

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
City of Miami Beach, Florida

MEETING DATE: September 16, 2025

PROPERTY/FOLIO: 1800 Michigan Avenue / 02-3234-004-0120

FILE NO: HPB24-0641

APPLICANT: IRRS 1800 Michigan LLC

IN RE: An application has been filed requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for the total demolition of the existing single-family home and the construction of a new single-family home; and one or more waivers and variances from the required lot coverage and open space requirements.

LEGAL: Lot 1, Block 10, of the Palm View Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 29 of the public records of Miami Dade County, Florida.

ORDER

The City of Miami Beach Historic Preservation Board makes the following FINDINGS OF FACT, based upon the evidence, information, testimony and materials presented at the public hearing and which are part of the record for this matter:

I. Certificate of Appropriateness

- A. The subject site is located within the Palm View Local Historic District.
- B. Based on the plans and documents submitted with the application, testimony and information provided by the applicant, and the reasons set forth in the Planning Department Staff Report, the project as submitted:
 1. Is not consistent with Sea Level Rise and Resiliency Review Criteria 'A' in section 7.1.2.4(a)(1) of the Land Development Regulations.
 2. Is consistent with Certificate of Appropriateness Criteria in section 2.13.7(d)(ii)(1) of the Land Development Regulations.
 3. Is not consistent with Certificate of Appropriateness Criteria 'b' in section 2.13.7(d)(ii)(2) of the Land Development Regulations.
 4. Is consistent with Certificate of Appropriateness Criteria in section 2.13.7(d)(vi)(4) of the Land Development Regulations.
- C. The project would be consistent with the criteria and requirements of sections 2.13.7(d) and 7.1.2.4(a) of Land Development Regulations if the following conditions are met:

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1. Revised elevation, site plan and floor plan drawings shall be submitted, and at a minimum, such drawings shall incorporate the following:
 - a. The garage portion of the home shall be retained and restored consistent with available historical documentation, to the greatest extent possible, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Certificate of Appropriateness Criteria and/or directions from the Board. At a minimum this shall include the garage doors and exposed rafters.
 - b. The west elevation of the home shall be further developed including the continuation of the ground level façade treatment and the introduction of a window at the second level, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Certificate of Appropriateness Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.
 - c. The retaining wall along the front and street side property lines shall be revised so that it does not exceed the heights of the front retaining walls at 1810 and 1818 Michigan Avenue, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Certificate of Appropriateness Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.
 - d. The raised terrace portion in front of the loggia (identified as a courtyard in the plans), shall be refined in a manner that more closely recalls the original design, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Certificate of Appropriateness Criteria and/or directions from the Board. This may include the introduction of rounded terrace corners and/or square cutouts.
 - e. A plaque or historic display describing the history of the home shall be provided and be placed on the site in a manner visible from the right of way, prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the building, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Certificate of Appropriateness Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.
 - f. The garage structure shall be restored in a manner that is adaptable to future elevation increases, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Certificate of Appropriateness Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.
 - g. The applicant voluntarily proffers to retain the existing fireplace to the greatest extent possible and reincorporate into the new home, including the reintroduction of the original exterior chimney element, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Certificate of Appropriateness Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.
 - h. Final details of all exterior surface finishes and materials shall be submitted, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff consistent with the Certificate of Appropriateness Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.

