

## Designation Report for the Alcazar Avenue Historic District

- Period of Significance:** 1921-1958. The period of significance is based on the range of dates that include George Merrick's early formulation of real estate design and planning ideas for Coral Gables, the Florida Land Boom, the Great Depression, and the post-World War II housing boom. These events mark significant historic periods. This period of significance reflects the chronological limits of these important cultural themes in the development of Coral Gables.
- Original Architects:** Leroy K. Albert, O.E. Ganzalez, Tyrus T. Tripp, Donald L. Brown, O.K. Houstoun, Jr., Martin Hauri, Joaquin S. Aguirre, M.H. Vaviloff, Lyell, Baxter, Vernon D. Lamp, Edward T. Rempe, H. George Fink, Harry O. Nelson, William H. Merriam, John Skinner, Coulton Skinner, H.J. Aldwinckle, C. Leroy Kinports, Manfred Mancusi Ungaro, John R. Fetter, Floridian Architectural Service, O.O. Day & Son, Louis B. Christie
- Original Builders:** Bill Vaughan Construction, Bert Mason, J.B. Cortes, Maxwell Marks, F. Snowman, Jr., Patrick Gilmore, Allied Builders, Dantor, Inc., J.E. Shaw, Emil Stoik, H.L. Finlayson, William G. Buckley, Elliott & Myers
- Present Use and Zoning:** Single and Multiple Family Residences.
- Legal Description:** Lots 13 thru 24, inclusive, Block 4, Lots 1 thru 12, inclusive, Block 5, Lots 1 thru 12, inclusive, Block 12, Lots 13 thru 24, inclusive, Block 13, Lots 14 thru 26, inclusive, Block 19, Lots 1 thru 13, inclusive, Block 20, Lots 9 thru 11, inclusive, and East ½ of Lot 12, Block 24, Coral Gables Section B.
- Building Types:** Sixty-One (61) single family residences designed in the Mediterranean Revival, Ranch, Mission, Neo-Mediterranean Revival, Minimal Traditional, Masonry Vernacular, and Colonial Revival Styles of Architecture. One single family residence designed in the Modern Style of Architecture.
- Site Characteristics:** Located on building lots abutting Alcazar Street.

### Summary Statement of Significance

#### Concentration, Linkage, and Continuity of Features:

The buildings on Alcazar Avenue cohere into a unified district that conveys the architectural history of Coral Gables. The Alcazar Avenue Historic District represents the shift in historical, cultural, political, economic, and social trends of Coral Gables from its early inception through World War II. Additionally, the district is significant for its association with H. George Fink, one of five architects credited with the original designs of Coral Gables.

#### Background

George Merrick's vision of a suburb designed in the revival styles popular at the time is masterfully executed in the Alcazar Avenue Historic District. Located in the north-central section of Coral Gables, Alcazar Avenue is primarily composed of homes constructed in the Mediterranean Revival style and Mission style of architecture. George Merrick began his venture in real estate in 1915, and with the aid of the Florida Real Estate Boom, improved access to Florida, and a strong post World War I American

economy, the city of Coral Gables flourished. However, the Florida Real Estate Boom came to an abrupt halt in 1926 and development of Coral Gables was severely impeded. Following the Great Depression and the Second World War, affordable housing became a necessity, and architectural styles shifted from George Merrick's revival styles to Minimal Traditional and Ranch style homes. Alcazar Avenue Historic District serves as a visual timeline of the early years of the city's development.

### Properties Included Within the Historic District Boundaries

#### Definitions:

A contributing property/building adds to the historic architectural qualities and/or associations, for which the district is significant because a) it was present during the period of significance, and possesses historic integrity, reflecting its character at that time or is capable of yielding important information about the period, or b) it independently meets the Coral Gables Register criteria.

