

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-170**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE WITH R.E.I. (RENUART ENTERPRISES INC.) TO BE THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE REHABILITATION OF HOMES WITHIN THE MACFARLANE HOMESTEAD SUBDIVISION HISTORIC DISTRICT AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS WITH FUNDING FROM THE BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM (BBC GOB). THIS IS PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-678 (14), "WORKS OF ART FOR PUBLIC PLACES, AND ART DESIGN AND CONSERVATION SERVICES", OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED, "EXEMPTIONS".

**WHEREAS**, the properties within the MacFarlane Homestead Subdivision, most of which were built during the late 1920's and 1930's, are representative of a vernacular type of architecture not seen elsewhere in Coral Gables; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the MacFarlane Homestead Subdivision's historical value it has been designated a local historic district and listed in the National Register of Historic Places; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coral Gables is interested in providing support to low and moderate income households in this area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coral Gables City Commission recognizes that the rehabilitation of the residences within the MacFarlane Homestead Subdivision Historic District will benefit the neighborhood and serve a public good; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County allocated \$592,308 in Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program Project Number 294 for the rehabilitation of homes within the MacFarlane Homestead Subdivision Historic District; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coral Gables passed Resolution No. 2015-28 for the expenditure of grant funding as per the interlocal and grant agreement with Miami-Dade County with funding from Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond program (BBC GOB) to rehabilitate homes within the Macfarlane Homestead Subdivision Historic District as affordable housing for low and moderate income households; and

**WHEREAS**, the Code of the City of Coral Gables Section 2-678 (24) provides for exemptions for "Consultants for professional services with special skills, abilities, expertise or of a technical nature as determined by the chief procurement officer. Contracts for such service not

exceeding \$25,000.00 plus related expenses shall be approved by the chief procurement officer, and with the approval of the city manager if up to \$50,000.00 plus related expenses;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Code of the City of Coral Gables Section 2-678 (14) provides for exemptions for "Works of art for public places, and art design and conservation services" in this case the conservation of the historic fabric of these homes; and

**WHEREAS**, R.E.I. (Renuart Enterprises Inc.) has demonstrated expertise in the rehabilitation of historic wood frame structures.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon the adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Commission does hereby authorize the City Manager or designee to begin negotiations with R.E.I. (Renuart Enterprises Inc.) for the rehabilitation of homes within the MacFarlane Homestead Subdivision Historic District as affordable housing for low and moderate income households with funding from the building better communities general obligation bond program (BBC GOB).

**SECTION 3.** That this resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF JULY A.D., 2016.  
(Moved: Keon / Seconded: Lago)  
(Yeas: Keon, Lago, Quesada, Slesnick, Cason)  
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)  
(Agenda Item: H-3)

APPROVED:

  
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MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
WALTER J. FOEMAN  
CITY CLERK

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