 – January 4, 2021, HPB Minutes

Exhibit 4 – Resolution Landmark Designation – Approving

Exhibit 5 – Resolution Landmark Designation – Denying

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