A non-contributing property/building does not add to the historic architectural qualities and/or historic associations, for which the district is significant because a) it was not present during the period of significance, b) due to alterations, disturbances, additions, or other changes, it no longer possesses historic integrity reflecting its character at that time or is incapable of yielding important information about the period, or c) it does not independently meet the Coral Gables Register criteria. Furthermore, a non-contributing property may be an empty building lot, a building lot with a house currently under construction on it, or a property that does not meet the age criterion.

#### Contributing Properties:

##### 711 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 11 and E ½ of Lot 12, Block 24, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1926  
Original Architect: Martin Hauri  
Original Builder: Bill Vaughan Construction  
Original Owner: Mr. Whitley  
Present Owner: Paula Morabito and Maria M. Yip  
Alterations: Concrete block garage, new windows, 1978.

##### 701 Alcazar Avenue:

Lots 9 & 10, Block 24, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1928  
Original Architect: P.E. Paist  
Original Builder: F.N. Deigaard  
Original Owner: M. Clair Finney  
Present Owner: George and Maria Volsky  
Alterations: New porch, 1968; windows, doors, and garage doors, 1982.

##### 637 Alcazar Avenue (Ordinance 3566 [02-19-02]):

Lots 23 & 24, Block 19, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1922  
Original Architect: H. George Fink, addition by Martin Hauri  
Original Builder: Unknown  
Original Owner: H.H. Helflin  
Present Owner: Rafael and Margaret Reyes  
Alterations: Concrete block addition, 1954; windows, 1990.

##### 636 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 4, Block 20, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1924  
Original Architect: H. George Fink  
Original Builder: Unknown

Original Owner: N.J. Murphy  
Present Owner: Wani Realty  
Alterations: Enclosed loggia, 1995.

633 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 22, Block 19, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1924  
Original Architect: H. George Fink  
Original Builder: Unknown  
Original Owner: R.Y. Fays  
Present Owner: Jacqueline Donnelly  
Alterations: New roof, windows, and fence, 1977.

628 Alcazar Avenue:

Lots 5 & 6, Block 20, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1937  
Original Architect: William H. Merriam  
Original Builder: Unknown  
Original Owner: K.K. Tweedy  
Present Owner: Mario Fernandez  
Alterations: None noted.

624 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 7 & W ½ of Lot 8, Block 20, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1927  
Original Architect: John R. Fetter  
Original Builder: Unknown  
Original Owner: Edwin J. Bunting  
Present Owner: Jeanne A. Becker  
Alterations: Concrete block addition and spa, 1980; new façade, 2005.

621 Alcazar Avenue (LHD 2001-11):

Lot 19, Block 19, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1925  
Original Architect: H. George Fink  
Original Builder: Lake and Baker  
Original Owner: J.P. Bartley  
Present Owner: Patrick W. and Bentonne S. Snay  
Alterations: Stairway and storage addition, 1960; some new windows, 1995.

617 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 18 & W ½ of Lot 17, Block 19, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1925  
Original Architect: H. George Fink  
Original Builder: John W. Lake  
Original Owner: J.N. Hoffman  
Present Owner: Federico and Isa Garcia  
Alterations: New roof, 1982; second story addition, porte cochere, 1998.

616 Alcazar Avenue:

Lots 9 & E ½ of Lot 8, Block 20, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1924  
Original Architect: H. George Fink  
Original Builder: Unknown  
Original Owner: N.J. Murphy  
Present Owner: Barbara Collingwood

Alterations: New windows, enclosed front and rear porches, 2000.

609 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 16 & E ½ of Lot 17, Block 19, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1953  
Original Architect: Tyrus T. Tripp  
Original Builder: Maxwell Marks  
Original Owner: Samuel Marks  
Present Owner: Susana Goni  
Alterations: None noted.

608 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 11, Block 20, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1939  
Original Architect: Manfred Mancusi Ungaro  
Original Builder: Roy M. Appleget  
Original Owner: Roy M. Appleget  
Present Owner: Hilda O. Lanata  
Alterations: None noted.

