



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 3, 2016**

ITEM TITLE:

Historic Preservation Board Meeting of March 17, 2016.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

DEFERRALS: LHD 2016-03 and COA (SP) 2016-007: 1202 Asturia; COA (SP) 2015-021 Continued: 611 North Greenway Drive; Historical Significance Determination for 909 Sorolla Avenue.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

Discussion regarding the replacement of tile at the front entry of 1818 Granada Boulevard, a contributing resource within the "Alhambra Circle Historic District," legally described as Lots 13 and 14, Block 3, Coral Gables Section "C," according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, at Page 26 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

A motion was made and seconded to approve replacement of tiles as proposed and to accept the plans as presented. (*Ayes: 4, Nays: 1*)

SPECIAL CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS:

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2016-005:

An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 525 Alhambra Circle, a contributing resource within the "Alhambra Circle Historic District," legally described as Lots 19 and 20, Block 12, Coral Gables Section "B," according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, at Page 111 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The application requested design approval for an addition to the residence and the installation of a pool and pool deck.

A motion was made and seconded to approve issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for 525 Alhambra Circle, and to approve the design for an addition to the residence and the installation of a pool and pool deck, with an exception to approval being staff's recommendation regarding window muntins (as discussed above). For the record, Mr. Adams noted that existing drawings omitted shutters on the front bottom left window; referencing the two windows in the rear (one with shutters and one without), both need to be symmetrical, and the solution should be worked out with staff. (*Ayes: 5, Nays: 0*)

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2016-006:

An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 800 Coral Way, a contributing resource within the "Coral Way Historic District," legally described as Lots 9 and 10, Block 1, 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 application requested design approval for an addition and alterations to the residence.

A motion was made and seconded to approve issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness and the design for a one-story addition and alterations to the residence at 800 Coral Way with the following conditions: to include a wing wall on the right side of the garage wall to help frame the existing fountain; to make a field adjustment on the new front driveway, possibly necessitating a notch in the driveway, to avoid damaging the existing oak tree; the existing walkway to the corner De Soto Boulevard historic feature should remain but be replaced with brick; the brick pattern should be articulated between the driveway and walkway; the height of the

master bedroom suite should be adjusted lower by approximately one foot, to be determined by staff; reintroduce shutters back to the brick façade; ensure consistency of the returns at the eaves; the south wall/gate should be a picket fence and located within the property; re-check automobile/pedestrian visibility issues; and to show the existing air vent at the west façade on the drawings. (*Ayes: 5, Nays: 0*)

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2016-008:

An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 1400 Coral Way, a contributing resource within the “Coral Way Historic District,” legally described as Lots 6 and 7 Less the South 35 FT, Block 11, Coral Gables Section “D” REV PLAT, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 25, at Page 74, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The application requested design approval for an addition and alterations to the residence.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the design for an addition and alterations to the residence at the property located at 1400 Coral Way, as well as installation of perimeter fencing and gates, and partial demolition of the original attached garage, with the following conditions: the applicant will work with staff to minimize the blank wall space volume above the garage and consider discussed suggestions to resolve concerns; and to remove the flower box over the addition and retaining the shutters; and to approve issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness. (*Ayes: 5, Nays: 0*)

BOARD ITEMS / CITY COMMISSION / CITY PROJECTS UPDATE:

Ms. Spain reported that the ad valorem tax relief requests for 1254 Coral Way and 239 Sarto Avenue were unanimously approved at the City Commission meeting.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

Merrick House Afternoon Tea with Arva Parks: Board members were invited to attend a Sunday, April 17th an afternoon tea with Arva Parks at Merrick House 3 to 5 p.m. Ms. Parks will introduce her latest book, which was favorably reviewed by the Wall Street Journal.

2506 Ponce de Leon Boulevard: Board members were invited and encouraged to attend a community open house of H. George Fink’s historic building to be held Saturday, March 19th from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in celebration of the City’s purchase of the property.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Adams asked for an update on the number of sites with historic markers. Ms. Spain acknowledged the project and staff will continue to work on it.