



# MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
NO. LTC # 125-2009

## LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager *JMG*  
DATE: May 12, 2009

SUBJECT: Proposed Morris Lapidus Mid-Century Local Historic District

On May 12, 2009, the Historic Preservation Board held a meeting to consider a Preliminary Evaluation and Recommendation Report relative to the proposed local Morris Lapidus Mid-Century Historic District to include all properties on the east side of Collins Avenue between 44<sup>th</sup> Street and 5255 Collins Avenue. At this meeting, where all property owners of record within the proposed district were provided written notice 15 days in advance, the Board directed the Planning Department to prepare a formal Historic Designation Report for the proposed Morris Lapidus Mid-Century Historic District and to extend the proposed district northern boundary to include the two (2) city owned lots, containing the surface parking lot, immediately to the south of Fire Station No. 3. (Fire Station No. 3 is not recommended for inclusion within the proposed historic district.)

Pursuant to Section 118-591 of the City Code, when the Historic Preservation Board directs staff to prepare a designation report for a proposed new historic district or site, the Mayor and City Commission shall be notified of the board's decision and the initial boundaries proposed for designation. Within 60 days of the vote of the Historic Preservation Board to direct the Planning Department to prepare a designation report, the City Commission may, by a five-sevenths vote, deny or modify the proposed request for designation, as well as establish specific timeframes for the completion of the evaluation and recommendation and/or designation report. Within this 60 day period the City Commission may also, by a five-sevenths vote, deny or modify the proposed designation boundaries. The only regularly scheduled City Commission meetings within this 60 day timeframe are on May 13, 2009 and June 3, 2009.

Attached, please find a copy of the Preliminary Evaluation and Recommendation Report, prepared by the Planning Department, which outlines the initial evaluation of the proposed Morris Lapidus Mid-Century Historic District.

Please advise if you would like this matter scheduled for discussion at the June 3, 2009 City Commission.

Attachment (1)

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- C: Tim Hemstreet, Assistant City Manager
- Robert Parcher, City Clerk
- Jorge G. Gomez, Planning Director
- Gary Held, First Assistant City Attorney

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD  
PRELIMINARY EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION REPORT

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TO: HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

FROM: Jorge G. Gomez, Director  
Planning Department *WAC for JGG*

DATE: May 12, 2009 Meeting

RE: **HPB File No. 6532** Proposed designation of a local Historic District on the east side of Collins Avenue between 44<sup>th</sup> Street and 5255 Collins Avenue to be known as the Morris Lapidus Mid-Century Historic District.

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*Morris Lapidus Mid-Century  
Historic District*

