

R. Don O'Donniley, AICP Planning Director

MEMORANDUM

To: Steven Alexander, Town Manager

From: Don O'Donniley, AICP, Planning Director 2002

Date: December 20, 2006

Re: Creation of a New Section of the Town Code Entitled "Old Cutler Road Overlay District (OCRO)"

along with the Implementing Regulations

REQUEST:

Approval of the rezoning of certain properties along Old Cutler Road, as described in the attachments, to begin implementation of the architectural design standards envisioned in the Old Cutler Road Charrette Area Plan.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:

Background

In June 2002 residents of the now incorporated Town of Cutler Bay gathered to discuss the future of Old Cutler Road.

The goal of the Old Cutler Road Charrette Area Plan was to create a framework that preserved the heritage of this historic roadway, facilitated improvement in public infrastructure and the investment in private land, enhanced the livability and encouraged design quality, both architectural and urban, in a manner that achieved the following objectives:

- Preserve and enhance the historic and community character along Old Cutler Road
- Reintroduce pedestrian-scale improvements in lighting and landscaping and rebalance vehicular movement in the corridor
- Provide residents additional travel options by connecting the street network east of 87th Avenue to Old Cutler Road
- Enhance safety and lower travel speeds in the neighborhoods to the northwest of Old Cutler Road by implementing roundabouts in place of traffic signals wherever appropriate
- Create a civic district/town center and public gathering space for the surrounding area
- Provide residents better access to goods and services available along Old Cutler Road without having to travel on that same road
- Increase safety along Old Cutler Road through design modifications that reduce motorists' speeds and increase pedestrian and bicycle visibility and comfort.

Town staff held a series of meetings with County staff and in-house to develop the design standards to implement this vision. On December 20, 2006, the LPA reviewed the proposed Ordinance and recommended adoption. The Town Council conducted a Public Hearing at is December 20, 2006 meeting and adopted the Ordinance on 1st reading. The Ordinance is before the Town Council on 2nd reading.

Analysis

Town staff analyzed the existing condition of Old Cutler Road, data and input collected during the Charrette process and, the existing Town Zoning Code including: the current permitted, conditional and prohibited uses; building setbacks; open space and parking requirements. Based on the above, the new land development regulations for the overlay district were developed, as enumerated in the accompanying Ordinance.

Also, during this review process Town staff identified a series of Objectives for planning and zoning. Again – "Where do we want to go?" They are listed below.

Phase I – Short Term Objectives

Create new design standards for development along Old Cutler Road Promote a common streetscape plan (branding) for Old Cutler Road Relax parking requirements

Focus more attention on the retail section of Old Cutler Road Make allowances for additional residential in Business Districts

Allow "urban villa" type units along the southerly area of Old Cutler Road on what are now scattered vacant lots.

Recognize that the majority of the northern segment of Old Cutler Road is walled off and that the residential development thereon is inward facing, meaning no short term chance of redevelopment.

Phase II – Intermediate Term Objectives

Assist applicants who had proposed future land use amendments in process with Miami-Dade County in revising their requests in order to better implement the intent of the Overlay District.

Propose new future land use amendments as needed.

Phase III - Long Term Objectives

Prepare a new Comprehensive Plan for the Town Prepare new Land Development Regulations for the Town

1. Consistency with the Comprehensive Development Master Plan

The proposed Overlay District is consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Development Master Plan as it does not substantially increase the densities or intensities of uses along the corridor.

In the future, as the Town creates its own Comprehensive Plan land use designations may change in order to better incorporate the Town's Vision

2. Zoning

Except to the extent modified by the Old Cutler Road Overlay (OCRO) the development standards within the following underlying zoning districts shall remain the same: BU-2

(Special Business), EU-M (Estate Modified), RU-1Z (Zero Lot Line Development Single Family Residential), RU-1 (Single-Family Residential), EU-1C (Single-Family Two and One-Half Acre), EU-2 (Single-Family Five Acre Estate), GU (Interim), AU (Agricultural), RU-2

(Two-Family Residential), BU-1A (Limited Business), BU-1 (Neighborhood Business) and RU-1MA (Modified Single Family Residential).

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

CONDITIONS:

N/A

Attachments:

Old Cutler Road Overlay District Boundary Map

Zoning Maps for Sections 56 40 3, 10, 9, 8 and 17

Old Cutler Road Executive Summary

Potential Improvement Phasing Series for Old Cutler Road

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, CREATING THE OLD CUTLER ROAD OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICT AND REGULATIONS; REZONING PROPERTIES ALONG OLD CUTLER ROAD FROM S.W. 184TH STREET SOUTH TO THE TOWN LIMITS, AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT "A" AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "B," TO THE OLD CUTLER ROAD OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICT: AMENDING THE LIST OF PERMITTED, CONDITIONAL, AND PROHIBITED USES FOR PROPERTIES ALONG OLD CUTLER ROAD FROM S.W. 184TH STREET SOUTH TO THE TOWN LIMITS, AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT "A" AND DESCRIBED IN **EXHIBIT** "B:" LEGALLY PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in June of 2002, residents of the now incorporated Town of Cutler Bay (the "Town") participated in the Old Cutler Road Charrette Area Plan (the "Charrette"); and

WHEREAS, during this Charrette, residents of the Town envisioned architectural design standards for properties along the Old Cutler Road corridor; and

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2006, the Town Council adopted a moratorium on development orders and development permits for properties along the Old Cutler Road corridor in order to allow Town Staff to analyze and develop architectural design standards, types of uses, and land development regulations for the corridor; and

WHEREAS, Town staff has finished its review and has created such standards and regulations; and

WHEREAS, rezoning the properties shown on Exhibit "A" will allow for the implementation of these new regulations and standards; and

WHEREAS, staff recommended approval of the Old Cutler Road Zoning Overlay District and rezoning in its report dated December 20, 2006; and

WHEREAS, public notice was provided in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance was heard and recommended by the Town Council, in its capacity as the Town's Local Planning Agency; and

