



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
January 22, 2013**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Historic Preservation Board meeting of November 15, 2012.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

**1. DEFERRALS:**

745 Minorca Avenue, Case File LHD 2012-07

**2. AD VALOREM TAX RELIEF:**

**CASE FILE AV 2009-04:** An application requesting ad valorem tax relief for the property at 1021 Alhambra Circle, a contributing structure within the "Alhambra Circle Historic District," legally described as Lots 15 and 16 and the East ½ of Lot 17, Block 3, Coral Gables Section "C," according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, at Page 26, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The related Certificate of Appropriateness [Case File COA (SP) 2009-09] was granted approval by the Historic Preservation Board on May 7, 2009.

**A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval for ad valorem tax relief for the property at 1021 Alhambra Circle. (Ayes: 8, Nays: 0)**

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

**Miami Herald Building:** Ms. Tackett asked Board consideration of drafting a resolution in support of the historic designation of the Miami Herald building and the adaptive re-use of it in the future.

**A motion was made and seconded to issue a Board resolution in support of the historic designation of the Miami Herald building. (Ayes: 7, Nays: 1)**

**Board Annual Report:** Ms. MacIntyre requested the Board's receipt of an email copy of the annual report.

**Windows Seminar:** Ms. MacIntyre reported that the Villagers approved the \$1,000 grant for the windows seminar. Seminar ideas will be sent to staff and staff will disseminate them to Board members.

**Lifetime Achievement Award for Historic Preservation Advocacy:** Ms. Spain announced that Ms. MacIntyre received this prestigious and well-earned award from Miami-Dade County.

**UM Building Restorations/City Recognition:** Ms. Guerrero asked staff to consider recognizing appropriate University restorations of historic buildings. She also requested a discussion with staff about UM School of Architecture students and their independent study projects for next semester.

**George Merrick Painting:** Ms. Spain reported that the painting was being restored by Rustin Levenson, a process that should be completed in six months. The Board recognized Ms. Turner's advocacy for, and initiation of, the project.

**1044 Coral Way:** Ms. Spain reported that the property was de-designated after being heard on appeal by the City Commission. Future plans for the property are required to be brought before this Board and the Board of Architects, each being a recommending Board, with the City Attorney attending each of the Board

meetings and then to the City Commission for final approval. When the street becomes a district, Board review will be part of the regular process. A historic landmark marker will be installed on the property.

**Merrick House Holiday Open House:** The event will take place Saturday, December 8, 2012 from 1pm to 4pm.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Minutes of Historic Preservation Board meeting of November 15, 2012