

'Potential for exploitation.' Dade School Board wants to clarify NIL rule for student-athletes

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Steve Gallon III

The Miami-Dade School Board approved an item that asks the district to analyze the implementation of the new Florida High School Athletic Association rule that allows student-athletes to benefit from their name, image and likeness (NIL).

The item was introduced on Tuesday by board member Steve Gallon III. It asks Superintendent Jose L. Dotres to review the new rule and figure out how it will be implemented in the dis-

trict, as well as if any amendments need to be made to existing policy. A working group will be established to provide a plan for implementation.

In early June, Florida joined California, Georgia and more than 30 other states to allow NIL deals for high-school athletes. The change allows student-athletes and their parents or guardians to broker NIL deals outside of a school, a district or

the FHSAA. It also permits student-athletes to hire a registered agent "for the purpose of advising on NIL related matters," according to the FHSAA bylaws.

Gallon says the new rule is "out there with no guidance," and he is concerned that some families are receiving false promises and misinformation about potential NIL deals.

"I think the notion of compensating high-school students brings a great degree of concern for the potential for exploitation," said Gallon.

He says he is concerned that some parents might

not have the support, knowledge or resources to navigate decisions about helping their children benefiting from their fame.

The law allows athletes to make business arrangements only if they do not use a school's name.

But nonetheless, Gallon says parents might choose one school over another based on the likelihood of gaining business opportunities.

"Maybe a parent would choose one particular high school because they feel like at that high school there might be more opportunities for them to make money," said Gallon.

He is hopeful that the school district can clarify how parents, athletic directors, athletes and school administrators will be impacted — and how they can follow the new rule.

But even Miami-Dade School Board member and FHSAA President Monica Colucci recognized that the rule takes Florida into "new territory."

"There are going to be hesitations," Colucci told the News Service of Florida in early June. "We are going to feel nervous. But I do really believe that this is going to put us on par with the rest of the country."

The rule has coaches and athletic directors concerned.

Miami Jackson High football coach Max Edwards told the Herald in an earlier interview that it was a bad idea.

"I think it's one of the stupidest rules that they ever came up with," he said, citing the poor pay of Florida high-school football coaches. "They'll make more than the coaches!"

Andre Williams, the athletic director at Miami Northwestern Senior High School, says he foresees the rule being challenging to implement.

"It's not clear yet how the law will play out; we are still trying to get some direction on that."

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saint L'Ouverture Elementary and Twin Lakes Elementary for the 2024-2025 school year.

Outside the meeting, the activists argued that these boundary changes and repurposings are the result of efforts to fund voucher programs and charter schools to the detriment of traditional public schools.

"This is a systematic diverting of dollars from public education to private schools," said Mina Hosseini, executive director of P.S. 305, an education-advocacy group in Miami-Dade County.

"This is a small example of something the board is forced to do based on state funding," said Hosseini.

Ziko Fremont, a father and business owner whose daughter just finished fifth grade at Shadowlawn Elementary, said he is disappointed his other children can't continue at

the school. Fremont also has two children he adopted from Haiti, ages 11 and 7. The 11-year-old had just adjusted to attending school in the United States and thrived at Shadowlawn.

One of the reasons Shadowlawn is closing is the physical condition of the school, says Fremont.

"The Miami-Dade Public Schools knew that each school was on the verge of deteriorating. Why aren't our school system and lawmakers finding ways to change that?" asked Fremont, who lives across the street from Shadowlawn, near Little Haiti.

Another Shadowlawn parent, Moses Dany, said he does not know where he will send his son next school year.

"I don't think closing schools should be a natural process," said Dany, who attended public schools and is a firefighter



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A student poses at the building where Miami-Dade County's School Board was meeting on Tuesday. Activists argue that boundary changes and repurposings are the result of efforts to fund voucher programs and charter schools.

and paramedic for Miramar. He said he believes public schools should be given more resources because "every child deserves a nice education."

Steve Gallon III, the School Board member for District 1, said before the meeting that many factors are taken into consideration when deciding whether to create new boundaries for schools.

Those items include enrollment, curriculum choices and demographics of a neighborhood.

"I understand that our public-school system is now broadly defined," said Gallon of the changes.

During the meeting, Gallon and fellow board members Roberto J. Alonso, Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Mari Tere

Rojas and Monica Colucci responded to speakers who were opposed to the boundary changes. The board members were in agreement that the boundary changes happened in a transparent manner with sufficient public input.

Bendross-Mindingall — who represents District 2, where Shadowlawn is located — said the boundary changes are a result of changing demographics in neighborhoods. She supported the boundary changes.

In Florida, legislation facilitating school choice has dominated the agenda for the past several years.

During a recent Florida Board of Education meeting in Miami, state Education Commissioner Manny Diaz Jr. pointed out that parents in the state now have increased opportunity to choose whether they want to send their children to a public, private or charter school.

In March 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis signed legislation that made it possible for every

school-aged child in Florida to get a taxpayer-funded education voucher of up to \$8,000. Previously, the program was limited to families with certain incomes. In the first year of the newly expanded voucher program, most of the funds went to students who were already enrolled in private schools.

In the upcoming fiscal year, \$3.9 billion will be allocated to vouchers in Florida, according to the Florida Policy Institute.

But opponents of vouchers say the increased appropriations for vouchers weakens public-school systems.

"If you want your kids to go to a private school, then you should pay for it," said Norin Dollard, who is a senior policy analyst at the Florida Policy Institute and was at the rally outside the School Board meeting.

"Public schools are a public good," said Dollard.

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CITY OF DORAL NOTICE OF ZONING WORKSHOP

All residents, property owners and other interested parties are hereby notified of a **Zoning Workshop** on **Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** The Meeting will take place at the City of Doral, Government Center, 1st Floor Multipurpose Room located at 8401 NW 53rd Terrace, Doral, Florida, 33166.