WHEREAS, after due notice and hearing, the Town Council finds this Ordinance to be consistent with the Town Code and the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Development Master Plan, which now functions as the Town's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds this Ordinance to be in the best interest and welfare of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1.</u> <u>Findings.</u> The foregoing Whereas clauses are hereby ratified and incorporated as the legislative intent of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Old Cutler Road Overlay Zoning District. The Old Cutler Road Overlay Zoning district is hereby created as follows:

A. Purpose, Intent, Applicability.

- 1. Purpose and Intent. The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish design regulations and standards for development along Old Cutler Road in order to enhance the character of the road within the Town. It is intended that Old Cutler Road be a place where living, working, shopping, and civic activities can take place within a town center environment. Development along Old Cutler Road within the Town will consist of a variety of buildings and uses that will encourage pedestrian activity with wide sidewalks, balconies, outdoor cafes, squares, and plazas.
- 2. <u>Applicability</u>. The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to all properties within the Old Cutler Road Zoning Overlay District as designated on the Town Zoning Map. The underlying zoning designations for properties subject to this Ordinance shall remain unchanged.
- **B.** Permitted, Conditional, Prohibited Uses. The permitted, conditional, and prohibited uses in the underlying zoning designations for properties subject to this Ordinance shall remain unchanged, except as provided below:

1. Properties with an underlying Residential zoning designation.

Use	Permitted Use	Conditional Use	Prohibited Use
Attached single family homes with a maximum density as permitted by the property's underlying Land Use Designation.	X		
Bee hives or the breeding or raising of any insects, reptiles or animals other than customary pets			X

Golf Course	X
Keeping, breeding or maintaining	X
horses, cattle or goats	
Limited truck gardening and fruit	X
growing (incidental to principal	
residence only)	
Noncommercial pigeon lofts, raising	X
of poultry, and fowl	

2. Properties with an underlying zoning designation of Business.

Use	Permitted Use	Conditional Use	Prohibited Use
Amusement center		X	
Attended,			X
non-motorized			
donation collection			
Auditoriums		X	
Automobile and light truck, new			X
sales agency or rental			
Automobile new parts and			X
equipment, sales only			
Automobile parking garages			X
Automobile self-service gas stations		X	
Automobile service stations		X	
Automobile storage within a building			X
Automobile tires, batteries and			X
accessories (new) retail only			
installation permitted			
Automobile washing			X
Bait and tackle shops		X	
Banks, including drive-in teller			X
service			
Boats carrying passengers on			X
excursion, sightseeing, pleasure or			
fishing trips			
Bowling alleys			X
Convention halls			X
Dancing halls or dancing academies			X
Dog and pet hospitals in air-			X
conditioned buildings			
Donated goods centers			X
Dry cleaning establishments			X
Electrical appliance and fixtures		X	
stores including related repair shops			
Furniture stores			X
Gate house		X	

Grocery stores		X	
Health and exercise clubs			X
Home improvement centers			X
Hospitals			X
Hotel and motel uses		X	
Junior department stores			X
Lawn mowers, retail, sales and			X
service			5000
Liquor package stores		X	
Major department stores		X	
Marinas			X
Medical observation dormitory			X
Mortuaries or funeral homes			X
Motorcycles sales and repair			X
Natatoriums			X
Night clubs		X	
Office parks		X	
Open-air theaters		X	
Outdoor dining	X		
Pet shops, pet care centers and dog		X	
beauty parlors in air-conditioned			
buildings			
Printing shops		X	
Private clubs	=		X
Propagating and growing plants for			X
sale			
Pubs and bars		X	4
Regional shopping centers			X
Rentals of trucks other than light			X
trucks			
Restaurants with an accessory		X	
cocktail lounge-bar use			
Sale of fruit or merchandise from			X
trucks, wagons or other vehicles			
Security station		X	
Self-service storage facility			X
Tailor shops	X		
Telephone exchange			X
Theaters for live stage production and		X	
motion pictures			
Variety stores		X	

3. Properties with an underlying zoning designation of GU (Interim District).

Use	Permitted Use	Conditional Use	Prohibited Use
Carnivals		X	
Cemeteries			X
Circuses			X
Crematories			X
Mausoleums			X

4. Properties with an underlying zoning designation of AU (Agriculture District).

Use	Permitted Use	Conditional Use	Prohibited Use
Barns and sheds used for cattle or			X
stock and ancillary feed storage			
Barns and sheds used for hogs			X
Barns, sheds or other buildings used			X
for the storage of equipment, feed,		2	
fertilizer, produce or other items			
ancillary with an agricultural use			
Carnivals		X	
Cattle or stock grazing (not including			X
hog raising)			
Cemeteries, mausoleums or			X
crematories			
Circuses			X
Dairy barns			X
Dude ranches and riding academies		X	
Fish pools			X
Hog farms and hog raising			X
Large packing facilities used for the			X
packing of fruit and vegetables			
accessory to an agricultural use			
conducted on the entire property			
(with conditions)			
One single-family permanent or			X
temporary structure to house farm			
labor personnel			
Outdoor storage of vehicles and			X
equipment associated with			
agricultural, aquacultural or			
horticultural production occurring on	_		
property(ies) other than the property			
on which the storage is located,			
provided the storage is an accessory			
use			
Raising one hundred (100) poultry, or			X
more			
Recreational vehicles as temporary			X

watchman's quarters		
Seed drying facilities		X
Small packing facilities used for the packing of fruit and vegetables accessory to an agricultural use conducted on the property (with conditions)		X
Temporary or permanent barracks or structures to house farm labor		X
Truck gardens		X
Wineries	X	

With regard to the uses permitted within any zoning classification, the Planning Director shall have the authority to make a determination that a proposed use is sufficiently similar to a specifically permitted use to be allowed as a "similar use." In determining similarity between a proposed use and a use specifically described herein, the Planning Director shall be guided by the intent of the zoning classification and shall further consider common characteristics, the generation of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and the compatibility of the proposed use with the uses specifically described and permitted within the underlying zoning classification.

