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1.	05/01/08	Marlin Ebbert 6935 Almansa Street Coral Gables 33146		X	From: Marlin Ebbert [mailto:marlinebbert@yahoo.com] Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2008 9:19 AM To: Pierra, Cynthia Subject: metal roofs Thanks you for sending the notice about the meeting on 5/13/2008. I will try to attend. As I have stated before, I am in favor of allowing metal roofs on a home by home basis. Marlin Ebbert 6935 Almansa Street Coral Gables 33146
2.	04/23/08	Dan May Dan.may@comcast.net			-----Original Message----- From: Dan May [mailto:dan.may@comcast.net] Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 1:02 PM To: Slesnick, Donald Subject: Metal Roof at 9231 Schoolhouse Road Don. I have not previously written regarding the Metal roofs. I have taken notice of the pictures that are usually shown at your commission meeting reflecting a single color in the bright Florida sun which we have an unlimited amount. I do not ever see the 9231 Schoolhouse Road house at your commission meetings in which some of the roof is the typical bright Metal but in addition it has at least 3 various shades of dull along with two shades of brown stain. The West face of the roof has a different look in he morning when in shade and a better but still noticeably objectionable look in the afternoon sun.

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					<p>Because of the many shades of colors, I have not included a picture. I believe that only a professional photographer taking both a mid-morning and a mid-afternoon picture could provide an adequate resemblance.</p> <p>Even though it would be interesting to listen to proponents of the metal roof discussing as to why the metal roofs of the future will not look like the current roof at 9231 Schoolhouse Road, I feel it would be more important for future metal roof installers to get an actual look at 9231 before they apply a metal roof to their own house. Co-incidentally, I believe your commission is about to place 9231 Schoolhouse Road in a Gated Sub-division, thereby preventing most citizens from visiting 9231 Schoolhouse Road before applying for a Metal Roof permit.</p> <p>In conclusion, no suggested solutions except to make the address of 9231 Schoolhouse Road known to all applying for a Meal roof permit and let them decide.</p> <p>Dan</p>
3.	04/21/08	<p>LUIS O. REVUELTA MESANA ARCHITECT 1417 SANTA CRUZ AVENUE/ 1045 CASTILLE CORAL GABLES FLORIDA 33134. REVUELTA VEGA LEON ARCHITECTS 2950 S.W. 27TH AVE. MIAMI, FLORIDA 33133 LREVUELTA@RVLARCH.CO M</p>			<p>From: Luis Revuelta [mailto:lrevuelta@rvlarch.com] Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 8:42 PM To: Slesnick, Donald; Kerdyk, William; Cabrera, Ralph; Anderson, Maria; Withers, Wayne; Lubin, Dona; Brown, David; Mindreau, Carlos; Riel, Eric; Hernandez, Elizabeth Cc: Thomas Mooney; thomasmooney@miamibeachfl.gov; finer@gtlaw.com; Maryeanderson@aol.com; Bisfinance@aol.com; carwell1981@hotmail.com Subject: FW: FINAL THURSDAY APRIL 17 2008 A COPY OF MY COMMENTS AT THE CITY COMMISSION APRIL 08 AND MY COVER LETTER TO FRIENDS AND COLLEGUES TO THE PETITION</p> <p>Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,</p> <p>Thanks again for the patience and opportunity to have allowed us to express freely our opinions about this issue over the last well seems like an awful long time.</p>

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					<p>I will be out of town for a few days and felt it was appropriate to copy all of you directly, at the risk of being boring ,and for the sake of being overly careful with distribution of correspondence before I left town, and somebody else copied you with this long editorial.</p> <p>These are my thoughts, which were sent to friends and colleagues today, along with a request on their opinion, concerning my views of the issues and the voting next Tuesday the 29th.</p> <p>I sincerely hope our statements and thoughts have not been taken personally, thru this long process and that we can eventually find some common grounds to make the City Architecturally a bit better, for years to come.</p> <p>Again with all the due respects to all of you , regardless of the outcome, and hoping we can have the opportunity to..... prove either of us right.....</p> <p>All the best, good health and blessings to you and your families</p> <p>Luis</p> <p>1 of 2 ATTACHMENTS:</p> <p>FEBRUARY 2008, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA</p> <p>DEAR FRIENDS AND COLLEGUES.</p> <p>HOPE THIS LETTER FINDS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN GOOD HEALTH. IF WE COULD PLEASE BORROW FIVE MINUTES TO COMMENT ON THIS ISSUE OF STANDING SEAM METAL ROOFS, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL TO THE CITY AND US.</p>

