



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
October 16, 2012**

ITEM TITLE:

Historic Preservation Board meeting of August 23, 2012.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

**1. City Attorney Item:
1044 Coral Way**

The issue of res judicata regarding 1044 Coral Way was remanded to the Board per Resolution No. 2010-198. Mr. Leen said the matter was appealed to the Circuit Court, which affirmed the decision of the Commission, which then remanded the matter back to the Board for further review and reconsideration.

A motion was made stating that the doctrine of res judicata did not apply in this instance and that the 2010 decision of the Board was the final decision of the Board in this matter. (Ayes: 8, Nays: 1)

2. STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS:

CASE FILE COA (ST) 2012-073: An application for the issuance of a Standard Certificate of Appropriateness for the Miracle Theater located at **280 Miracle Mile**, a Local Historic Landmark. A lengthy legal description is on file in the Historical Resources Department. The applicant requested design approval for the restoration of the marquee.

A motion was made to approve the application as presented. (Ayes: 9, Nays: 0)

3. SPECIAL CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS:

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2012-006: An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the Miracle Theater located at 280 Miracle Mile, a Local Historic Landmark. A lengthy legal description is on file in the Historical Resources Department. The applicant requested design approval for the alteration of the poster cases. Variances from the "Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances" Part III, Chapter 33, Article VI, Division 2, Section 33-96 and from Section 5-1902(D)(7) of the "Coral Gables Zoning Code" were requested for the installation of "LCD" signage in the poster cases.

A motion was made to issue a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of LCD signage in the existing poster cases of the façade of the Miracle Theater as presented, with the condition that the images are static (not moving or a video). (Ayes: 9, Nays: 0)

A motion was made to grant a variance from the Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances, Part III, Chapter 33, Article VI, Division 2, Section 33-96 that applies to Point of Sale signs to allow an automatic electric changing sign on a property of less than ten acres gross improved land area. (Ayes: 9, Nays: 0)

A motion was made to grant a variance to allow "LCD" signage systems in the existing poster cases of Miracle Theater vs. pennants, banners, streamers, balloons, blinking and flashing lights, streamer lights, flags except as provided in Section 5-1901 (B), herein and any other fluttering, spinning, rotating or similar type attention attractors and advertising devices are prohibited as stipulated by Section 5-1902 (D) (7) of the Coral Gables Zoning Code. (Ayes: 9, Nays: 0)

4. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION:

745 MINORCA AVENUE, legally described as Lots 26 & 27 and East ½ of Lot 28, Block 25, Coral Gables Section “B,” PB 5-111 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

A motion was made stating that the property at 745 Minorca Avenue meets the minimum eligibility criteria for designation as a local historic landmark, and to instruct staff to prepare a historical designation report. (Ayes: 9, Nays: 0)

5. BOARD ITEMS / CITY COMMISSION / CITY PROJECTS UPDATES:

Biltmore Hotel: Ms. Spain reported that the Hotel’s restoration project was proceeding well.

July 24, 2012 City Commission Meeting Items: In response to Ms. Thomson’s request, Ms. Spain relayed the background of the damage to the cupola at City Hall. Scaffolding is required to examine the cause of the problem and repair the damaged area.

George Merrick Painting Restoration: Ms. Spain reported receiving two quotes thus far for restoring the painting of George Merrick that hangs in Commission Chambers.

1248 Coral Way: Ms. Spain reported that the property was approved by the Commission for lot separation on first reading.

Entrance of City Hall: Ms. MacIntyre expressed pleasure about the completion of the safety and aesthetic repairs to the entrance.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Historic Designation Issues; Window Seminar;

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Minutes of Historic Preservation Board meeting of August 23, 2012