



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
February 14, 2017**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Historic Preservation Board Meeting of December 15, 2016.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

DEFERRALS: None

REQUEST FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION OF CORAL GABLES TO PLACE A DOUBLE-SIDED HISTORIC MARKER FOR THE ALHAMBRA CIRCLE BRIDLE PATH / CORAL GABLES RIDING ACADEMY AND APPROVAL OF MARKER TEXT:

Ms. Spain introduced Karelia Carbonell, President of the Historic Preservation Association of Coral Gables (HPACG).

For context, Ms. Carbonell relayed the organization's research regarding the City's early bridle path and riding academy as well as the significance of this area to the City's history. Regarding the referenced marker and on behalf of the board of directors of HPACG, Ms. Carbonell requested a historical marker to be placed in the area of the southwest corner of Salzedo Street and Giralda Avenue to identify and increase awareness of the cultural heritage in the City of Coral Gables and to enhance the enjoyment of both residents and visitors, commemorating a forgotten important part of local Coral Gables history.

The proposed 1,235-character text of the historical marker was considered favorably by the Board as presented. Mr. Silva advised that the marker should be readable on both sides and accessible to pedestrians.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the marker and text as presented, and to include the suggestion made by Mr. Silva. (*Ayes: 9, Nays: 0*)

LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATIONS:

CASE FILE LHD 2016-012: Consideration of the local historic designation of the property at 2806 Granada Boulevard, legally described as Lot 2, Block 19, Coral Gables Country Club Section Part One, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, at Page 108 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the local historic designation of the property at 2806 Granada Boulevard. (*Ayes: 8, Nays: 0*)

CASE FILE LHD 2016-015:

Consideration of the local historic designation of the property at 625 Candia Avenue, legally described as Lots 15 and 16, Block 151, Coral Gables Country Club Section Part Six, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 20, at Page 1 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

A motion was made and seconded to a motion to approve historic designation for the property at 625 Candia. (*Ayes: 8, Nays: 1*)

CASE FILE LHD 2016-018:

Consideration of the local historic designation of the property at 501 Aragon Avenue, legally described as Lots 13

and 14, Block 10, Coral Gables Section "B," according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, at Page 111 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Local Historic Designation of the property at 501 Aragon Avenue. (*Ayes: 9, Nays: 0*)

**SPECIAL CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS:**

**CASE FILE COA (SP) 2016-029:** An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 2907 Columbus Boulevard, a Local Historic Landmark, legally described as Lots 13 and 14, Block 15, Coral Gables Country Club Section 1, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, at Page 108 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The application requests design approval for additions and alterations to the residence and sitework.

A revised motion to approve with staff recommendations (as stated in the written report) the design proposal for the alterations and additions to the residence at 2907 Columbus Boulevard, and to request that the applicant work with staff to remove the decorative barrel tile hoods and decorative tile for the windows that are existing, to remove the connection to the garage from the house, and to address the color of the awnings. (*Ayes: 9, Nays: 0*)

**CASE FILE COA (SP) 2016-030:**

An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 915 Bayamo Avenue, a Local Historic Landmark, legally described as Lots 14, 15, and 16, Block 252, Coral Gables Riviera Section Part Twelve, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 28, Page 35, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The application requests design approval for an addition to the residence and sitework.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the design proposal for the alterations and additions to the building at 915 Bayamo Avenue, a Local Historic Landmark. (*Ayes: 9, Nays: 0*)

**ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:**

**City Boards and Committees Appreciation Event:** Ms. Spain announced that Board members would receive an invitation from the City for the event to be held at Coral Gables Country Club on Thursday, January 12th from 6 to 9 p.m.

**MacFarlane Homestead Historic District Restoration/Rehabilitation Project Update:** Ms. Spain advised that 129 Frow Avenue was currently in the permitting process, and that a large tree had been removed from the property yesterday. The Oak Avenue house will begin permitting when it receives the County release. She said the Miami-Dade County money given to fund the project was limited and asked if Board members knew of a company that would donate bathroom and kitchen fixtures and appliances to help preserve project funds. Mr. Torre volunteered to speak with his contacts.

**Historic Plaques:**

Mr. Torre urged that the historic plaques be installed as quickly as possible at all designated properties throughout the City. Mr. Fullerton displayed the plaque for the television camera.