

CORAL GABLES MERRICK HOUSE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2011, 8:45 a.m.

Coral Gables Merrick House

907 Coral Way, Coral Gables, Florida 33134

MEMBERS	F 10	M 10	A 10	M 10	J 10	J 10	A 10	S 10	O 10	O* 10	N* 10	D 10	J 11	COMMISSIONERS
Barbara Reese	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	E	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick, II
Margaret Steele	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Susan Stanton	E	E	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	A	P	P	Comm. Maria Anderson
Michelle Moskowitz	P	P	A	P	P	P	-	P	P	E	P	P	P	Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Laura Yusko	P	P	P	P	E	P	-	P	P	E	P	E	P	Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers
Joanne Meagher	P	A	P	P	P	E	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	Board Appointee
Sondra Space	P	E	P	P	P	P	-	E	P	P	P	P	P	City Manager

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Kara N. Kautz, Historic Preservation Officer

A = Absent

P = Present

- = No Meeting

E = Excused

*** = Special Meeting**

^ = New Member

Meeting record / minutes preparation: Nancy C. Morgan, Coral Gables Services, Inc.

Chair Laura Yusko called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD DECEMBER 6, 2010:

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2010 special Board meeting.

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to excuse the meeting absence of Ms. Reese.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

December 11, 2010 Holiday Open House: Ms. Yusko thanked Board members and staff for combined efforts that resulted in a highly-successful event. Sales raised approximately \$75.

100th Anniversary Gala Update: Profit from the Gala was \$25, 252.

Merrick Day at Farmers Market: The date for Merrick Day is Saturday, March 5, 2010. Ms. Space will chair the project. Ms. Kautz reported special features during the event. The Board selected conch fritters as the featured recipe, will display the Gala House banner, and will distribute homemade cookies to booth visitors.

HOUSE REPORT:

Ms. Kautz reported December 2010 House activity as follows:

- Total visitors: 10 adults; 1 senior; 2 students; 0 youth and 0 children
- Trust fund balance: \$40,056.99.
- House Rental Status: D.A.R.
- Solomon Merrick Painting Unveiling: Invitations were distributed for the January 21st event as Ms. Kautz reported that Arva Moore Parks would give a Merrick family lecture during the program, as well as other program arrangements. Refreshments were determined, and Ms. Steele volunteered to design a dining table floral arrangement.
- Notecards: Ms. Kautz displayed notecards depicting a print of a watercolor of the Merrick House grotto created by local artist Betty Packler. Packages of 10 will be available for sale. A discussion ensued about conducting an artistic painting competition for university students and hosting an exhibition during the House's anniversary year, and using appropriate paintings as models for notecards.

OLD BUSINESS:

Holiday Decorations: Ms. Stanton and Ms. Meagher will remove the decorations today.

NEW BUSINESS:

Historic Preservation Board Request: Ms. Kautz reported the interest of Historic Preservation Board members to receive minutes of the Merrick House Advisory Board as a way to maintain awareness of House activities.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 14, 2011, 8:45 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara N. Kautz
Historic Preservation Officer