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					<p>NORTH GABLES.</p> <p>PRACTICALLY ALL INDIVIDUALS WITH WHOM WE SPEAK ABOUT THIS SUBJECT, WHETHER OPPONENTS LIKE ANDY MURAI, OR PROPONENTS, AGREE IT SHOULD BE CITY WIDE. HOWEVER, AS YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW STAFF HAS BEEN OPPOSED TO THE IDEA.</p> <p>THEY HAVE RECOMMENDED AGAINST APPROVAL OF THIS ORDINANCE IN NORTH GABLES WITHOUT FIRST A PILOT PROGRAM, DUE TO THEIR STRONG BELIEVE, THAT EVEN THIS TRIAL PERIOD WILL OPEN THE FLOOD GATES TO METAL ROOFS NORTH OF US 1.</p> <p>WE OF COURSE RESPECT THEIR SINCERITY AND PROFESSIONAL OPINION, BUT WE ALSO STRONGLY DISAGREE.</p> <p>OUR ARGUMENTS TO THE CITY COMMISSION ARE SIMPLE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLEASE ALLOW US THE OPPORTUNITY OF A PILOT PROGRAM IN THE NORTH SO THE STUDY CAN BE OBJECTIVE RATHER THAN SUBJECTIVE. IT IS ONLY FAIR. • A TEST PILOT PROGRAM CANNOT BECOME THE OVERWHELMING THREAT THEY FEAR IT WILL. THE PROPOSED STYLE WITH THE PROPER DETAILING AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS WILL INEVITABLY REVITALIZE THE QUALITY OF THE "STYLESS" AND "MED REVIVAL WANNABE'S" HOMES IN THE AREA. • IF WE, THE BOA AND THE P&Z ARE CORRECT IN OUR ARCHITECTURAL ASSESMENT, THE CITY AND ITS RESIDENTS, STAND TO GAIN ARCHITECTURAL DIVERSITY, WHICH WILL BRING ECONOMIC, AESTHETIC, SAFETY AND ENERGY

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					<p>CONSERVATION BENEFITS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HOWEVER, IF THE FEW HOMES THAT EVENTUALLY WILL QUALIFY FOR THE SHORT TERM PILOT PROGRAM, PROVE THE CITY CORRECT IN THEIR CONCERNS, THE IMPACT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WOULD BE VERY MINIMAL AND WE WILL BE FOR EVER PROVED ARCHITECTURALLY WRONG. <p>LIKE MR. MOONEY HAS MENTIONED MANY TIMES BEFORE, THE INTRODUCTION OF A FLORIDA REGIONAL STYLE, BY ARCHITECTURAL CONTRAST, WILL BETTER DEFINE, ENHANCE AND SET APART, THE CHARM, STYLE AND AESTHETIC QUALITY OF THE 20'S/ 30'S MED. REVIVAL HOMES.</p> <p>I HAVE ALSO ENCLOSED MY COMMENTS AT THE LAST CITY COMISSION MEETING SHOULD YOU STLL BE AWAKE AND INTERESTED IN OUR PERSPECTIVE.</p> <p>IF YOU AGREE THERE SHOLULD BE AN OBJECTIVE AND FAIR OPPORTUNITY FOR THE AREA NORTH OF US 1. TO PARTICIPATE IN A 90 DAY PILOT PROGRAM, FOR A STANDING SEAM METAL ROOF, COMPLYING WITH THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS; PLEASE JUST LET US KNOW IN THE ENCLOSED FORM, SO WE CAN USE YOUR NAME AS A SUPPORTER OF THE IDEA.</p> <p>IF NOT, JUST PLEASE LET US KNOW AS WELL, AND WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN YOUR POINT OF VIEW IF YOU HAVE THE TIME.</p> <p>WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR TIME, AND HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON.</p> <p>BEST REGARDS</p> <p>LUIS</p>

