

City of Coral Gables

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Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

9:30 AM

Sister Cities Conference Room - Coral Gables Museum

Landmarks Advisory Board

Chairperson Don Slesnick
Vice Chairperson Lauren Dowlen
Board Member Ajit Asrani
Board Member Ramona Busot
Board Member Alice Goldhagen
Board Member Donna Heisenbottle
Board Member Albert Menendez

The Landmark Advisory Board will be holding its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, commencing at 9:30 am EST.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order at 9:08 AM.

II. ROLL CALL

Attendees:

Present:

Chairperson Slesnick, Vice Chairperson Dowlen, Board Member Asrani, Board Member Heisenbottle, Board Member Menendez

Excused:

Board Member Godlhagen, Board Member Busot

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. [25-8840](#) Landmarks Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for February 4, 2025

A motion was made by Board member Menendez, seconded by Board member Dowlen, to approve the minutes for the February 4, 2025, Landmark Advisory Board meeting. This motion passed unanimously.

This was Approved on Consent Agenda

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Michael Maxwell, Chairperson of the Historic Preservation Board, requested a date for a 30 minute walking tour to view landmark signs in disrepair, specifically near Granada Boulevard and Coral Way.
2. Streetlights - The meeting occurred between FPL and the city. Attendees were Chairman of the landmark Advisory Board, Michael Maxwell, Chairperson of the Historic Preservation Board, City Manager, City Attorney, Assistant City Manager, Deputy City Manager, and FPL had a large representation at the meeting.

Board member Menendez discussed the priorities are to keep and maintain the streetlights we have.

Staff to advise who maintains the existing historic streetlights and what happens when the streetlights are damaged.

Chairperson Slesnick also discussed the brightness of the streetlight is an issue.

3. Downtown Walking Tour - On May 18th, Chairperson Slesnick will lead a walking tour in downtown Coral Gables to celebrate the centennial.

V. OLD BUSINESS**VI. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**

1. At the March 11th City Commission meeting, funding was approved for the North Ponce Study.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Entrances - Board member Menendez will be looking into the condition of the entrances in Coral Gables. He will also look into the history of the entrance that was never made at Flagler and Ponce De Leon Boulevard

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 AM.

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