The following application will be presented:

HEARING NO.: 24-06-DOR-11

APPLICANT: MG3 Doral Office LLC (the "Applicant")

PROJECT NAME: Doral Concourse FLUM, Rezoning & Site Plan

PROPERTY OWNER: MG3 Doral Office LLC

LOCATION: 8400 NW 36 Street, Doral, FL

FOLIO NUMBER: 35-3027-060-0010

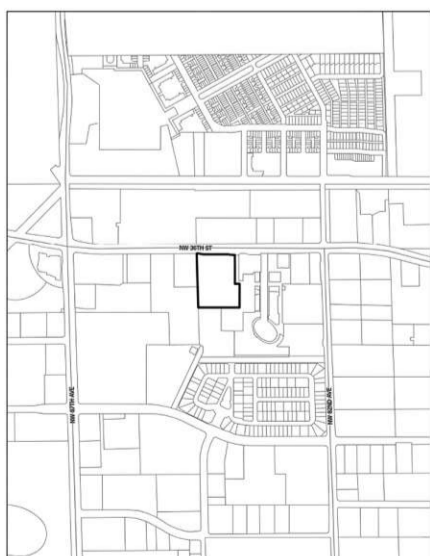
SIZE OF PROPERTY: ±5.64 acres

FUTURE LAND USE MAP CATEGORY: Office and Residential

ZONING DISTRICT: Industrial Commercial (IC)

REQUEST: The Applicant is requesting a zoning map amendment from Industrial Commercial (IC) to Downtown Mixed Use (DMU), an amendment to the Future Land Use Map designation from Office and Residential to Downtown Mixed Use (DMU), and the site plan will consist of a retrofit of an existing single-use structure comprised of offices only, activating the ground floor by adding four (4) restaurants totaling approximately 10,000 square feet for the property located at 8400 NW 36 Street.

Location Map



ZONING WORKSHOP PROCESS: The zoning workshop consists of two sessions:

1. **First Session.** The first session of a zoning workshop shall provide a forum for members of the public to learn about proposed developments within the city. Developments may be presented to the public simultaneously, in several locations within the meeting site. During this session, members of the public are encouraged to ask questions and to provide feedback to the applicant about the proposed development. The applicant shall provide visual depictions,

such as renderings, drawings, pictures, and the location of the proposed development. In addition, representatives of the applicant shall be available to answer questions that members of the public may have about the proposed development. The members of the City Council shall not be present during the first session of the zoning workshop.

2. **Second Session.** The second session of a zoning workshop shall provide a forum for the City Council to learn about the proposed developments discussed at the first session of the zoning workshop. No quorum requirement shall apply. Developments shall be presented by the applicants sequentially, one at a time, for the City Council's review and comment. The applicant shall again present visual depictions of the proposed development. In addition, the applicant shall be available to answer any questions that members of the City Council may have about the proposed development.

No quorum requirement shall apply nor will any vote on any project be taken, but roll call will be taken, as it is a publicly noticed meeting.

Information relating to this request is on file and may be examined in the City of Doral, Planning and Zoning Department located at **8401 NW 53rd Terrace, Doral, FL 33166**. Maps and other data pertaining to these applications are available for public inspection during normal business hours in City Hall. Inquiries regarding the item may be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department at 305-59-DORAL.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, all persons who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 305-59-DORAL no later than three (3) business days prior to the proceeding.

NOTE: If you are not able to communicate, or are not comfortable expressing yourself, in the English language, it is your responsibility to bring with you an English-speaking interpreter when conducting business at the City of Doral during the zoning application process up to, and including, appearance at a hearing. This person may be a friend, relative or someone else. A minor cannot serve as a valid interpreter. The City of Doral DOES NOT provide translation services during the zoning application process or during any quasi-judicial proceeding.

NOTA: Si usted no está en capacidad de comunicarse, o no se siente cómodo al expresarse en inglés, es de su responsabilidad traer un intérprete del idioma inglés cuando trate asuntos públicos o de negocios con la Ciudad de Doral durante el proceso de solicitudes de zonificación, incluyendo su comparecencia a una audiencia. Esta persona puede ser un amigo, familiar o alguien que le haga la traducción durante su comparecencia a la audiencia. Un menor de edad no puede ser intérprete. La Ciudad de Doral NO suministra servicio de traducción durante ningún procedimiento o durante el proceso de solicitudes de zonificación.

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City Clerk
City of Doral



CITY OF DORAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024** the City of Doral will hold a **Public Hearing** at **6:00 p.m.** The Meeting will take place at the **City of Doral Government Center Council Chambers**, located at **8401 NW 53 Terrace, Doral, Florida 33166**.

The following Ordinance(s) will be considered for **FINAL ADOPTION** on **SECOND READING**:

Ordinance #2024-20 **"FY 23-24 Budget Amendment"**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF DORAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Ordinance #2024-21 **"Creating School Speed Zones"**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, CREATING CHAPTER 44, ARTICLE II, OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "SPEED DETECTION SYSTEMS IN SCHOOL ZONES," TO AUTHORIZE THE PLACEMENT, INSTALLATION, AND OPERATION OF SPEED DETECTION SYSTEMS ON ROADWAYS MAINTAINED AS SCHOOL ZONES; TO ESTABLISH TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES WHEN SPEED DETECTION SYSTEMS ARE UTILIZED FOR SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMIT VIOLATIONS; AND CREATE HEARING PROCEDURES RELATING TO SUCH SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMIT VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, that person will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in this public hearing should contact the Office of the City Clerk at 8401 NW 53 Terrace, Doral, Florida; telephone number (305) 593-6730, no later than three (3) business days prior to such proceedings.

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