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- i. All roof-top fixtures, air-conditioning units and mechanical devices shall be clearly noted on a revised roof plan and elevation drawings and shall be screened from view, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff, consistent with the Certificate of Appropriateness Criteria and/or the directions from the Board.
2. In accordance with Section 2.12.8(b)(iv)(2) of the Land Development Regulations, the requirement pertaining to the setbacks of the portion of the contributing structure to remain, is hereby waived.
3. In accordance with Section 7.2.2.3(b)(2)(B)(II) of the Land Development Regulations, the Board hereby waives the requirement to set back at least 50% of the second floor along a side elevation facing a street by a minimum of 5'-0".
4. In accordance with Section 7.5.1.6 of the Land Development Regulations, the applicant shall comply with the minimum fencing and landscaping requirements. A building permit for fencing shall be issued within 90 calendar days of this approval and installation shall occur no later than 120 calendar days after this approval.
5. A revised landscape plan, prepared by a Professional Landscape Architect, registered in the State of Florida, and corresponding site plan, shall be submitted to and approved by staff. The species type, quantity, dimensions, spacing, location and overall height of all plant material shall be clearly delineated and subject to the review and approval of staff. At a minimum, such plan shall incorporate the following:
 - a. A fully automatic irrigation system with 100% coverage and an automatic rain sensor in order to render the system inoperative in the event of rain.
 - b. The project design shall minimize the potential for a project causing a heat island effect on site.
 - c. Cool pavement materials or porous pavement materials shall be utilized, if applicable.

In accordance with section 2.2.4.8(c) of the **Land Development Regulations** the applicant, the City Manager, Miami Design Preservation League, Dade Heritage Trust, or an affected person may appeal the Board's decision on a Certificate of Appropriateness to a special magistrate appointed by the City Commission.

II. Variance(s)

- A. The applicant filed an application with the Planning Department for the following variances which were either approved, approved with modifications or denied by the Board:

The following variances were approved by the Board:

1. A variance to exceed by 6.1% (489.7 sq. ft.) the maximum permitted lot coverage of 30% (2,385 sq. ft.) in order to provide a lot coverage of 36.1% (2,875 sq. ft.).

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2. A variance to reduce by 18.25% (219 sq. ft.) the minimum required rear yard open space of 70% (840 sq. ft.) in order to provide a rear yard open space of 51.75% (621 sq. ft.).

B. The applicant has submitted plans and documents with the application that satisfy Article 1, Section 2 of the Related Special Acts, allowing the granting of a variance if the Board finds that practical difficulties exist with respect to implementing the proposed project at the subject property.

The applicant has submitted plans and documents with the application that indicate the following, as they relate to the requirements of section 2.8.3(a) of the Land Development Regulations:

That special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land, structure, or building involved and which are not applicable to other lands, structures, or buildings in the same zoning district.

That the special conditions and circumstances do not result from the action of the applicant.

That granting the variance requested will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by these land development regulations to other lands, buildings, or structures in the same zoning district.

That literal interpretation of the provisions of these land development regulations would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same zoning district under the terms of these land development regulations and would work unnecessary and undue hardship on the applicant.

That the variance granted is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building or structure.

That the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general intent and purpose of these land development regulations and that such variance will not be injurious to the area involved or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.

That the granting of this request is consistent with the comprehensive plan and does not reduce the levels of service as set forth in the plan.

The granting of the variance will result in a structure and site that complies with the sea level rise and resiliency review criteria in chapter 7, article I, as applicable.

C. The Board finds that the application satisfies Article 1, Section 2 of the Related Special Acts and the requirements of section 2.8.3(a) of the Land Development Regulations, and hereby **approves** the requested variances and imposes the following conditions based on its authority in section 2.8.4 of the Land Development Regulations:

1. The driveway shall be redesigned to consist of 18" wheel strips and sod, in a manner to be reviewed and approved by staff.

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2. Substantial modifications to the plans submitted and approved as part of the application, as determined by the Planning Director or designee, may require the applicant to return to the Board for approval of the modified plans, even if the modifications do not affect variances approved by the Board.

The decision of the Board regarding variances shall be final and there shall be no further review thereof except by resort to a court of competent jurisdiction by petition for writ of certiorari.

