



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
September 11, 2014**

ITEM TITLE:

Historic Preservation Board Meeting of July 17, 2014.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

SPECIAL CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS:

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2014-008: An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 1150 Anastasia Avenue, the William H. Kerdyk Tennis Center at the Biltmore Hotel, a Local and National Historic Landmark, a lengthy legal description is on file in the Historical Resources Department. The applicant requested approval for the renovation of the tennis courts, installation of lighting fixtures, and the addition of an entrance pavilion.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the design proposal for the alterations to the tennis courts and the installation of stadium lighting on the property located at 1150 Anastasia Avenue; and to approve the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness, subject to; (1) inclusion of staff's three recommended conditions; (2) re-examining the hardscape design between the tennis courts; addressing drainage for sufficiency along the entire site; simplifying the landscaping along Anastasia Avenue to reflect the neighborhood and the Biltmore environment; using true keystone on the columns at the entry feature; and permitting landscape and drainage issues to be administratively reviewed by Historical Resources staff. (*Ayes: 7, Nays: 0*)

BOARD ITEMS / CITY COMMISSION / CITY PROJECTS UPDATE:

The July 22nd City Commission agenda includes the second reading on the 6801 Granada Boulevard lot separation; ad valorem tax relief for 641 San Lorenzo; and the proposed text amendment of the Zoning Code TDR Ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Status of Historic Property Plaques / Signage for Historic Districts: Ms. Spain reported that the husband of the artist who designed and developed the mold for the plaques expressed concern about the status of a design copyright, and didn't yet feel comfortable relinquishing equipment and materials to the City. Ms. Spain expressed confidence that the issue would eventually be sorted out.

1110 and 1126 Alhambra Circle: Ms. Spain forwarded concerns about the properties to Code Enforcement for follow up.

MacFarlane Homestead Property Rehabilitation Project: Ms. Spain reported positive forward movement resulting from a meeting July 16th with the City Attorney's office and the County regarding the project to fund rehabilitation of MacFarlane Homestead properties.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. MacIntyre reminded the Board about the July 29, 2014 Sea Level Task Force Meeting and requested reservations.

ATTACHMENT(S): Minutes of Historic Preservation Board Meeting of July 17, 2014