

RESOLUTION NO. 17 - 2419

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVE DESIGN MIAMI: DESIGN AND POLICY STRATEGIES FOR HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES AS DEVELOPED BY THE MIAMI CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN (MCAD); DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE MIAMI CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION; 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, including rising obesity and chronic disease rates, and high rates of depression and other mental health issues; 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 leverage 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 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 County'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, on January 26, 2017 the Planning and Zoning Board recommended the Town Commission to approve a resolution in support of Active Design Miami; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town to support the implementation of Active Design Miami: Design and Policy Strategies for Healthier Communities as developed by the Miami Center for Architecture and Design in order to decrease our community's lifestyle disease rates through healthy eating and exercise, as well as increase the number of short walking and biking trips through safety and other programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. The Town of Surfside supports the implementation of Active Design Miami: Design and Policy Strategies for Healthier Communities. The Town of Surfside supports the implementation of Active Design Miami: Design and Policy Strategies for Healthier Communities.

Section 3. Direction to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, all municipalities in Miami-Dade County and the President of the Miami Center for Architecture and Design.

Section 4. Authorization and Implementation. The Town Manager is hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary to implement this Resolution.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of February 2017.

Motion by Commissioner Gieldunsky,

Second by Vice Mayor Cohen.

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION

Commissioner Daniel Gielchinsky

Commissioner Michael Karukin

Commissioner Tina Paul

Vice Mayor Barry Cohen

Mayor Daniel Dietch

yes
yes
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yes
yes



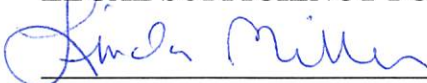
Daniel Dietch, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra Novoa, MMC, Town Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE ONLY:**



Linda Miller, Town Attorney