C. Land Development Regulations.

It is the intent of the Town of Cutler Bay to substantially improve the streetscape of Old Cutler Road and implement a land use pattern conducive to good design standards. To that end, setback requirements are being implemented to result in featuring the actual use of the land and accommodating landscaping. The automobile will be returned to an accessory and subordinate use to be located to the rear and side of principal structures. Front facades will be articulated with fenestration, and windows. Horizontal and vertical elements will be required to prevent monotony.

The following graphics in this section illustrate the regulations and are provided as guidance as to the standard of review to be used by staff.

Potential Improvement Phasing Series for Old Cutler Road Existing Condition





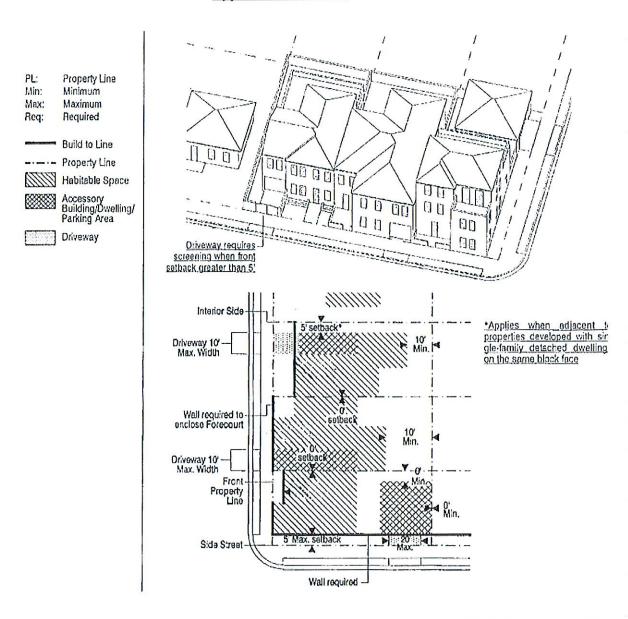




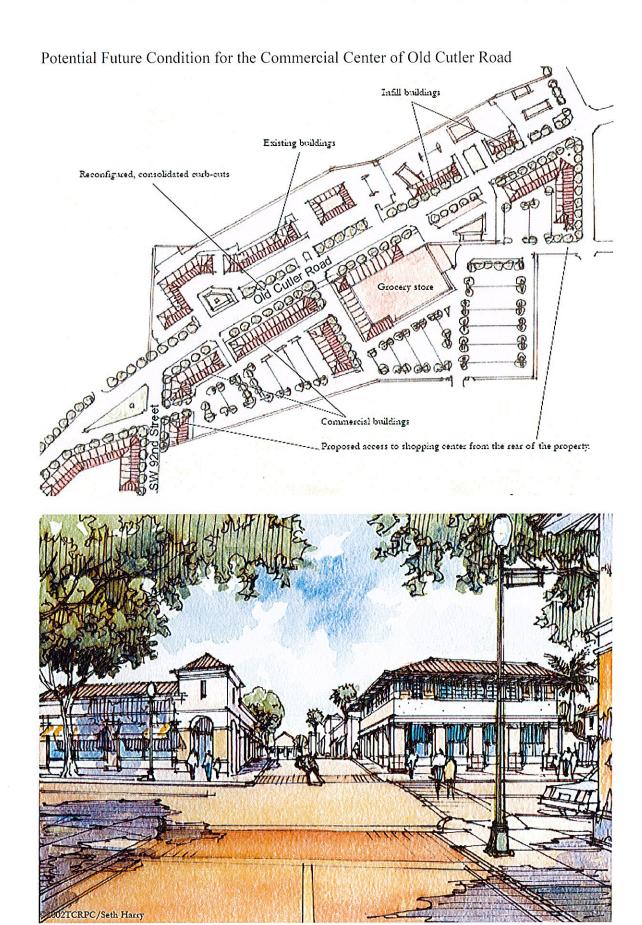
1. Minimum lot requirement.

a. <u>Properties with an underlying Residential zoning designation.</u> The minimum lot requirement shall be 6,000 square feet and the minimum frontage requirement shall be 35 feet.

Typical Urban Villas



b. <u>Properties with an underlying Business zoning designation.</u> There shall be no minimum lot area or frontage required.



2. Floor Area.

a. <u>Properties with an underlying Business zoning designation.</u> The maximum floor area of a building shall be 2.0 times the net lot area.

3. Lot Coverage.

- a. <u>Properties with an underlying Residential zoning designation.</u> There shall be no limit on lot coverage provided that open space and landscaping requirements are met. However, there shall be no net increase in storm water runoff from the site post development.
- b. <u>Properties with an underlying Business zoning designation</u>. There shall be no limit on lot coverage provided that open space and landscaping requirements are met. However, there shall be no net increase in storm water runoff from the site post development.

4. Setbacks.

Use	Front	Interior	Side	Rear	Awnings, balconies, and other cantilevered building elements
Properties with an underlying Residential zoning designation.	0 feet	0 feet or 5 feet when adjacent to properties developed with single- family detached dwellings on the same block face.	5 feet	25 feet	Awnings, balconies, and other cantilevered building elements shall be permitted to encroach into the front and side street setbacks up to 5 feet above 11 feet from the grade.
Properties with an underlying Business zoning designation.	0 feet	0 feet	5 feet	When adjoining a property with an underlying Business zoning designation the setback shall be 0 feet. When adjoining all other districts the setback shall be 25 feet.	Awnings, balconies, and other cantilevered building elements shall be permitted to encroach into the front and side street setbacks up to 5 feet above 11 feet from the grade.

5. Open Space.

- a. <u>Properties with an underlying Residential zoning designation.</u> A minimum of 25% landscaped open space shall be required for any development of properties. In addition, open space shall be provided in the form of balconies, terraces or porches or any combination thereof.
- b. Properties with an underlying Business zoning designation. A minimum of 10% open space shall be required for any development of properties with an underlying Business zoning designation within the Old Cutler Road Overlay Zoning District. In addition, open space shall be provided at-grade, above grade, in balconies, terraces, porches, colonnades or any combination of these thereof.

