

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item H-2
November 13, 2018
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

City Commission

**Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Michael Mena
Commissioner Frank Quesada**

City Staff

**City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Historic Preservation Officer, Dona Spain**

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item H-2 [6:23:23 p.m.]

Discussion regarding alterations at 2710 Columbus Blvd.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Quesada)

Commissioner Quesada: H-2.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: 2710 Columbus.

Commissioner Quesada: 2710 Columbus. This resident has been trying to work out some issues for a long time with relation to, it's a historical home and he's got some windows that Dona has been beating him up about for years.

Preservation Office Spain: All he has to do is...[inaudible]

Commissioner Quesada: He just wants to put hurricane impact windows to protect his family and at the same time put, whatever you call it....

Vice Mayor Lago: Mullions.

Commissioner Quesada: Mullions – I never get that right. Last I heard is that you visited the property.

Preservation Officer Spain: I did. I went up there Friday.

Commissioner Quesada: And, you had a very productive conversation with him.

Preservation Officer Spain: We are helping him; we are going to help him get through this. His biggest issue is he didn't call for a buck inspection, so they may have to open up the windows to see how they were installed, but that's not a historic issue – just saying.

Commissioner Quesada: But, I didn't bring it up for the amount of historic issues; I brought it up for the historic issues. I love our historic culture. I love our historic community. I love our historic homes. I just want to make sure that we are reasonable and work things out.

Preservation Officer Spain: I have a PowerPoint if you want to see reasonable.

Commissioner Quesada: And I'm not saying you haven't been reasonable; I'm just saying I would like to make sure that we can put this to bed. I don't want to put a PowerPoint up...I told the resident not to come after I spoke to Dona...

Vice Mayor Lago: I can vouch for the resident. He did an exceptional job with the house.

Preservation Officer Spain: He did, but he has to follow the plans; the air conditioning unit was put in the front of the house, not on the side where the plans show. He has windows that are not the right configuration, which I'm fine with, he just has to have plans that shows what's out there. He had the muntins were lying on the floor instead of being actually on the windows. So, those things are fairly basic that he can take care of. We are happy to help him. He now has artificial turf in the front yard, but you know, all those things, he just has to go through the process, if we are going to help him.

Commissioner Quesada: I kept it on the agenda after I heard you were working...to say thank you, to say thank you to you for helping him work through it.

Preservation Officer Spain: Thank you so much.

Commissioner Quesada: Next item. Thank you.

Commissioner Mena: Thank you Dona.

Vice Mayor Lago: Great work.

[End: 6:25:44 p.m.]