Board of Architects – RENDITION LETTER

PROJECT: 625 Almeria Townhomes
            Borges Architects + Associates

DATE: 25 November 2015

On September 3, 2015, Mr. Reinaldo Borges presented a project to the Board of Architects for review. After a detailed presentation of the proposed townhome development the Board of Architects made some recommendation to the Architect and deferred the project to be reviewed at a later date. At a regular meeting of the Board of Architects, held on September 24, 2015, the Board of Architects APPROVED the proposed four townhome development known as 625 ALMERIA TOWNHOME (the Board voted 6 in favor and 1 opposed to the proposed development). On October 5, 2015, Dr. Richard Polo (resident of 647 Almeria Avenue), filed an appeal with the office of the City Clerk to contest the Approval granted by the Board of Architects.
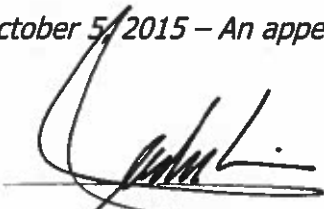
Description of the Proposal

This proposed Multi-Family Townhome Project located on Almeria Avenue proposes a different perspective on the more traditionally classic developments of this neighborhood. The architect, Mr. Reinaldo Borges, has chosen to relate to the fabric of the neighborhood through scale, height, massing, and materials rather that the obvious replication of an architectural style. Mr. Borges makes a credible argument regarding many metropolitan areas, including Coral Gables, in which CONTRASTS creates a possitive tension in the urban landscape. The 3 story proposal is surrounded by mature oaks and presents an interesting and elegant urban scale to the sidewalk.

Review History

September 3, 2015 – This proposed four townhome development project was presented to the Board of Architects. The Board DEFERRED the project.

September 24, 2015 – The proposed four townhome development project was again presented to the Board with many changes reflecting the Boards recommendations at the previous presentation. The Board APPROVED the projet (6 votes in favor and 1 opposed).

October 5, 2015 – An appeal was filed by Dr. Richard Polo.

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