

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 15(B)3

TO:

Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime, and

Members, Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk

Circuit and County Courts

Christopher Agrippa, Director Clerk of the Board Division

SUBJECT: Resolution 2015-5 of the

Village of Pinecrest, Florida

opposing the proposed

development of Pine Rockland Acreage near Zoo Miami in Unincorporated Miami-Dade

County; providing for an

effective date

DATE: February 3, 2015

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2015-5 of the Village of Pinecrest, Florida opposing the proposed development of Pine Rockland Acreage new Zoo Miami in Unincorporated Miami-Dade County; providing for an effective date.

CA/fcd Attachment

## RESOLUTION 2015-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PINECREST, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF PINE ROCKLAND ACREAGE NEAR ZOO MIAMI IN UNINCORPORATED MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, forest land generally located at Southwest 152 Street and Southwest 127 Avenue, near Zoo Miami, in unincorporated Miami-Dade County, is being considered for development as a mixed use project; and

WHEREAS, the property consists of one of the last intact tracts of endangered pine rockland within Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, pine rockland is a globally imperiled habitat containing an array of rare plants, animals, and insects which are rare and exclusive to that habitat; and

WHEREAS, some of the endangered species for which the property provides a habitat include the bald eagle, indigo snake, the Florida bonneted bat, and two rare butterflies; and

WHEREAS, as part of the development process, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners will consider declaring the area blighted; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Pinecrest is concerned about the loss of this valuable natural area and desires to express its opposition to the development of the property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF PINECREST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1</u>. That the Village Council hereby opposes the designation of the pine rockland property near Zoo Miami as blighted and further opposes the development of this natural area - one of the last intact tracts of endangered pine rockland within Miami-Dade County.

<u>Section 2</u>. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of January 2015

Cindy Lerner, Mayo

Attest:

Guido H. Inguanzo, Jr., CMC

Village Clerk

## Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:

Mitchell Bierman Village Attorney

Motion by: Second by:

Vice Mayor Ross

Councilmember McDonald

Vote:

Councilmembers Ball, Kraft, McDonald, Vice Mayor Ross, and Mayor Lerner voting Yes