Existing and Potential Future Condition of Old Cutler Road and SW 216th Street





6. Building Height.

- a. <u>Properties with an underlying Residential zoning designation</u>. There shall be a maximum height of 35 feet for a principal building on property within an underlying Residential zoning district.
- b. <u>Properties with an underlying Business zoning designation</u>. There shall be a minimum of 24 feet and maximum of 48 feet in height for any building developed on property with an underlying Business zoning designation.



7. Front Façade

- a. <u>Definition</u>. For purposes of this section the term "Front Façade" shall be defined as that portion of the building facing Old Cutler Road and aligning with the property line adjoining the right-of-way of Old Cutler Road.
- b. <u>Properties with an underlying Residential zoning designation.</u> At least 50% of the residential units along a block face shall provide a forecourt. No security fences, burglar bars, or night shuttering of the Front Façade windows or doors shall be allowed.

- c. <u>Properties with an underlying Business zoning designation</u>. The following Front Façade requirements shall apply to properties with an underlying Business zoning designation:
 - i. The Front Façade shall occupy a minimum of 80 % of the frontage of the lot along Old cutler Road.
 - ii. The Front Façade shall be placed at the setback line.
 - iii. At least 50% of the Front Façade shall have windows that provide a view into activities within the building and shall not be mirror tinted.
 - iv. No security fences, burglar bars, or night shuttering of the Front Façade windows or doors shall be allowed.

D. Site Plan and Landscape Requirements.

- 1. <u>Site Plan Approval</u>. Site plan approval shall be required prior to any development of land within the Old Cutler Road Zoning Overlay District. All site plans shall be submitted and reviewed in accordance with the Town site plan requirements.
 - a. <u>Site Plan Approval After A Public Hearing.</u> Except as provided below, all site plans within the Old Cutler Road Zoning Overlay District shall be approved by the Town Council after a public hearing.
 - b. <u>Administrative Site Plan Approvals.</u> The following types of development shall be subject to administrative site plan approval:
 - i. Renovation and/or expansion of existing structures;
 - ii. Construction of one (1) singly family home on a single lot; and
 - iii. Duplex.
- 2. <u>Landscape Requirements.</u> The landscape regulations contained in Chapter 18A of the Town Code shall apply within the Old Cutler Road Zoning Overlay District, except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance.

E. Parking and Driveway Standards.

1. Parking Requirements. All parking shall be in the rear or side of buildings. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parking requirements set forth in Chapter 33, Article VII, of the Town Code shall apply to all development within the Old Cutler Road Overlay Zoning District, except as provided in section 2 below.

- 2. Parking Requirement Reduction. The Old Cutler Road Zoning Overlay District encourages compact and accessible land-use patterns, minimizing development costs and encouraging alternative forms of transportation in order to reduce traffic problems. The following techniques may be utilized in order to allow for the reduction of parking within the Old Cutler Road Overlay Zoning District:
 - a. <u>Valet parking</u>. Valet parking can increase parking capacity by 20 to 40 % compared with self parking. Valet parking is encouraged and a reduction in required parking shall be allowed when utilized.
 - b. <u>Tandem parking</u>. Tandem parking is allowed to count towards required residential parking.
 - c. <u>Mixed-Use developments</u>. Mixed-Use developments shall be allowed to have a 5% reduction in the required parking and a 10% reduction if the parking facilities are shared.
 - d. <u>Parking and Mobility Management Plan.</u> A site specific parking and mobility management plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Town as part of the development application for any of the reduction techniques to be used.

In addition, parking spaces shall not be visible from Old Cutler Road and shall be designed in such a way as to be buffered (not visible) from other uses and the street.

- 3. <u>Driveways</u>. Driveways shall be controlled and access points shall be limited. Individual sites shall share limited access points.
- F. Properties with an underlying GU (Interim District) zoning designation. Properties within the Old Cutler Road Overlay Zoning District with an underlying GU (Interim District) zoning designation shall be subject to the provisions of this Ordinance. If a neighborhood, as described in Section 33-196 of the Town Code, is predominantly characterized by Residential usage, the property shall be subject to the regulations that apply to properties with an underlying Residential zoning designation. If a neighborhood, as described in Section 33-196 of the Town Code, is predominantly characterized by Business usage, the property shall be subject to the regulations that apply to properties with an underlying Business zoning designation. The Planning Director's decision as to what constitutes a "trend of development" or neighborhood, as defined in Section 33-196 of the Town Code, may be appealed by the applicant to the Town Council.
- G. Wavier from the Old Cutler Road Overlay Zoning District Regulations. A property owner with an underlying Residential zoning designation may apply for a waiver from the provisions of this Ordinance as follows:
 - 1. <u>Administrative approval</u>. If 50% or more of the block frontage where the property is located has either: (a) received a development permit authorizing

