



CORAL GABLES MERRICK HOUSE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2018 8:30 a.m.
Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department
2327 Salzedo Street, 2nd Floor, Coral Gables, Florida 33134

<i>Historical Resources & Cultural Arts</i>	MEMBERS	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	APPOINTED BY:
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	Ada "Adi" Busot								P	P	-	P	P	P	Mayor Raul Valdés-Fauli
	Margaret Meeks	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	-	P	P	P	Vice-Mayor Pat Keon
	Ana Lam	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	-	#	P	P	Comm. Vince Lago
2327 SALZEDO STREET	Barbara Reese	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	-	#	P	P	Comm. Michael Mena
CORAL GABLES	Joanne Meagher	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	P	-	P	P	P	Comm. Frank Quesada
FLORIDA 33134	Susan Rodriguez	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	A	-	P	E	P	City Manager
	Kris Matteson								P		-	P	A	E	Board-as-a Whole
	Charlton														

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LEGEND: A = Absent; P = Present; E = Excused; * = New Member; ^ = Resigned Member;
 - = No Meeting; # = Late meeting arrival;

STAFF:

Dona Spain, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director
 Kara N. Kautz, Assistant Historic Preservation Officer
 ElizaBeth Guin, Historic Preservation Coordinator
 Yesenia Diaz, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS: Julie Arch, Edible Community Garden Project

RECORDING SECRETARY/PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Yesenia Diaz, Administrative Assistant, Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Reese at 8:50 a.m. and attendance was stated for the record.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEBURARY 12, 2018:

A motion was made by Ms. Meeks and seconded by Ms. Lam to approve the minutes of February 12, 2018 as written. The motion was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

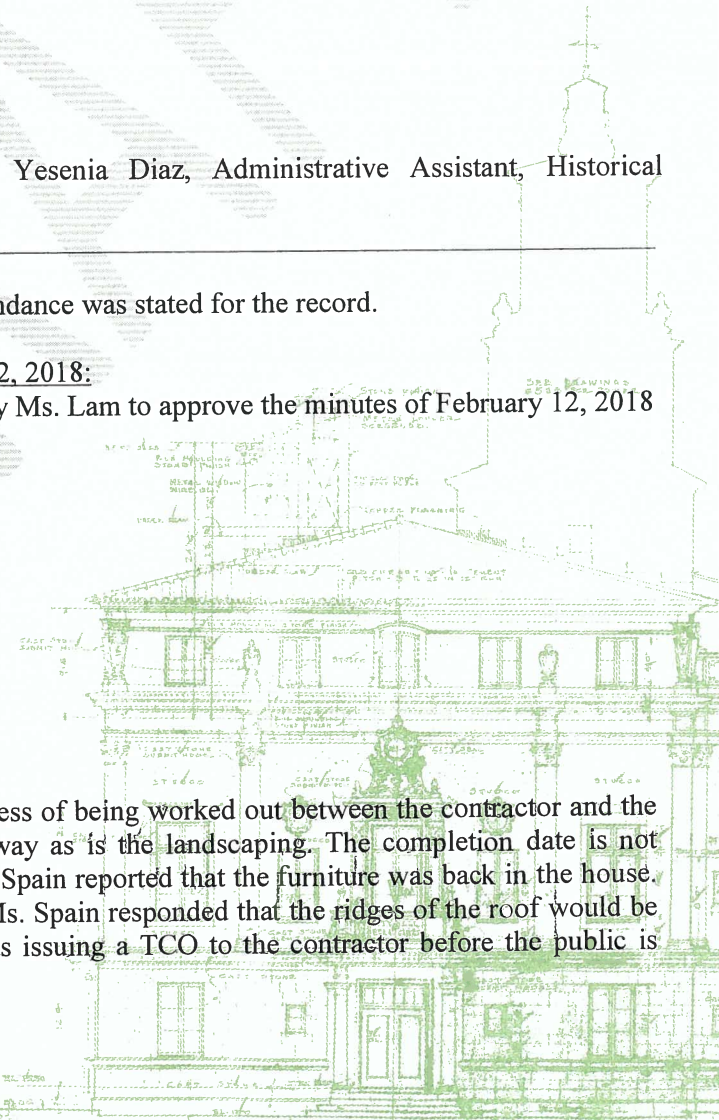
HOUSE REPORT:

February 2018, Ms. Kautz reported the following:

- Total visitors: None, the House has not reopened.
- Trust Fund Balance: \$25,771.00.
- Roxy O'Neal Bolton Fund: \$4,939 (unchanged).

OLD BUSINESS:

House Status: Ms. Spain reported that a resolution was in the process of being worked out between the contractor and the City Attorney's office. The security system installation is underway as is the landscaping. The completion date is not known. Ms. Rodriguez asked about the status of the furniture. Ms. Spain reported that the furniture was back in the house. An inquiry was made about the status of roof by Ms. Rodriguez. Ms. Spain responded that the ridges of the roof would be redone. The Board was informed that the main pending issue was issuing a TCO to the contractor before the public is allowed access to the House.



Ms. Meagher arrived at: 8:54 a.m.

Ms. Rodriguez complimented on the grand appearance of the House and the progress with the renovation. The Board discussed the possibility of having the opening in the Fall or during the Christmas party in December. Ms. Rodriguez felt that the event would have to be simple. After lengthy discussion, the month of October was favored by the Board for the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Edible Community Garden Bench: Julie Arch, Acting Director of the Edible Community Garden, informed the Board of her intent to apply for a concrete bench commemorating the group. She stated that while the group was no longer an active 501 C, there were still individuals interested in gardening along with members of the Garden Club in a passive manner. The location of the bench was discussed with the favored placement being parallel to the Toledo side. The Board discussed the maintenance of the garden.

A motion was made by Ms. Reese and seconded by Ms. Lam that the Edible Community Garden be allowed to install a bench along with a plaque.

Ms. Reese asked about Althea's Garden and Ms. Spain informed of its past history with the Garden Club and its present history being maintained by the Public Service department. The planting beds were discussed with Ms. Arch expressing an interest in maintaining the beds.

Fundraiser Benches: Ms. Rodriguez reminded the Board of a previous discussion about the possibility of having benches in various locations around the outside of the Merrick House. The Board continued to discuss the matter at length bringing up the possibility that it might look cluttered. Ms. Kautz advised that the Board should wait until the landscaping was completed before deciding and identifying some locations.

CITY PROJETS:

Balboa Plaza Art in Public Places: Ms. Rodriguez asked about the status of the sofa that was being built. Ms. Spain clarified that it was being built by a developer as part of the Art In Public Places program, adding that in addition to being a piece of art which can be accessed by the public, it will also double as a Wi-Fi hot spot.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY: None

NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 14, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.; Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:19 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

A motion was made by Ms. Meeks and seconded by Ms. Lam to excuse the absence of Ms. Charlton.
The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting concluded at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dona M. Spain
Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director