



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
October 14, 2014**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Historic Preservation Board Meeting of August 21, 2014.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

**SPECIAL CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS:**

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2014-007: An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the Venetian Pool, located at 2701 De Soto Boulevard, a Local and National Historic Landmark, legally described as Lot 1 less part described in DB 3865-329 and All of Lot 2 and All of Lot 3 less Beginning of the Northwest corner South 26.12ft East 25 feet of Northerly To Northeast corner West to Point of Beginning and Plot Described as Sevilla Park, Block 6, Coral Gables Section "A," according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, at Page 102, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant is requesting design approval for restoration and renovations to the property.

A motion was made and seconded to approve issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the restoration and renovations of the Venetian Pool located at 2701 De Soto Boulevard with the following conditions: salvage as many existing roof tiles as possible to be used as "cap" tiles when the building is reroofed; the "beach" area is to be Lake Wales silica sand (12" thick, coarse grade, white to light gray) for the top coat, with the base layer stable-filled, not compacted; provide aqua tints for the pool bottom samples (in addition to white and gray) for review by the BOA and the Historic Preservation Board; provide a sample of the replacement terracotta tile pavers to be examined for approval; and the walkway around the pool perimeter should be a "soda finish" continuous pour concrete sidewalk – sample panels to be provided for staff approval prior to construction. (*Ayes: 8, Nays: 0*)

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2014-010: An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 42 Navarre Avenue, a Local Historic Landmark, legally described as Lot 2, Block 15, Coral Gables Section "L," according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 8, at Page 85, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant is requesting design approval for the construction of a 16-story building on the remainder of the block. A variance has been requested from Article 4, Section 4-302(D)(4) and Article 5, Section 5-604 of the Coral Gables Zoning Code for floor area ratio in order to exclude the floor area of the historic building (approximately 2,000 square feet) in the calculations for the project (33Alhambra Circle).

A motion was made and seconded to defer approval of issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 42 Navarre Avenue, defer approval of the design proposal for the construction of a 16-story building as described in the written report, and defer approval of a variance as requested. (*Ayes: 6, Nays: 2*)

**STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS:**

CASE FILE COA (ST) 2014-087: An application for the issuance of a Standard Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 5129 Riviera Drive, a contributing resource within the "Chinese Village Historic District," legally described as Lot 14 and North ½ of Lot 12, Block 100, Coral Gables Riviera Section Part 2, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 28, Page at 18 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant is requesting design approval for the installation of a new roof using Santafé Tile Corporation clay "S" tiles (color: Ultramarine).

A motion was made and seconded to approve issuance of a Standard Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 5129 Riviera Drive for installation of a new roof with the condition that MCA tile be used on the roof. (Ayes: 6, Nays: 2)

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2014-011: An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the Coral Gables Museum housed within the "Old Police and Fire Station" located at 285 Aragon Avenue, a local historic landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, legally described as Lots 1 thru 4 and 42 thru 48 inc. and 20 ft. alley lying between, Block 34, Coral Gables Section "K," according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, at Page 33 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant is requesting design approval for the installation of two gates and exterior lighting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the Coral Gables Museum located at 285 Aragon Avenue with conditions of staff as stated and included in the written report. (Ayes: 8, Nays: 0)

BOARD ITEMS / CITY COMMISSION / CITY PROJECTS UPDATE:

Ms. Spain reported that the TDR Zoning amendment was going forward on September 11, 2014 as a recommendation of the Historic Preservation Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

Ms. Spain announced that Amanda Gonzalez, who was a part-time archivist in the past, is now the full-time City Archivist.

Regarding the ceramic historic landmark plaques, Ms. Spain reported no progress; however, she expressed confidence that it will be positively resolved as the artist's husband wants to honor his wife's work.

Regarding the rehabilitation of the MacFarlane properties, Ms. Spain reported that progress was ongoing. The case will be brought to the Board after several processes have been completed.