- construction of a new building or (b) has been developed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, a waiver from the provisions of this Ordinance may be granted administratively by the Planning Director where the specific use or activity requested by the waiver application will be compatible with surrounding land uses and development. The denial of a waiver under this section may be appealed by the applicant to the Town Council.
- 2. Approval after a public hearing. If less than 50% of the block frontage where the property is located has: (a) received a development permit authorizing construction of a new building or (b) been developed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, a waiver from the provisions of this Ordinance may be granted after a public hearing. The Town Council, after a public hearing, may grant a waiver from the provisions of this Ordinance, where the Town Council determines, based upon substantial competent evidence, that the specific use or activity requested by the waiver application will be compatible with the surrounding land uses and development, and will not impair the public health, safety, or welfare.
- 3. <u>Application</u>. A waiver application, on a form provided by the Town, shall be filed with the Department of Planning and Zoning as well as the waiver application fee.
- **H.** Nonconforming Uses or Structures. As of the effective date of this Ordinance, any uses or structures located within the Old Cutler Road Overlay Zoning District, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this District, shall be considered legal nonconforming uses or structures and shall be subject to the provisions of Section 33-35 of the Town Code.
- <u>Section 3.</u> <u>Approval of Rezoning.</u> The Town Council hereby approves the rezoning of the properties shown on Exhibit "A" and legally described in Exhibit B to the Old Cutler Road Overlay Zoning District.
- **Section 4. Termination of Moratorium**. Upon the adoption of this Ordinance, the moratorium adopted on July 5, 2006, by Ordinance No. 06-15, and extended by Ordinance 06-21 shall be terminated.
- <u>Section 5.</u> <u>Severability.</u> If any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.
- <u>Section 6.</u> <u>Conflict.</u> All Sections or parts of Sections of the Code of Ordinances, all ordinances or parts of ordinances, and all Resolutions, or parts of Resolutions, in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption on second reading.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on first reading	g this <u>20th</u> day of <u>December</u> , 2006.
PASSED AND ADOPTED on second rea	ding this, 2007.
	PAUL S. VROOMAN, Mayor
Attest:	
ERIKA GONZALEZ-SANTAMARIA, CMC	
Town Clerk	ž
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE	
SOLE USE OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY:	
WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN PASTORIZA COLE & BONISKE, P.A.	
Interim Town Attorney	
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FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:	
Mayor Paul S. Vrooman	_
Vice Mayor Edward P. MacDougall	-
Councilmember Peggy R. Bell	-
Councilmember Timothy J. Meerbott	-
Councilmember Ernest N. Sochin	

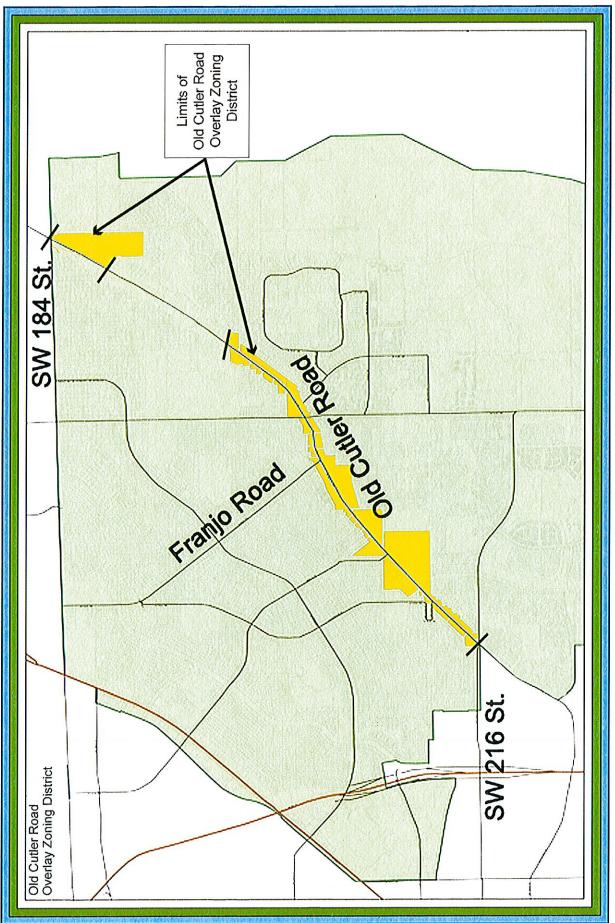
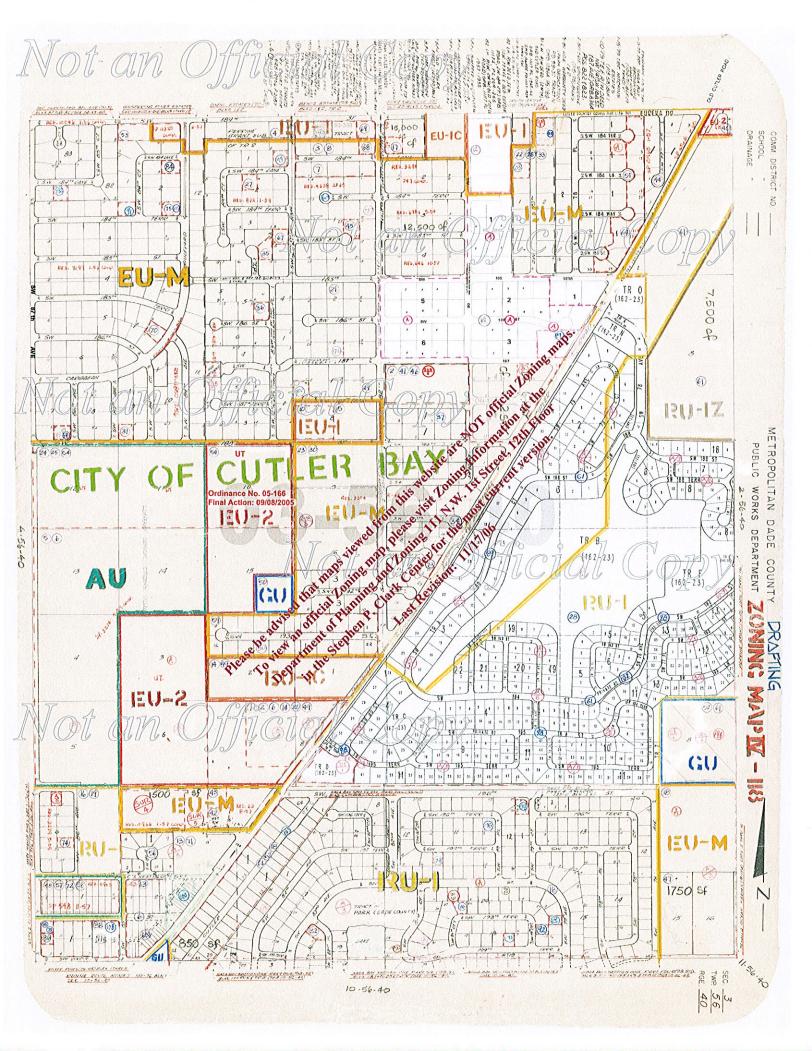


