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THE CITY PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

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THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI

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MIAMI'S fiscal year - July 1, 1958 thru June 30, 1959 saw continual effort being put forth toward the completion of the COMPREHENSIVE ZONING PROGRAM. Public Hearings were conducted by the Board in planning districts throughout the City.

Nine district hearings were held during the year, compared to four during the previous fiscal year. These hearings were advertised in local newspapers and publicized as preliminary district hearings - "for the purpose of informing citizens of proposed changes in zoning district classifications and as to how provision changes of the new Ordinance would affect private property".

For all intents and purposes, the Board completed all of their preliminary hearings on the new zoning for the City during the 1958-59 fiscal year.

The Board and representatives of their technical staff, in addition to preliminary hearings, met with Civic organizations, interested groups, etc., in an attempt to familiarize the general public as much as possible with the program during its working stages. The exchange of views during these meetings, as well as the public hearings, helped to formalize the zoning and text of the New Comprehensive Ordinance.

The fiscal year 1958-59 saw progress accomplished in the realm of Urban Renewal. The Board's professional staff prepared a "WORKABLE PROGRAM" for the City of Miami. The program was co-ordinated by the Director of the Department of Slum Rehabilitation and Prevention, and with the aid of other Departments of the City was submitted to the Urban Renewal Administration. Miami's Workable Program was received with the highest of praise upon its initial submission.

During the fiscal year 1959-60 the "GENERALIZED LAND USE PLAN" was recommended by the Board and after presentation to the Commission was officially adopted by the City. The Land Use Plan was utilized as the base for the formulation of the new comprehensive zoning for Miami.

The fiscal year 1959-60 saw the final completion of the Comprehensive Zoning Program for Miami. This included new zoning, a new Ordinance and the drafting of a new Zoning and Subdivision Atlas. The Board presented their entire program to the general public during ZONING WEEK, March 6 - 11, which included a City-wide public hearing March 8th and the program on display for the entire week at Bayfront Park Auditorium.

The Board held final hearings on the Ordinance and Zoning during the month of June. The Comprehensive program in its entirety was officially recommended to the City Commission during public hearings held at Dinner Key Auditorium June 6 - 7 - 8.

The Board's Planning Staff, in a coordinated effort with the City of Miami Department of Engineering and the Metropolitan Dade County Planning Department, saw the completion of the Magic City Center study during the fiscal year 1959-60.

The Long Range Planning Staff prepared the second phase of the PARKS & RECREATION PLAN which was recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board.

Currently, work is being readied by the Planning Staff on the second phase of other elements of the Comprehensive Planning Program.

The Planning Staff is working toward the goal of providing the City of Miami with a sound Comprehensive Plan which will be complete in its third phase, thus establishing the guide for priority in physical development through capital expenditures based upon the necessity of interrelated PLANNING.

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