



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
October 27, 2009**

ITEM TITLE:

Historic Preservation Board meeting of September 15, 2009.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON:

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Dolly MacIntyre as Board Chair. *(Unanimously approved).*

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON:

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Joyce Meyers as Board Vice-Chair. *(Unanimously approved).*

3. MINUTES: MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2009:

Mr. Torre said he recused himself from only one application at the August meeting, and did not leave the meeting as reported. The record will be corrected.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 20, 2009 with the noted change. *(Unanimously approved).*

4. CASE FILE COA (SP) 2009-19 Continued:

An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the Coral Gables Country Club, located at **997 North Greenway Drive**, a contributing structure within the "Country Club of Coral Gables Historic District," legally described as Lots 1 through 9 and Lots 37 through 39, Block 32, Coral Gables Section "B," as recorded in Plat Book 5, at Page 111 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant is requesting design approval for alterations to the building. Variances are requested from the Coral Gables "Zoning Code" for setbacks, minimum landscape open space, open air dining, the construction of a trellis, and to allow structures to be closer to the street than the main building. This application was heard at the August 20, 2009 meeting of the Historic Preservation Board.

Mr. Torre recused himself due to a possible future conflict of interest.

A motion was made and seconded to grant a Special Certificate of Appropriateness and to approve the requested variances in accordance with staff recommendations for **997 North Greenway Drive**. *(Ayes: 5, Nays: 1. One board member recused himself.)*

5. CASE FILE COA (SP) 2009-17: An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at **475-495 Biltmore Way**, a non-contributing structure within the "City Hall Historic District," legal described as Lots 20-26, Block 4, Coral Gables Biltmore Section, as recorded in Plat Book 20, at Page 28 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant is requesting design approval for the installation of a metal entrance canopy.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Special Certificate of Appropriateness as requested. *(Unanimously approved).*

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6. CASE FILE COA (SP) 2009-20:

An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at **114 Oak Avenue**, an empty parcel of land within the “Mac Farlane Homestead Subdivision Historic District,” legally described as Lot 21, less beginning at NE corner, thence S to SE corner, thence W 4 feet, thence N to point of beginning, Block 3-A, MacFarlane Homestead Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 5, at Page 81, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant is requesting variances from Article 4, Division 1, 4-101(D)9 and 4-101(D)4B for lot coverage, side setback, and total side setback. The applicant was granted conditional design approval for the construction of a new residence at the Historic Preservation Board meeting of May 7, 2009.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Special Certificate of Appropriateness as well as the three requested variances. (*Unanimously approved*).

7. AD VALOREM TAX RELIEF:

CASE FILE AV 2007-02: An application requesting ad valorem tax relief for the property at **1137 Asturia Avenue**, a local historic landmark, legally described as Lot 20, Block 12, Coral Gables Section C, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, at Page 26, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The related Certificate of Appropriateness – Case File COA (ST) 2007-42, was granted design approval on June 21, 2007, by the Historic Preservation Board.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the application for ad valorem tax relief. (*Unanimously approved*).

8. LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION:

CASE FILE LHD 2009-05 AND COA (SP) 2009-18:

Consideration of the local historic designation of the property at **839 Palermo Avenue**, legally described as Lots 20 and 21, Block 27, Coral Gables Country Club Section Part Two, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 32, Page 63, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant is also requesting the issuance of an Accelerated Special Certificate of Appropriateness and design approval for the construction of additions and alterations.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the local historic designation. (*Unanimously approved*).

After discussing the COA application:

A motion was made and seconded to defer the application to the next meeting to provide an opportunity to work with the design, taking Board suggestions into consideration. (*Unanimously approved*).

*** 7:44 p.m.:** Ms. Arenas returned to the meeting and requested withdrawal of the designation and the addition. Mr. Arenas added that the limit in size recommended by the Board would not be sufficient for the master bedroom they want.

A motion was made and seconded to rescind former action to approve local historic designation for 839 Palermo Avenue. (*Unanimously approved*).

9. LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION DETERMINATION:

CASE FILE LHD 2003-19: Consideration of the local historic designation status of the property at **1112 Cordova Street**, legally described as Lots 10 and 11, Block 1 Amended Plat of Coral Gables Granada Place Section as recorded in Plat Book 13, at Page 51, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. Applications for the local historic designation and an Accelerated Special Certificate of Appropriateness were

presented to the Historic Preservation Board on November 20, 2003 and were granted conditional approval.

A motion was made and seconded to rescind the local historic designation for 1112 Cordova Street as the previously-approved COA was not acted upon and the building has been severely altered, rendering it no longer justifiably historic. (*Unanimously approved*).

- 10. CASE FILE COA (ST) 2009-72:** An application for the issuance of a Standard Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at **2024 Alhambra Circle**, a contributing structure within the “Alhambra Historic District,” legally described as Lot 14, and the South 5 feet of Lot 13, Block 22, Coral Gables Section “E” revised, as recorded in Plat Book 8, at Page 86, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant is requesting replacement of windows.

A motion was made and seconded to defer the application until the next Board meeting. Mr. Santos seconded the motion. (*Unanimously approved*).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Historic Preservation Board Meeting minutes of September 15, 2009