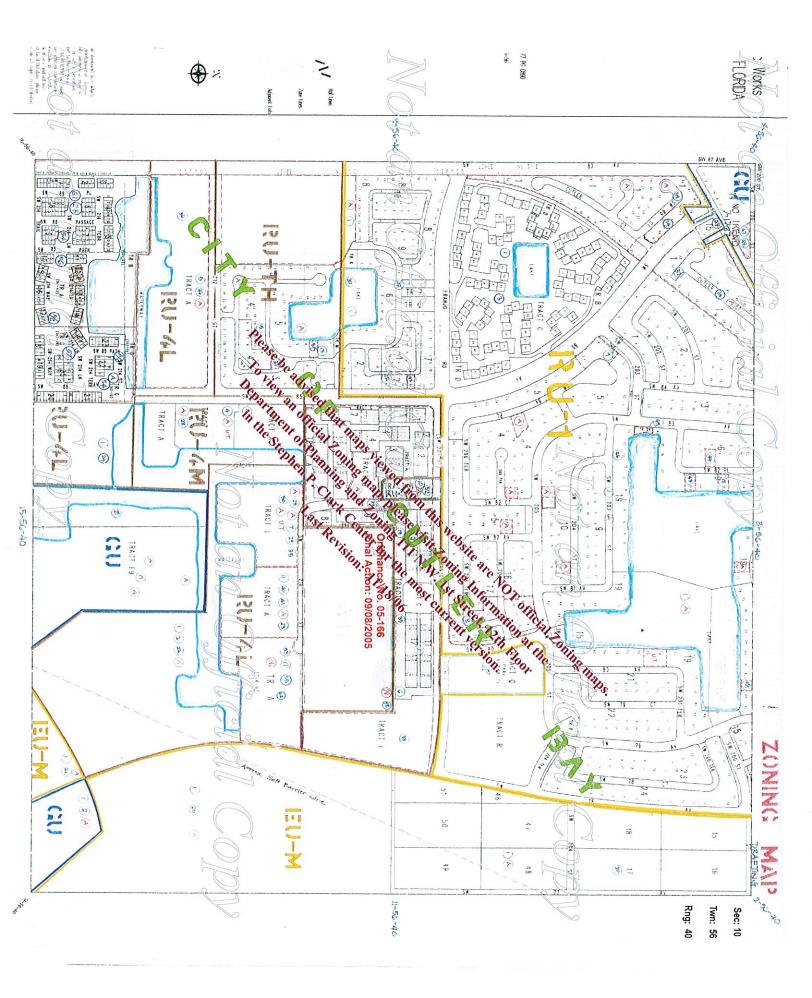
Exhibit A

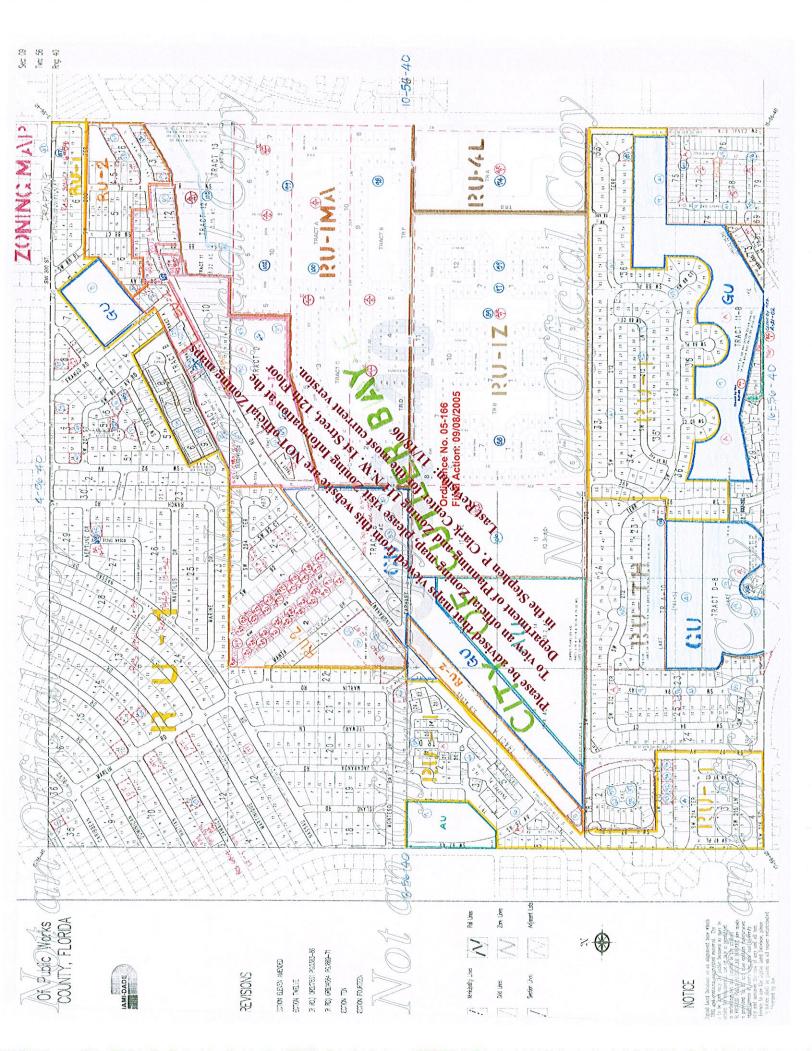
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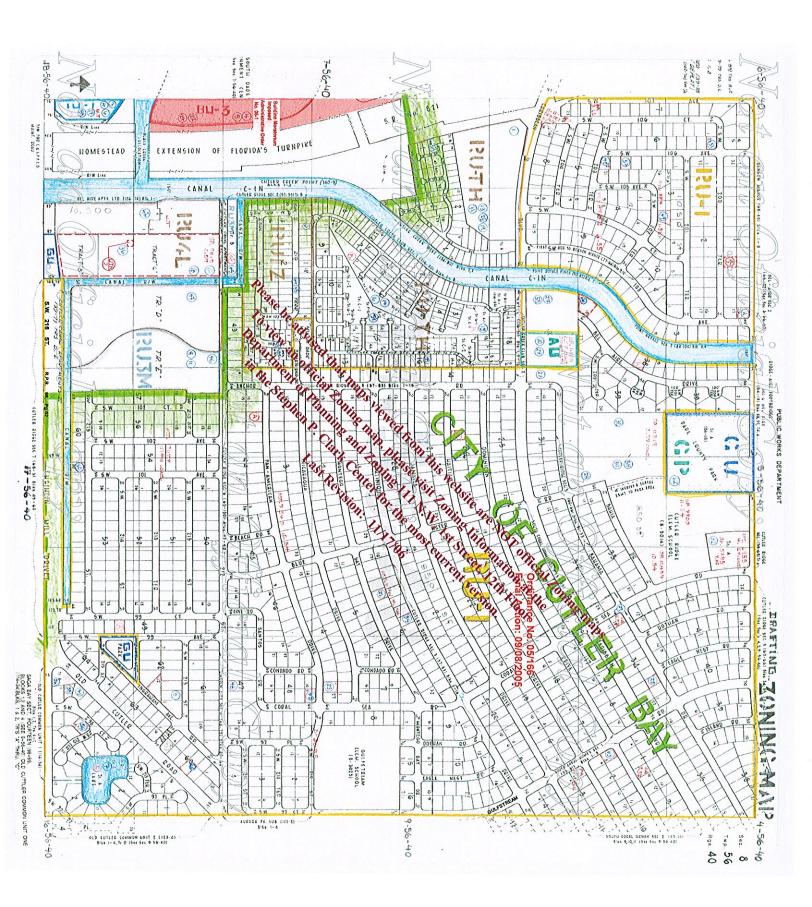
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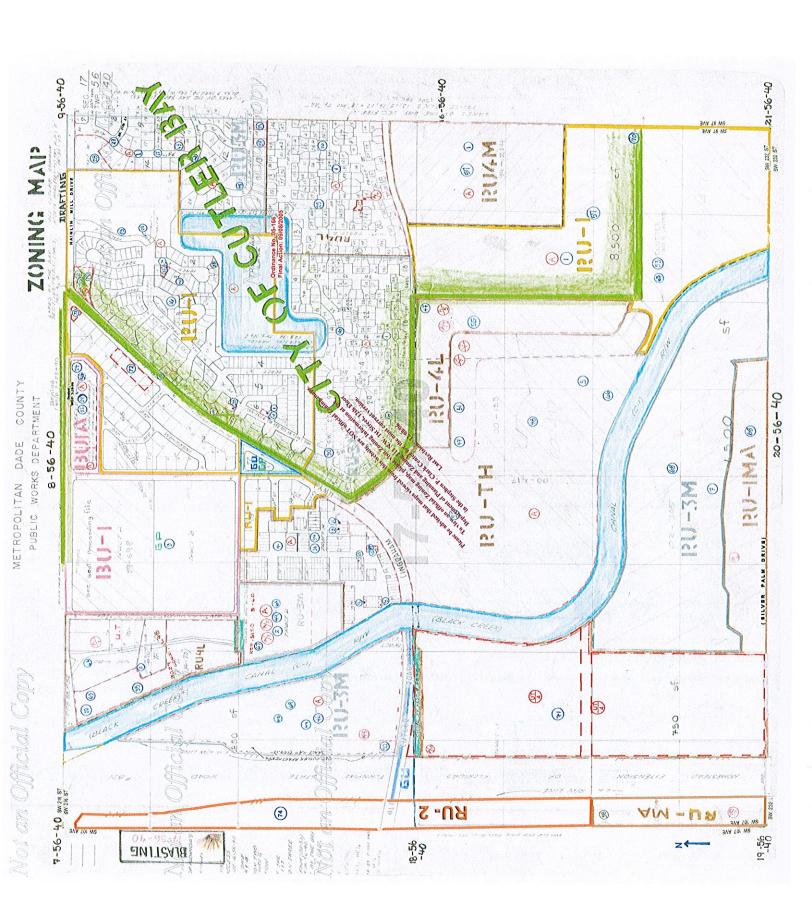
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Old Cutler Road Charrette

CHARRETTE AREA PLAN REPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

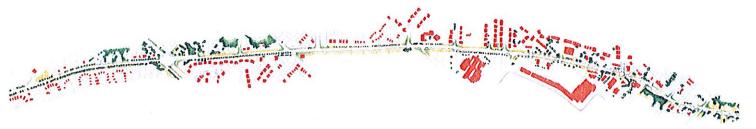
OLD CUTLER ROAD CHARRETTE, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FLORIDA: The Old Cutler Road Charrette Area Plan is the citizens' vision for the enhancement of a two and a half mile segment of Old Cutler Road. It represents the ultimate growth and form of their community and the creation of a recognizable center for the south Old Cutler area, which stretches between SW 200th Street and SW 224th Street in south Miami-Dade County.

THE OLD CUTLER ROAD MASTER PLAN GREW OUT OF A DESIGN CHARRETTE HELD FROM JUNE 21st THROUGH JUNE 28th, 2002: The Charrette was held at the Edward Whigham Elementary School and was well attended by residents, property and business owners, representing a diverse cross-section of the community as well as County staff and elected officials, who all worked together to define the elements of this master plan. During the week, the design team

set up its studio in a storefront at the Old Cutler Town Center, where the doors remained open to the public all day. A presentation of the work in progress was held on Friday, June 28th where the community embraced the concepts included in the Charrette Area Plan. Work is documented in the form of a Charrette report and recommendations summary as a follow up to the initial public workshop.

THE CITIZENS, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A PROFESSIONAL TEAM, STUDIED THE MANY CHALLENGES FACED BY THE COMMUNITY AND PROPOSED SPECIFIC SOLUTIONS:

A series of presentations by County Staff were held and during that time further citizen and professional input was taken into account. The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) passed a resolution (# R-439-04) on April 13th 2004, thereby accepting the Old Cutler Road Charrette Area Plan Report and it's recommendations.



