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## Rezoning of Babylon Property

*By Lorraine Jessell*

I attended the City of Miami Commission Meeting on June 26, 2019 regarding the rezoning of the Babylon property. The City of Miami had declared the structure an unsafe structure and approved its demolition. Currently, this property is zoned for 8 stories, maximum with restricted use. The owner of the Babylon property has sought to re-zone the property to a maximum of 48 stories. The City of Miami requires two hearings on this rezoning request. After a lengthy commission meeting, the commission rejected the City of Miami planning department's recommendation, which was to rezone the property to 12 stories, and approved the rezone of the Babylon property to 24 stories with open use. The petition will go to a second reading during the July 25, 2019 commission meeting starting at 2:00 p.m.

There were arguments on both sides. There were residents there who strongly protested this rezoning as well as residents in favor. The commission felt that The Babylon was incorrectly zoned for its location. Commissioner Russell, our district commissioner, supported the planning department's recommendation of 12 stories and opposed the commission's approval of 24 stories as not allowed by the zoning code of the City of Miami. He also stated several times during the meeting that this new zoning change would trigger a domino effect to rezone Brickell Bay Drive. The Director of Planning stated that the zoning of Brickell Bay Drive could be reviewed.

What does this mean to us? Well, demolition has begun again on the Babylon. My personal take from the meeting was that there is and will be a great deal of speculation concerning the future of our street. All residents should consider attending the next commission meeting on July 25, 2019.



# LANDSCAPING UPDATES

By Lorraine Jessell

A special thanks to Jannine Crotty for stepping up to water our orchids for us while the Landscaping Committee was traveling this July! I am hoping she will become a regular! Also, thanks to Brian Hill for his donation of orchids for our trees and to Alejandro Cure for his efforts to save some lovely air plants, which he rescued, and are now in transition to join our trees. In addition, Yanetsady Leal, who lived in Unit 109, donated some beautiful plants that we were able to incorporate into the landscaping before they moved away! The summer brings such intense heat to our plants but especially our orchids and staghorn ferns. TLC, our landscaping company, has done such a great job restoring our landscaping over the past few years. If you see the guys around, please take a second to acknowledge them and tell them how nice things are looking!



# DECORATING UPDATES

by Mercedes Cubas:

The Décor Committee is working on a new color scheme and lighting for the first-floor hallway. We have selected three options, which may be viewed in the bathroom area next to the exit door to the pool:



- Option 1 (Wall – White Whip/ Door- Revere Pewter)
- Option 2(Wall - Heron Plume/Door – Shoji White)
- Option 3 (Wall – White Whip/ Door – Shoji White).

Revere Pewter is the color used in the lobby wall --- see sofa area--- which is why we have considered this option as a possible accent color for the doors (in an effort to maintain consistency throughout the floor). We are also showcasing two new kinds of LED lights, a white light and a soft light, to brighten the hallways while securing savings in electricity. At this time, the sconces (light fixtures) would remain as is. Only the light bulbs would be replaced. We invite building owners to take a look and let us know their opinions.

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# Thunderstorm Safety

Along with summer's warm days come thunderstorms. Lightning is one of nature's most powerful and unpredictable killers. Golfing, swimming, boating, biking riding, mowing the lawn – almost any outdoor activity – can be dangerous if there's lightning around. So when you hear that rumble in the sky, heed these tips from the National Weather Service:

- If you can hear thunder, you're close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning.
- Listen to weather reports before you go outside for extended periods. Cancel outdoor activities if thunderstorms are likely.
- If you're caught unexpectedly, move to a sturdy building or car. Avoid small sheds, isolated trees, or convertible automobiles.
- If there's no shelter nearby, find a low spot away from trees, fences, and poles.
- If you feel your skin tingle or your hair stand up, squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Put your hands on your knees and your head between them. Do not lie flat on the ground.
- Move to higher ground if a flash flood or any flood seems likely. Abandon cars once a flood begins. Do not attempt to drive to safety. Most flash-flood deaths happen in cars.

## DID YOU KNOW:? A Look at U.S. Flag Trivia



- Betsy Ross was reportedly able to create a 5-pointed star from a single sheet of paper with one cut.
- The first U.S. flag had 13 stars, representing the 13 original colonies. The second flag had 15 stars, as more states entered the union. Often states came in groups, so there were no U.S. flags with 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 39, 40, 41, 42, or 47 stars.
- New U.S. flags can be introduced only on the Fourth of July.
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