605 Alcazar Avenue:

Lots 15, Block 19, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1925  
Original Architect: C. Leroy Kinports  
Original Builder: A.W. Miller and Brothers  
Original Owner: George N. Murdock  
Present Owner: Guido Ruggiero and Laura Giannetti  
Alterations: Side addition, 1980.

604 Alcazar Avenue (LHD 2007-12):

Lot 12, Block 20, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1926  
Original Architect: H.J. Aldwinckle  
Original Builder: Elliott & Myers  
Original Owner: Elliott & Myers  
Present Owner: Douglas D. Jolly  
Alterations: Enclosed front porch; new windows, 1997.

601 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 14, Block 19, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1958  
Original Architect: Donald L. Brown  
Original Builder: F. Snowman, Jr.  
Original Owner: F. Snowman, Jr.  
Present Owner: Eric A. and Anne E. Webber  
Alterations: None noted.

600 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 13, Block 20, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1926  
Original Architect: H.J. Aldwinckle  
Original Builder: Elliott & Myers  
Original Owner: Roy Richwine  
Present Owner: Karen Esther Moore  
Alterations: Screen porch addition, 1954.

548 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 1 Less E 11 Ft., Block 12, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1950  
Original Architect: Edward T. Rempe  
Original Builder: H.L. Finlayson  
Original Owner: H.L. Finlayson  
Present Owner: Harry Von Suskil  
Alterations: None noted.

547 Alcazar Avenue:

Lots 24, Block 13, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1925  
Original Architect: O.O. Day & Son  
Original Builder: Unknown  
Original Owner: Mr. Denslow  
Present Owner: Jose A. Ortiz and Karen M. Kennedy  
Alterations: None noted.

541 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 23, Block 13, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1925  
Original Architect: Vernon D. Lamp  
Original Builder: Unknown  
Original Owner: T.R. Crump  
Present Owner: Minda Hamersmith  
Alterations: New windows, 2000.

540 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 2 & E 11 Ft. of Lot 1, Block 12, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1940  
Original Architect: P.H.G. Mallory  
Original Builder: Sidney H. deWolf  
Original Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde S. Davis  
Present Owner: Travis T. and Emily S. Curtin  
Alterations: New windows, 1989.

537 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 22, Block 13, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1925  
Original Architect: Unknown  
Original Builder: W.S. Harvell  
Original Owner: Joseph Weintraub  
Present Owner: John P. and Noreen E. Cunningham  
Alterations: Concrete block addition, 1957; exterior, 1980.

536 Alcazar Avenue:

Lots 3 & 4, Block 12, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1954  
Original Architect: Tyrus T. Tripp  
Original Builder: Emil Stoik  
Original Owner: Furman Angelo  
Present Owner: Alejandro J. Abreu and Kimberly R. Harrell  
Alterations: Concrete block addition, 1954.

533 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 21, Block 13, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1924

Original Architect: Unknown  
Original Builder: Unknown  
Original Owner: Norah Leinbach  
Present Owner: Lissette Aviles  
Alterations: New windows, 1995.

529 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 20, Block 13, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1926  
Original Architect: Floridian Architectural Service  
Original Builder: Lyle T. Laub  
Original Owner: Lyle T. Laub  
Present Owner: Diane M. Millette  
Alterations: Addition, 1972; roof, 1976; new windows, 1980.

528 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 5, Block 12, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1940  
Original Architect: Louis B. Christie  
Original Builder: Unknown  
Original Owner: Lucille R. Richards  
Present Owner: Lawrence L. and Susanne M. Palmacci  
Alterations: New windows, 1985.

525 Alcazar Avenue:

W ½ of Lot 18 & All of Lot 19, Block 13, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1927  
Original Architect: H. George Fink  
Original Builder: A.C. Allison  
Original Owner: William Clyde Campbell  
Present Owner: William C. Campbell, Jr.  
Alterations: New windows, 1990.

524 Alcazar Avenue:

Lots 6, Block 12, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1940  
Original Architect: Louis R. Christie  
Original Builder: Stuyvesant Corp. (Day Labor)  
Original Owner: Stuyvesant Corp.  
Present Owner: Param Singh  
Alterations: New windows, 1970.