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					<p>2 of 2 ATTACHMENTS:</p> <p>THOUGHTS EXPRESSED TO THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING ON APRIL 08 2008</p> <p>GOOD MORNING AND THANKS TO THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY. THANKS TO MAYOR SLESNICK FOR THE PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS OF MY RECENT AWARDS, I AM GRATEFUL.</p> <p>MY NAME IS LUIS REVUELTA I HAVE BEEN A GABLES RESIDENT FOR APPROXIMATELY 28 YEARS, CURRENTLY RESIDE AT 1417 SANTA CRUZ AVENUE, A 1926 MED REVIVAL HOME, WITH MY WIFE AND 2 OF OUR 4 CHILDREN. WE WILL NEVER REQUEST A METAL ROOF FOR THAT STRUCTURE, AND WE ARE WILLING TO PLACE OUR WISHES IN WRITING.</p> <p>HOPEFULLY, THIS MONTH WE WILL FINALLY MOVE TO 1045 CASTILLE, A 1953 STYLISH STRUCTURE, AND PROBABLY ONE OF THE LEAST GOOD LOOKING HOMES IN THE AREA.</p> <p>IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY IN THE PILOT PROGRAM MY WIFE AND I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST APPROVALS FOR A METAL ROOF, WITH THE APPROPRIATE STYLE, DETAILING AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS.</p> <p>IT NEEDS TO BE MADE CLEAR; WE ARE IN FULL SUPPORT TO MAKE THE PILOT PROGRAM, PERMANENT SOUTH OF US. 1. AND IF NEED BE, TO BE EXTENDED AGAIN FOR ANOTHER 90 DAYS WITH THE REVISED, TIGHTER REGULATIONS.</p> <p>FOR TWO YEARS WE HAVE BEEN PRESENTING THE ARGUMENT THAT WITH THE PROPER REGULATIONS, AS FURTHER REDefined BY THE BOA AND THE P&Z; A FLORIDA VERNACULAR STYLE STANDING SEAM METAL ROOF, WITH THE ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY, HONESTY, SAFETY AND EFFICIENCY IT PRESENTS; WILL NOT HARM THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF THE MED REVIVAL STRUCTURES IN NORTH GABLES, BUT ON THE CONTRARY, WILL ENHANCE IT.</p>

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					<p>WE BELIEVE NOT ALLOWING A TEST PILOT PROGRAM IN THE NORTH WITH THE SAME OR TIGHTER REGULATIONS THAN THE SOUTH, IS NOT OBJECTIVE AND MOST OF ALL... NOT FAIR.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THE BOA UNANIMOSLY AGREES. <p>IT DID BEFORE; IT DOES NOW; EVEN WITH SOME NEW MEMBERS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THE P&Z ALSO UNANIMOSLY AGREES. <p>ALL MEMBERS CLEARLY STATED AT THE MEETING THE NORTH SHOULD BE INCLUDED AND IT SHOULD BE CITY WIDE. FURTHERMORE 2 OF THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS ARE ARCHITECTS.</p> <p>THE ONLY 2 MEMBERS THAT DID NOT VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, EXPRESSED THEY WANTED SOME FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SOUTH PRIOR TO THEIR VOTE FOR MAKING IT PERMANENT THERE AND CITY WIDE.</p> <p>THE PROS AND CONS HAVE BEEN HEARD AND DISCUSSED AT NAUSEUM ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ARGUMENT. BUT MOST OF THE DISCUSIONS HAVE BEEN BASED ON PERSONAL PREFERENCES AND THEREFORE AT A HIGH LEVEL OF:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SUBJECTIVITY</p> <p>WE SUGGEST; TO FINALLY ELIMINATE SUBJECTIVITY, AND SIMPLIFY THE DISCUSSION; TO PLEASE GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT REMAIN IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS.</p>

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OBJECTIVITY <p>BY COLLECTING CONTEXTUAL EMPIRICAL DATA, VISUALZING AND COMPARING BUILT EXAMPLES LIKE IT WAS DONE IN THE SOUTH, OPINIONS CAN WISELY BE DEFINED, AND HENCE THE DECISION OF WETHER OR NOT TO ALLOW A PERMANENT PROGRAM ON THE NORTH CAN BE PLACED TO REST.</p> <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAIRNESS. <p>IF A TEST PILOT PROGRAM, MADE SENSE ON THE SOUTH, WHY NOT ON THE NORTH TO BRING OBJECTIVITY AND FINALITY TO THE ARGUMENT?</p> <p>AS REPEATEDLY SAID BEFORE, WE ALL HAVE A GREAT RESPECT FOR THIS COMISSION, THE PLANNING STAFF, AND THE SINCERE VIEWS ON WHICH WE HAVE HAD AN ARCHITECTURAL RESPECTFUL AND PHILOSOPHICAL DISAGREEMENT.</p> <p>WE WOULD NOT BE REQUESTING THIS OPPORTUNITY IF WE WERE NOT SINCERELY CONVINCED; THERE WILL NOT BE A NEGATIVE ECONOMIC OR AESTHETIC IMPACT TO OUR HOMES AND MORE IMPORTANT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.</p> <p>IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE NORTH TO LOSE ITS CHARACTER BECAUSE OF A 90 DAY TEST PILOT PROGRAM WITH THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS IN PLACE.</p> <p>WE HAVE TRIED IN EARNEST TO REQUEST AS MANY OPINIONS AS POSSIBLE FROM FELLOW ARCHITECTS AND CITIZENS, THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY</p>

