



MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # *134-2014*

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: April 15, 2014

SUBJECT: Historic Preservation Board recommendation regarding the existing Australian Pines along Pinetree Drive.

Attached, please find a copy of a resolution regarding the existing Australian Pines along Pinetree Drive, which was adopted by the Historic Preservation Board at their April 8, 2014 meeting.

The Board is requesting that the Mayor and City Commission direct the Administration to initiate discussions with appropriate State and County agencies, in order to perform any required trimming and maintenance prior to the 2014 hurricane season.


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C: Jose Smith, City Attorney
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**CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach Historic Preservation Board is charged by Ordinance as serving in an advisory capacity to the City Commission and other City Boards on issues affecting the City's architecture, design, historic districts and structures; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Board strongly supports the efforts of the City to promote and enhance its unique social and architectural history through the preservation of significant roadway features throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Board strongly supports and encourages the efforts of the City to maintain, preserve and protect its significant and historic roadways as valuable historical, educational and visual resources for its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Pinetree Drive Historic Site (HPS-9) was designated by the Miami Beach City Commission on June 6, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Pinetree Drive is defined by twin lanes of Australian Pines; and

WHEREAS, the existing Australian Pines were planted by John Collins in 1909 to protect his avocado and mango crops from the ocean winds and are representative of the evolution of Miami Beach from the area's agricultural uses at the turn of the 20th century to the present urban development; and

WHEREAS, the retention of the public right-of-way of Pinetree Drive, as well as the historic Australian Pines, promote the general welfare of the City by providing an opportunity for the study and appreciation of the early development of Miami Beach; and

THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that the Historic Preservation Board urges that the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach direct the Administration to initiate a dialogue with the appropriate State and County Agencies, in order to perform any required trimming and maintenance of the Australian Pines prior to the 2014 hurricane season which begins on June 1, 2014.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF APRIL, 2014.



Debbie Tackett
Principal Planner
For the Historic Preservation Board