520 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 7, Block 12, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1937  
Original Architect: William H. Merriam  
Original Builder: George J. Burchel, Inc.  
Original Owner: Captain Christopher Story  
Present Owner: Craig E. Leen and Ana Maria Muniz  
Alterations: Bathroom added to the rear of the west bedroom, 1957; new windows, 1974; carport, 1989.

516 Alcazar Avenue:

Lots 8, Block 12, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1937  
Original Architect: Paist and Steward  
Original Builder: Lester F. Prell

Original Owner: Lily E. Cohen  
Present Owner: Alan M. and Laura Y. Tartakoff  
Alterations: None noted.

513 Alcazar Avenue:

Lots 16, Block 13, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1923  
Original Architect: Unknown  
Original Builder: Unknown  
Original Owner: Mrs. C.A. Maull  
Present Owner: Steven Davis  
Alterations: New windows, 1996.

512 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 9 & W ½ of Lot 10, Block 12, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1927  
Original Architect: John Skinner and Coulton Skinner  
Original Builder: J. Gordon Hussey  
Original Owner: J. Gordon Hussey  
Present Owner: Eugene N. Kluesner  
Alterations: New windows, 1980.

509 Alcazar Avenue:

Lots 15, Block 13, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1939  
Original Architect: H. George Fink  
Original Builder: Patrick J. Gilmore  
Original Owner: Kathryn S. Kelsey  
Present Owner: Howard V. Cortez  
Alterations: Concrete block addition, 1964; addition, 1976.

501 Alcazar Avenue:

Lots 13 & 14, Block 13, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1939  
Original Architect: E. Dean Parmalee  
Original Builder: Unknown  
Original Owner: Louis P. and Marie Croce  
Present Owner: Edward J. McNamara  
Alterations: None noted.

500 Alcazar Avenue:

E ½ of Lot 10 & All of Lots 11 & 12, Block 12, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1947  
Original Architect: Edward T. Rempe  
Original Builder: J.E. Shaw  
Original Owner: J.E. Shaw  
Present Owner: Ernesto and Josefina Capote  
Alterations: New windows, 1998.

447 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 24, Block 4, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1927  
Original Architect: F.E. Quinlan  
Original Builder: Mrs. E. Wardwell (Day Labor)  
Original Owner: Mrs. E. Wardwell  
Present Owner: Marvin D. Walker and Better F. Lundahl

Alterations: New roof on garage, windows.

446 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 1 & W 10 Ft. of Lot 2, Block 5, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1939  
Original Architect: Carl P. Lump  
Original Builder: P.A. Crocker  
Original Owner: H.V. Holbrook  
Present Owner: Jane Gay Bondurant  
Alterations: None noted.

439 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 22, Block 4, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1951  
Original Architect: Martin Hauri  
Original Builder: Clara Van Horn  
Original Owner: Clara Van Horn  
Present Owner: Amanda and Michelle Vargas  
Alterations: None noted.

438 Alcazar Avenue (LHD 2005-10):

Lot 3 & E 40 Ft. of Lot 2, Block 5, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1927  
Original Architect: S.R. Carroll  
Original Builder: S.R. Carroll  
Original Owner: S.R. Carroll  
Present Owner: Matthew and Michelle K. Potts  
Alterations: New windows, garage, 1990

435 Alcazar Avenue:

Lots 21, Block 4, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1938  
Original Architect: Leroy Kinsport  
Original Builder: J.F. Neederheiser  
Original Owner: Frank H. Sheets  
Present Owner: Lazaro and Maria I. Suri  
Alterations: New roof.

434 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 4, Block 5, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1925  
Original Architect: Unknown  
Original Builder: H. D. Harvel  
Original Owner: Walter E. Kennedy  
Present Owner: Sandra Iglesias  
Alterations: Concrete block addition, 1955; new windows.

