



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
September 14, 2010**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Historic Preservation Board meeting of July 15, 2010.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

**1. CASE FILE COA (SP) 2010-06:**

An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at **813 Obispo Avenue**, a contributing structure within the "Obispo Avenue Historic District," legally described as Lot 14 & W ½ of Lot 13, Block 28, Coral Gables Section "B", as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 111, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant requested design approval for the construction of an addition and alterations.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the design for the alterations to the property at 813 Obispo Avenue with the condition of an addition of fenestration or decorative element on the east elevation, subject to staff approval. A suggestion was made for a decorative feature in lieu of a window, and agreed upon, subject to staff approval.**

**2. CASE FILE COA (SP) 2010-07:**

An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the St. Theresa Catholic School located at **2701 Indian Mound Trail**, a contributing structure within the "Church of the Little Flower Historic District," legally described as All Blocks 6, 6-A, and 7, Coral Gables Section "D" Revised, as recorded in Plat Book 25, Page 74, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant requested design approval for the installation of windows and an elevator.

**First Motion: A motion was made and seconded to grant design approval for the construction of the elevator addition portion of the project on the property at 2701 Indian Mound Trail, subject to the recommendation of the Board of Architects for the wall recess. (*Unanimously approved*).**

**Second Motion: A motion was made and seconded to defer the window project to the September meeting to provide sufficient time for the applicant to adjust the window configurations to more closely replicate the originals and meet the Secretary of Interior Standards. (*Unanimously approved*).**

**3. CASE FILE COA (ST) 2010-66:**

An application for the issuance of a Standard Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at **656 Alhambra Circle**, a contributing structure within the "Alhambra Circle Coral Gables Historic District," legally described as Lot Lots 1 and 2, less the southeasterly 37 feet of Lot 2, Block 22, Coral Gables Section "B", according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 11, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida". The applicant requested design approval for the installation of flat roof tiles.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve installation of white barrel tile on the roof of the residence at 656 Alhambra Circle. (*Unanimously approved*).**

4. **OLD BUSINESS: Discussion included:**

**1044 Coral Way:** Ms. Kautz reported that the appeal was deferred to the August 24, 2010 meeting of the City Commission. Ms. Bondurant was selected as Board spokesperson. If she is unable to attend, Ms. MacIntyre will so serve.

**113 Grand Avenue:** Ms. Kautz reported that, after discussion with the Zoning Department and the applicant, it was agreed that variances would not be necessary if two additional trees were added to the site, which will be done. The applicant will return to the Board when the wall design issue comes forward.

**Douglas Entrance:** Ms. Kautz reported that the applicant is undergoing permitting. Staff was satisfied with the upper window replacement, but not the ground level portion which will be done at a later date. She visited the site, and no installation progress has been made.

**Historic Preservation Board Association Seminar:** Ms. MacIntyre attended the day-long seminar and described it as very helpful in terms of board service issues and problem resolution. She will provide her comments and notes.

**Districts:** Ms. Kautz thanked the Board for directing staff to include more later-built homes and districts in support of staff's recommendations.

5. **NEW BUSINESS: Discussion included:**

**Historical Resources Department Move:** The department will relocate its offices to 2327 Salzedo Street during August.

**Merrick House Gala:** A Save the Date card for the November 12, 2010 gala to celebrate the House's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be mailed to Board members.

**Roof Tile Issues:** Ms. Rolando recommended receiving additional guidelines regarding roof tiles to more knowledgeably respond to roof installation challenges. Ms. Tackett volunteered to furnish the Miami Beach ordinance, and Mr. Torre agreed to research and prepare materials to display various roof tile styles and costs. It was agreed that it would also be helpful to have photographs of different style homes with the various types of roof applications. Ms. Bondurant suggested using a computer program that displayed one house with different roof applications.

**Historic District Updates:** Ms. Thomson suggested a historic district update ordinance. It was agreed that a work plan for staff to follow might be more effective than an ordinance.

**August Board Meeting:** None scheduled at this time.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Historic Preservation Board Meeting minutes of July 15, 2010