



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
August 26, 2014

ITEM TITLE:

Historic Preservation Board Meeting of June 19, 2014.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS:

CASE FILE COA (ST) 2014-054: An application for the issuance of a Standard Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 1148 Alhambra Circle, a contributing resource within the "Alhambra Circle Historic District," legally described as Lots 1 and 2, Block 15, 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 installation of a new roof using clay "S" tiles with a true barrel tile starter course.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the application for installation of a new roof using clay "S" tiles with a true barrel tile starter course with the condition that a covenant be executed to require future roof replacement to be true barrel tile throughout. (*Ayes: 8, Nays: 1*)

SPECIAL CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS:

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2014-005: An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 1258 Obispo Avenue, a contributing resource within the "Obispo Avenue Historic District," legally described as Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, 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. The application requests design approval for an addition and alterations to the residence.

A motion was made and seconded to defer the application. (*Ayes: 9, Nays: 0*)

AD VALOREM TAX RELIEF:

CASE FILE AV 2012-01: An application requesting ad valorem tax relief for the property at 641 San Lorenzo Avenue, a local historic landmark, legally described as Lots 22 thru 24, Block 13, Coral Gables Riviera Section Part 1, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 28, at Page 31, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The related Certificate of Appropriateness, COA (SP) 2012-011, was granted design approval on September 20, 2012 by the Historic Preservation Board.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of ad valorem tax relief for 641 San Lorenzo Avenue. (*Ayes: 9, Nays: 0*)

OLD BUSINESS / CITY UPDATES:

Status of Historic Property Plaques / Identifying Signage for Historic Districts: Ms. Spain will provide a report on the status of the plaques for historic properties as well as signage for historic districts at next month's meeting. The husband of the very ill artist who designed the individual property plaques agreed to give the design molds to the City.

National Alliance of Preservation Commissions: Ms. MacIntyre again encouraged Board members to join the National Alliance.

Update on Board Items: The lot split issue on Granada Boulevard was passed by the City Commission on first reading. The Commission directed the City's horticultural staff to conduct a tree survey on the property, and other City departments are working on other property issues as requested by the Commission.

TDR Update: Ms. Spain reported that she presented the Historic Preservation Board's recommendation to the Planning & Zoning Board, which recommended approval to the City Commission. The City Attorney is researching the maintenance plans, and Code Enforcement will conduct a pre-Code Enforcement sending site review.

MacFarlane Homestead Update: Ms. Spain reported that funding for the area is going forward. Staff has conferenced with the Miami-Dade County Attorney and County staff managing the project money. Ms. Spain assured the Board that progress is steadily occurring.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. MacIntyre announced that a July 29th working lunch meeting would be held as a task force formation / brainstorming session to examine the issues of sea level rise, focused exclusively on historic Miami-Dade County sites. The meeting will be held at the Coral Gables Museum. She encouraged participation.

1110 and 1126 Alhambra Circle: Ms. Thomson inquired about the status of two properties near Alhambra Circle that are overgrown and hidden behind foliage. Ms. Spain agreed to check with Code Enforcement to see if issues exist.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

Obispo Application Review: Ms. Guerrero discussed the difficulty experienced with reviewing the Obispo application during today's meeting. During discussion that followed, Ms. Spain agreed to request that the Board of Architects conduct a full-board examination of the proposed design when the project returns to them for further review.