Above: Plan of existing conditions in the study area. Below left: Scenes from the public design process on Saturday, June 21st, 2002. Numerous concerned citizens from the Old Cutter area participated in the charrette at Edward Whigham Elementary. Below right: The Old Cutter Road Charrette study area in the context of South Miami-Dade County





BEFORE AND AFTER:









Above: Pedestrian, lighting, and landscape improvements in the corridor.

Above: Entrance feature at SW 102 Avenue marks arrival into the Old Cutler civic district.

Old Cutler Road: "A Historic Path"

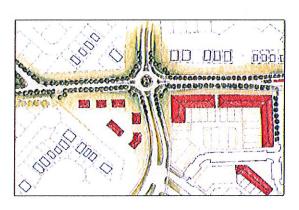
The Old Cutler Road Charrette Report contains detailed instructions that if followed, will reduce traffic congestion and allow development while restoring the historic ambiance of the road. Through the project corridor, the roadway serves commuters destined for points north as well as the retail core of the community.

The roadway was designated as historic by the State in 1974 and limits widening beyond its two-lane current condition. The proposals in this effort are focused on rebalancing the roadway toward all its users: motorists, pedestrians, transit users, and bicyclists.

Traffic volumes on Old Cutler Road currently number 12,000 to 16,000 vehicles per day (VPD) north of SW 184th Street, while the volumes to the south approach 22,000 VPD.

Approved development proposals in the area southeast of Old Cutler Road will add approximately 3,000 new homes within the area and will result in additional traffic volumes. As new neighborhoods are built, opportunities to provide alternate access should be maximized. Such potential connections include SW 212th Street, SW 97th Avenue, SW 92nd Avenue, SW 224th Street, Franjo Road, and SW 85th Avenue.

The extensive concentration of commercial uses within the study area is unique along Old Cutler Road and also marks the end of the historic corridor. The master plan proposes to announce the culmination of the road with a unique statement that is within the road's historic parameters. A pair of roundabouts, at SW 87th Avenue and 97th Avenue will serve this function as gateways into the historic corridor.



Implementing Roundabouts:
Left: Connecting SW 97th
Avenue and creating a
roundabout at Old Cutler Road
Right: Improving the SW 87th
Avenue and Old Cutler Road
intersection with a roundabout
These proposals create
'bookends' to the Old Cutler
civic district and provide
a mark of transition from
the commercial core to the
surrounding residential areas.





Above: Citizens' Charrette Area Plan enhancements to the Old Cutler Road corridor from SW 200th Street to SW 224th Street

Citizens' Requests:

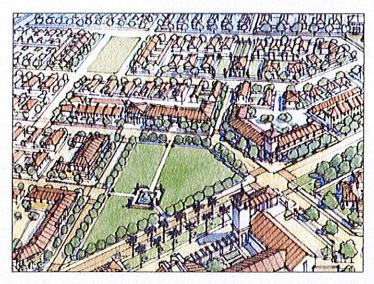
- Restore the historic character of Old Cutler Road
- · Reduce congestion, improve traffic flow and safety
- · Calm traffic along Old Cutler Road
- · Improve intersections and build new streets
- · Improve landscaping on Old Cutler Road
- · Maintain and improve sidewalks and bike lanes
- · Connect existing streets and parking lots
- · Consolidate driveways

- · Promote civic identity, create a civic district/town center
- · Place an entrance feature at the start of the civic district
- · Create a walkable, pedestrian-friendly environment
- Relocate Khoury League baseball fields
- · Create a plaza surrounded by mixed-use buildings
- Improve drainage
- Establish architectural design guidelines

THE VISION







From 'Potato Field' to Town Center The Citizens' Charrette Area Plan proposes the land east of Old Cutler Road and North of SW 212th Street become a center for the community. During the charrette, the need to define the area's identity and create a public gathering place was expressed. Top left: View across the triangular green along Old Cutler Road. Above left: View down a new street in the neighborhood that terminates on a civic building. Above right: View to the southeast over Old Cutler Road.

BEFORE AND AFTER:





Above: Landscape and pedestrian improvements in the corridor- The Citizens' Charrette Area Plan proposes sidewalks and consistent tree planting on both sides of Old Cutler Road through the corridor to provide a comfortable environment for all users of the roadway.

Old Cutler Road Charrette

CHARRETTE AREA PLAN REPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

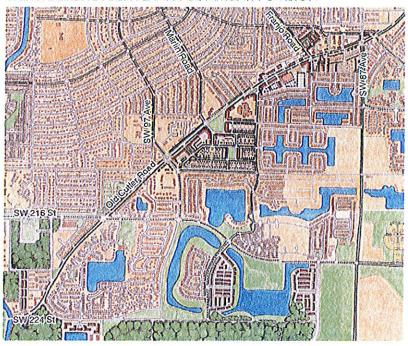
Project Goals and Objectives:

The goal of the Old Cutler Road Charrette Area Plan is to create a framework that will preserve the heritage of this historic roadway, facilitate improvement in public infrastructure and the investment in private land, enhance the livability and encourage design quality, both architectural and urban, in a manner that achieves the following objectives:

- To preserve and enhance the historic and community character along Old Cutler Road
- Reintroduce pedestrian-scale improvements in lighting and landscaping; rebalance vehicular movement in the corridor
- Providing residents additional travel options by connecting the street network east of 87th Avenue to Old Cutler Road

- To enhance safety and lower travel speeds in the neighborhoods to the northwest of Old Cutler Road by implementing roundabouts in place of traffic signals wherever appropriate
- To create a civic district/town center and public gathering space for the surrounding area
- Provide residents better access to goods and services available along Old Cutler Road without having to travel on that same road
- To increase safety along Old Cutler Road through design modifications that reduce motorists' speeds and increase pedestrian and bicycle visibility and comfort

THE CHARRETTE AREA PLAN: A COMMUNITY'S VISION



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