430 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 5, Block 5, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1937  
Original Architect: William H. Morrison  
Original Builder: George J. Murray  
Original Owner: Catherine Gunn / J.C. Dowling  
Present Owner: Felix J. Cordoves  
Alterations: None noted.

427 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 19, Block 4, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1927  
Original Architect: George Edgren  
Original Builder: George Edgren  
Original Owner: George Edgren  
Present Owner: Josephine A. Johnson  
Alterations: New windows, 1980.

423 Alcazar Avenue:

Lots 17 & 18, Block 4, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1927  
Original Architect: George Edgren  
Original Builder: George Edgren  
Original Owner: Mrs. George Edgren  
Present Owner: Jorge R. and Wendelyn R. Nichols  
Alterations: Second story addition, 1989.

422 Alcazar Avenue (LHD 1994-02):

Lots 6 & 7, Block 5, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1936  
Original Architect: E. Dean Parmalee  
Original Builder: Owner / Day Labor  
Original Owner: Mrs. Effie D. James  
Present Owner: Rex E. Wilkinson and Hiram Nunez  
Alterations: New windows, 1998.

418 Alcazar Avenue:

Lots 8, Block 5, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1940  
Original Architect: William Shanklin  
Original Builder: Jerome Cohen (Day Labor)  
Original Owner: Jerome Cohen  
Present Owner: Carlos and Patricia A. Villalta  
Alterations: Two story concrete block addition, fence, 1957; windows, 1995.

414 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 9, Block 5, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1937  
Original Architect: Howard Knight  
Original Builder: George Burkel, Inc.  
Original Owner: Anita Hughes & D. R. Hughes  
Present Owner: George A. Alfonso and Renan C. Garcia  
Alterations: Construction of garage, 1960.

410 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 10, Block 5, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1925  
Original Architect: Unknown  
Original Builder: Unknown  
Original Owner: Augusta Lindgren  
Present Owner: Jose D. and Maria Gonzalez Gil  
Alterations: None noted.

403 Alcazar Avenue:

Lots 13, Block 4, Coral Gables Section B

Construction Date: 1949  
Original Architect: Baxter, Vernon D. Lamp  
Original Builder: Unknown  
Original Owner: Gene Headlee  
Present Owner: Miguel M. Sanchez  
Alterations: None noted.

400/402 Alcazar Avenue:  
Lot 12, Block 5, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1937  
Original Architect: E. Dean Parmalee  
Original Builder: George W. Tripp  
Original Owner: Dick B. James  
Present Owner: Billie S. Wills  
Alterations: None noted.

Non-contributing Properties:

650 Alcazar Avenue:  
Lot 1 & W ½ of Lot 2, Block 20, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1988  
Original Architect: Unknown  
Original Builder: Unknown  
Original Owner: Victorine Blanchard  
Present Owner: Maria Martha Roman  
Alterations: None noted.

645 Alcazar Avenue:  
Lots 25 & 26, Block 19, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1952  
Original Architect: Leroy K. Albert  
Original Builder: Bert Mason  
Original Owner: Bert Mason  
Present Owner: Rafael Fernandez and Elizabeth Webb  
Alterations: Total remodeling: fence, windows, portico, roof, 2007.

640 Alcazar Avenue:  
E ½ of Lot 2 & All of Lot 3, Block 20, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1987  
Original Architect: Unknown  
Original Builder: Unknown  
Original Owner: Victorine Blanchard  
Present Owner: Fernando V. and Sylvia M. Lines  
Alterations: None noted.

629 Alcazar Avenue:  
Lot 21, Block 19, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1969  
Original Architect: O.E. Ganzalez  
Original Builder: J.B. Cortes  
Original Owner: L.R. Pupo  
Present Owner: Esther R. Pupo  
Alterations: None noted.

627 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 20, Block 19, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1998  
Original Architect: Unknown  
Original Builder: Unknown  
Original Owner: Unknown  
Present Owner: Guillermo Rodriguez and Sady Pineiro  
Alterations: None noted.

