



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
December 11, 2012**

ITEM TITLE:

Historic Preservation Board meeting of October 18, 2012.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

1. DEFERRALS:

1433 Mendavia Avenue

2. PERSONAL APPEARANCE:

City Planner Eric Riel reviewed an October 10, 2012 report which contained final drafts of Zoning Code text amendments requested by the Historical Resources Department. He described three amendments that were related to historic preservation issues and required review and approval of the Board. Additional input was given by the City Attorney followed by Board discussion.

A motion was made to recommend approval of all three amendments with a text correction on Section 3-1107 to read "...shall be held within sixty (60) days" ... rather than, "a minimum of sixty (60) days ..."; and in Section 3-1113, to leave in the words, "historic landmark" on line two after the word, "local." (Ayes: 8, Nays: 0)

3. LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION:

CASE FILE LHD 2012-02: Consideration of the local historic designation of the property at **1425 Sorolla Avenue**, legally described at Lot 17, Block 19, Coral Gables Section "E", according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 13, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

A motion was made to approve the local historic designation of the property at 1425 Sorolla Avenue. (Ayes: 8, Nays: 0)

CASE FILE LHD 2012-03 and COA (SP) 2012-017: Consideration of the local historic designation of and an accelerated Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at **1021 Asturia Avenue**, legally described at Lot 17, Block 7, Coral Gables Section "C", according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 26, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant requested design approval for the restoration of the residence.

A motion was made to approve the local historic designation of the property located at 1021 Asturia Avenue. (Ayes: 8, Nays: 0)

A motion was made to approve the issuance of an accelerated Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 1021 Asturia Avenue. (Ayes: 8, Nays: 0)

4. **SPECIAL CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS:**

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2012-016: An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at **180 Aragon Avenue**, "The Colonnade," a local historic landmark. A lengthy legal description is on file in the Historical Resources Department. The applicant requested design approval for interior and exterior alterations to the portion of the building that is not part of the original structure.

A motion was made to approve the application which was then amended, to require the applicant to return to the Board for review of all proposed materials and colors, a color rendering of the project and a finish board. (Ayes: 8, Nays: 0)

5. **BOARD ITEMS / CITY COMMISSION / CITY PROJECTS UPDATES:**

408 Viscaya Avenue/French Normandy Village Door Issue: As a continuation of the door replacement discussion held at the September 2012 meeting, further discussion was heard from the homeowner and others.

A motion was made to approve a French door in a finish that blends with the newly-installed windows, with the alternative possibility of selecting a wood-like/half-light door, if available, all to be reviewed and approved by staff. (Ayes: 8, Nays: 0)

Windows Workshop: Ms. MacIntyre reported that she submitted a \$1,000 grant application to the Villagers, which passed the group's project committee and board of directors, pending only an anticipated vote of approval by membership. The grant application stipulated that the Board would be a co-partner in the workshop and would match the grant.

A motion was made for the Historic Preservation Board to co-sponsor (with the Villagers) a windows workshop, using \$1,000 from the Board's trust fund. An amendment to the motion was then made to pledge to provide up to \$1,000 subject to documentation of actual budget expenses for the workshop. (Ayes: 8, Nays: 0)

1044 Coral Way: Ms. Spain reported that the issue on the removal of the designation that the Board did not approve is being appealed to the City Commission, and will be heard October 30, 2012.

George Merrick Painting: Ms. Spain reported that the contract with Rustin Levenson Art Conservation Associates was signed and is undergoing required City processes. It is anticipated that the restoration work will begin soon.

University of Miami Architectural Students: Ms. Guerrero asked for Board consideration of a proposal by several graduate architectural students (with minors in historic preservation), to collaborate with the Board and Historical Resources Department. Ms. Spain will develop a list of projects that could be mutually beneficial.

Historic Preservationist: Ms. Spain updated the Board on the Historic Preservationist position.

LeJeune Road and Alhambra Circle Entrance: Ms. Spain mentioned that she will be speaking to the City Attorney regarding possible sunshine issues in reference to fact and information finding meetings among the Board members involved in the project to rebuild the coral rock monument at the entrance.

Town Plan: The Board was informed that Jorge Hernandez would be attending a future meeting to discuss the town plan.

AIA Annual General Membership Meeting: Mr. Silva encouraged Board member attendance at the October 24th meeting being held at Miami Senior High School.

Proposed Art Monuments: Information was requested about two public art monuments proposed for the City, one of which will come to the Board.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Minutes of Historic Preservation Board meeting of October 18, 2012