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					<p>FEELS THE SAME WAY, AND THEIR RESPONSES NORMALLY ARE:</p> <p>YOU DO NOT SEE THE ROOFS MUCH, WITH THE LANDSCAPING.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>A ROOF MATERIAL REALLY DOES NOT DEFINE A CITY.</p> <p>EVEN ANDY MURAI, WHO AS YOU KNOW HAS BEEN A STERN OPPONENT, HAS GONE ON THE RECORD AS SAYING; IF IT IS GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTED IT SHOULD BE CITY WIDE. WE BELIEVE THAT:</p> <p>IF THE FEW HOMES THAT EVENTUALLY WILL QUALIFY FOR THE SHORT TERM PILOT PROGRAM CAN PROVE THE CITY'S ARGUMENT CORRECT, THE IMPACT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WOULD BE VERY MINIMAL AND WE WILL BE FOR EVER PROVED ARCHITECTURALLY WRONG.</p> <p>HOWEVER,</p> <p>IF THE BRIEF PROGRAM SHOWS AS WE FORESEE; THAT THERE IS COMPATIBILITY;</p> <p>THE CITY AND THE RESIDENTS STAND TO GAIN A DIVERSITY, WHICH WILL BRING ECONOMIC, AESTHETIC, SAFETY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION GAINS TO THE CITY.</p> <p>THIS VERNACULAR FLORIDA STYLE WITH THE PROPER DETAILING AND COMPLIANACE WITH THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS WILL INEVITABLY REVITALIZE THE QUALITY OF THE "STYLESS" AND "MED REVIVAL WANNABE'S" HOMES WITH THEIR PAINTED CEMENT BARREL TILE ROOFS AND "FAUX" CORAL</p>

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					<p>ROCK CEMENT ORNAMENTATIONS.</p> <p>FURTHERMORE, LIKE MR. MOONEY HAS MENTIONED MANY TIMES BEFORE AND, HIS MOST IMPORTANT HISTORICAL ARGUMENT: THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS FLORIDA REGIONAL STYLE, BY ARCHITECTURAL CONTRAST, WILL BETTER DEFINE, ENHANCE AND SET APART, THE CHARM, STYLE AND ARCHITECTURAL QUALITY OF THE 1920'S AND 30'S MED. REV. HOMES WITH THEIR HISTORICAL CLAY TILE BARREL ROOFS.</p> <p>IT IS A WELL KNOWN FACT THAT EXPERIENCED, ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS FOR YEARS HAVE PREACHED, HISTORICAL DETAILS AND STYLES SHOULD BE CLEARLY DEFINED FROM ONE ANOTHER, TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE OVERALL HISTORICAL URBAN CONTEXT OF THE CITY, AND THE ADDITIONS TO ITS HISTORIC STRUCTURES.</p> <p>HONORABLE COMISSIONERS, WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THE ONLY PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO FINALYZE THIS ARGUMENT, IS TO PLEASE POSITIVELY AGREE TO OUR CONTINUING, SIMPLE REQUEST:</p> <p>FOR THE SAKE OF OBJECTIVNESS AND FAIRNESS;</p> <p>ALLOW THE NORTH GABLES TO PARTICIPATE IN A SIMILAR TEST PILOT PROGRAM, AS THE SOUTH DID AND SHOULD AGAIN, AS APPROVED AND SUPPORTED UNANIMOULSY TWICE BY THE CITY BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, AND THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD.</p> <p>PERMITTING THIS TEST TO HAPPEN, WITH THE SUGGESTED ADDED REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS, THOUGHTFULLY DRAFTED, BY THE CITY PLANNING STAFF, TOM MOONEY AND ROBERT FINE, WILL PROPERLY FACILITATES THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE AND ANALYZE CITY WIDE THE CONTEXT OF THIS STYLE, AGAIN, IN AN OBJECTIVE AND MOST OF ALL FAIR</p>

