

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF ACTIVE DESIGN MIAMI: DESIGN AND POLICY STRATEGIES FOR HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES AS DEVELOPED BY THE MIAMI CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN (MCAD); DIRECTING STAFF TO CONTINUE TO INCORPORATE ACTIVE DESIGN STRATEGIES INTO PLANNING FUNCTIONS AS FEASIBLE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, today's global epidemic of chronic diseases is driven by a range of factors including the powerful impact of the built environment and to reverse negative health trends, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that communities focus on supporting healthy eating and active living in a variety of settings; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is experiencing many common health concerns; and

WHEREAS, planners, architects, and public health professionals, working collaboratively, have an essential role in addressing the rapidly growing epidemics of chronic diseases, especially in light of mounting scientific evidence demonstrating the impact of environmental design on physical activity and healthy eating; and

WHEREAS, Active Design is an approach to shaping communities that leverages evidence-based urban design and architecture solutions to improve public health by influencing day-to-day behavior that directly impact community wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health was awarded a grant by the CDC, and the Florida Department of Health contracted the Miami Center for Architecture & Design (a 501c3) in October 2015 to create Active Design strategies for use by Miami-Dade County and cities; and

WHEREAS, after a year-long collaborative open process, which included Miami-Dade County and 20 local municipalities, Active Design Miami: Design & Policy Strategies for Healthier Communities was developed and includes strategies suited to Miami-Dade's context and needs; and

WHEREAS, Active Design Miami provide architects, planners, urban designers and governments with a manual of strategies for creating healthier buildings, streets, and

urban spaces, based on the latest academic research and best practices in the field; and

WHEREAS, the City of Aventura has demonstrated its commitment to creating an active city through urban design by provision of parks with facilities that accommodate all ages and abilities and incorporate amenities to support user comfort, by creating a zoning district that requires intergenerational accommodations, by participating in and being designated as a Tree City for the past 20 years, by implementing a City sponsored bike share program and a green building incentive program, and by preparing a mobility plan to enhance the pedestrian experience.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The City Commission supports the goals of Active Design Miami: Design and Policy Strategies for Healthier Communities as developed by the Miami Center for Architecture and Design; and directs staff to continue to incorporate active design strategies into planning functions, as feasible.

Section 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Shelley, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Weinberg, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

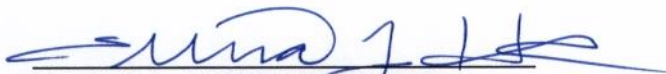
Commissioner Denise Landman	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Dr. Linda Marks	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Gladys Mezrahi	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Marc Narotsky	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Robert Shelley	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Howard Weinberg	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Enid Weisman	<u>Yes</u>

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of June, 2017.



ENID WEISMAN, MAYOR



ATTEST:


ELLISA L. HORVATH, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


CITY ATTORNEY

This Resolution was filed in the Office of the City Clerk this 14 day of JUNE, 2017.


CITY CLERK