612 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 10, Block 20, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 2005  
Original Architect: Unknown  
Original Builder: Unknown  
Original Owner: Unknown  
Present Owner: Alessandro Re  
Alterations: None noted.

517 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 17 & E ½ of Lot 18, Block 19, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1937  
Original Architect: George Bruce  
Original Builder: Owner / Day Labor  
Original Owner: George Allen  
Present Owner: Carlos A. Diaz  
Alterations: Totally remodeled: front porch, carport, windows, 2006.

443 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 23, Block 4, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1971  
Original Architect: O.K. Houstoun, Jr.  
Original Builder: Allied Builders  
Original Owner: Hugh Taunton  
Present Owner: Joaquin and Barbara Roy  
Alterations: Concrete block addition, 1982.

431 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 20, Block 4, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1985  
Original Architect: Joaquin S. Aguirre  
Original Builder: Dantor, Inc.  
Original Owner: Edward Mittenmeyer  
Present Owner: Luis Antonio Morales  
Alterations: None noted.

415 Alcazar Avenue:

Lots 15 & 16, Block 4, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1931  
Original Architect: Harry O. Nelson  
Original Builder: Unknown  
Original Owner: Mary E. Durrant  
Present Owner: John N. and Susan H. Ehlers  
Alterations: Second story addition, 1990.

407 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 14, Block 4, Coral Gables Section B

Construction Date: 1950  
Original Architect: M.H. Vaviloff, Lyell  
Original Builder: Unknown  
Original Owner: Maye Wells  
Present Owner: Mercedes Palomo  
Alterations: Enclosed garage, 1990.

406 Alcazar Avenue:

Lot 11, Block 5, Coral Gables Section B  
Construction Date: 1990  
Original Architect: Unknown  
Original Builder: Day Labor  
Original Owner: Unknown  
Present Owner: Jorge and Paula B. Viera  
Alterations: None noted.

Criteria For Significance

Historical, Cultural Significance:

- a. Is associated in a significant way with the life or activities of a major historic person important in the past.

H. George Fink, Architect

Cousin of George Merrick, H. George Fink was one of five individuals responsible for designing the original plans for Coral Gables. He individually designed a large portion of Coral Way and Obispo Avenue, as well as the Renuart Arcade (demolished), the Anastasia Hotel (demolished), and the Hotel Cla-Reina, later renamed the La Palma Hotel. Due to his Mediterranean Revival style work in Coral Gables, King Alfonso XIII of Spain acknowledged Fink for his dedication to Spanish architecture by presenting him with the Order of Isabella. In 1928, H. George Fink left Coral Gables to work for the J.C. Penney Company, and later joined the Works Progress Administration in 1933. However, Fink eventually returned to Coral Gables and continued his architectural work into the 1950s (Janus Research 2002: 34-35).

- b. Exemplifies the historical, cultural, political, economic, or social trends of the community.

The historic properties on Alcazar Avenue reflect the shift in the economy from the affluent 1920s to the weakened financial status of the post World War II years. This is visible through the range of architectural styles that exist on Alcazar Avenue. The Mediterranean Revival style and Mission style of the wealthier times are constructed next to the more affordable Ranch and Minimal Traditional styles.

Staff Recommendation

Based on its historical and cultural significance, GAI Consultants, Inc. finds that the Alcazar Avenue Historic District is eligible for listing in the Coral Gables Register of Historic Places.

Review Guide

The Review Guide is a general photographic essay. It includes photographic documentation that illustrates the present physical character of the district and may be used to address the impact of new construction, additions/modifications/alterations, and/or renovations which may become the subject of some future Certificate of Appropriateness consideration. By providing comparative photographs, it enables the viewer to determine whether or not elements which create the character of the structure and/or district are present and/or whether or not later additions or alterations have changed that character so as to cause the property (or properties) to become ineligible for listing.



621 Alcazar Avenue, 1926, by William A. Fishbaugh.  
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Library and Archives of Florida.



621 Alcazar Avenue-2007



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Non-contributing properties:



650 Alcazar Avenue – 2007



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