III. General Terms and Conditions applying to both 'I. Certificate of Appropriateness' and 'II. Variances' noted above.

- A. The applicant agrees and shall be required to provide access to areas subject to this approval (not including private residences or hotel rooms) for inspection by the City (i.e.: Planning, Code Compliance, Building Department, Fire Safety), to ensure compliance with the plans approved by the Board and conditions of this order.
- B. The issuance of a building permit is contingent upon meeting Public School Concurrency requirements, if applicable. Applicant shall obtain a valid School Concurrency Determination Certificate (Certificate) issued by the Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The Certificate shall state the number of seats reserved at each school level. In the event sufficient seats are not available, a proportionate share mitigation plan shall be incorporated into a tri-party development agreement and duly executed. No building permit may be issued unless and until the applicant obtains a written finding from Miami-Dade County Public Schools that the applicant has satisfied school concurrency.
- C. The relocation of any tree shall be subject to the approval of the Environment & Sustainability Director and/or Urban Forester, as applicable.
- D. Where one or more parcels are unified for a single development, the property owner shall execute and record a unity of title or a covenant in lieu of unity of title, as may be applicable, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.
- E. All applicable FPL transformers or vault rooms and backflow prevention devices shall be located within the main building setbacks with the exception of the valve (PIV) which may be visible and accessible from the street.
- F. A copy of all pages of the recorded Final Order shall be scanned into the plans submitted for building permit and shall be located immediately after the front cover page of the permit plans.
- G. The Final Order shall be recorded in the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, prior to the issuance of a Building Permit.
- H. Satisfaction of all conditions is required for the Planning Department to give its approval on a Certificate of Occupancy; a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy or Partial Certificate of Occupancy may also be conditionally granted Planning Departmental approval.

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- I. The Final Order is not severable, and if any provision or condition hereof is held void or unconstitutional in a final decision by a court of competent jurisdiction, the order shall be returned to the Board for reconsideration as to whether the order meets the criteria for approval absent the stricken provision or condition, and/or it is appropriate to modify the remaining conditions or impose new conditions.
- J. The conditions of approval herein are binding on the applicant, the property's owners, operators, and all successors in interest and assigns.
- K. Nothing in this order authorizes a violation of the City Code or other applicable law, nor allows a relaxation of any requirement or standard set forth in the City Code.
- L. Upon the issuance of a final Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Completion, as applicable, the project approved herein shall be maintained in accordance with the plans approved by the board and shall be subject to all conditions of approval herein, unless otherwise modified by the Board. Failure to maintain shall result in the issuance of a Code Compliance citation, and continued failure to comply may result in revocation of the Certificate of Occupancy, Completion and Business Tax Receipt.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, based upon the foregoing findings of fact, the evidence, information, testimony and materials presented at the public hearing, which are part of the record for this matter, and the staff report and analysis, which are adopted herein, including the staff recommendations, which were amended and adopted by the Board, that the application is GRANTED for the above-referenced project subject to those certain conditions specified in Paragraph I, II, III of the Findings of Fact, to which the applicant has agreed.

PROVIDED, the applicant shall build substantially in accordance with the plans entitled "**Private Residence 1800 Michigan Avenue**", as prepared by **Studio McG Architecture**, dated **July 24, 2025**, as approved by the Historic Preservation Board, as determined by staff.

When requesting a building permit, the plans submitted to the Building Department for permit shall be consistent with the plans approved by the Board, modified in accordance with the conditions set forth in this Order. No building permit may be issued unless and until all conditions of approval that must be satisfied prior to permit issuance, as set forth in this Order, have been met.

The issuance of the approval does not relieve the applicant from obtaining all other required Municipal, County and/or State reviews and permits, including final zoning approval. If adequate handicapped access is not provided on the Board-approved plans, this approval does not mean that such handicapped access is not required. When requesting a building permit, the plans submitted to the Building Department for permit shall be consistent with the plans approved by the Board, modified in accordance with the conditions set forth in this Order.

If the Full Building Permit for the project is not issued within eighteen (18) months of the meeting date at which the original approval was granted, the application will expire and become null and void, unless the applicant makes an application to the Board for an extension of time, in accordance with the requirements and procedures of section 2.13.7 of the Land Development Regulations; the granting of any such extension of time shall be at the discretion of the Board. If