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					<p>MANNER WITHOUT RISK TO THE CITY.</p> <p>WE BELIEVE THIS CAN BE THE MOST LOGICAL AND PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO BRING CLOSURE TO A DEBATE THAT PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE NOT LASTED THIS LONG, SPECIALLY WITH SO MANY OTHER MORE IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT DESERVE MORE ATTENTION.</p> <p>FURTHER MORE, REST ASSURED EVEN IN DISAGREEMENT YOU HAVE OUR PROFESSIONAL RESPECT.</p> <p>THANK YOU AND HAVE A GREAT DAY.</p>
4.	04/09/08	Thomas R. Mooney, AICP, <i>Design & Preservation Manager</i> PLANNING DEPARTMENT 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33139 Tel: 305-673-7000 ext. 6191 / Fax: 305-673-7559 / www.miamibeachfl.gov			<p>From: Mooney, Thomas [mailto:ThomasMooney@miamibeachfl.gov] Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2008 5:42 PM To: Riel, Eric; Lubin, Dona Cc: Brown, David Subject: metal roofs</p> <p>Dona/Eric,</p> <p>I was not able to be at yesterdays CC meeting, but caught some of the discussion last night (via DVR). It appears that the metal roof issue might finally be heading to some sort of conclusion. I think this would be good for everyone (City Commission, City Staff and the residents).</p> <p>I understand that the Mayor and Commission asked for some different options to consider at their next meeting. I would like to suggest that the Administration consider a single option of a 90 day, citywide pilot program. Such a recommendation would be consistent with the language of the Ordinance transmitted by the PZB on March 12 and endorsed by</p>

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					<p>the Board of Architects.</p> <p>More importantly, though, I think that a 90 citywide pilot program would be acceptable to all parties, including the residents and the majority of the City Commission, and hopefully City Staff, as it would limit the number of homes in the more sensitive areas of the City north of Bird Road.</p> <p>The other advantage of a 90 day citywide PP is that it would provide the most comprehensive study area possible, and address any issues of fairness. The impression I got from some members of the PZB, as well as the CC was that they were not ready for anything permanent yet. After the installation of roofs pursuant to a citywide PP, the discussion would then be able to be focused solely on architectural compatibility, without all of the other issues of 'north v. south', 'fairness', 'equity', etc. The revised boundaries of a permanent ordinance would be based on physical examples citywide.</p> <p>After 2 years I would very much like to see some finality to this issue as well. I would be more than happy to meet with you (in person or via conference call) to discuss the issue further, or to participate in the drafting of a citywide PP. Just let me know.</p> <p>All the best,</p> <p>Tom</p> <p>MIAMIBEACH Thomas R. Mooney, AICP, <i>Design & Preservation Manager</i> PLANNING DEPARTMENT 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33139 Tel: 305-673-7000 ext. 6191 / Fax: 305-673-7559 / www.miamibeachfl.gov</p> <p><i>We are committed to providing excellent public service and safety to all who live, work and play in our vibrant, tropical, historic community.</i></p>

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5.	04/04/08	Miguel Cano Biscayne Finance Company Licensed Real Estate Broker Licensed Mortgage Brokerage Business 150 Alhambra Circle Suite 1250 Coral Gables, FL 33134 305.648.2001 305.648.1500 facsimile		X	<p>From: Maryeanderson@aol.com [mailto:Maryeanderson@aol.com] Sent: Friday, April 04, 2008 4:03 PM To: Slesnick, Donald; Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Withers, Wayne; Metal Roof Comments Subject: metal roof comments from our community</p> <p>Dear Mayor Slesnick & Coral Gables Commissioners,</p> <p>In seeking support for the metal roof pilot program in the City of Coral Gables (North and South of US 1), when I discuss metal roofs with our fellow residents generally their first response is: I want one, I have previously sent a letter, I have signed the petition, so why is it taking so long, and do you mean my initial endorsement doesn't count?</p> <p>Our friends and neighbors who have responded and support the use of metal roofs throughout Coral Gables feel that once they have signed a petition or send comments they are permanently recorded and added to the on-going campaign.</p> <p>Please understand that all we are requesting is the opportunity to protect our homes, families and community with the highest quality, Miami-Dade County approved, green building materials currently available. This is a more expensive roofing system than cement or clay tiles, and can afford additional energy and environmental possibilities for homeowners such as capturing water to a cistern for lawn irrigation or household use.</p> <p>Out of fairness to all our busy citizens and our community who have both worked so diligently on the campaign for metal roof approval in the City of Coral Gables, we respectfully request that all comments over the entire period of the campaign (approx 2 years+ or -), whether written or delivered at the multiple commission meetings and review boards, be recorded and posted on the city web site.</p>

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					This will reflect the full scope of the support from our residents and design professionals, environmentalists and historical preservationists. Miguel Cano Biscayne Finance Company Licensed Real Estate Broker Licensed Mortgage Brokerage Business 150 Alhambra Circle Suite 1250 Coral Gables, FL 33134 305.648.2001 305.648.1500 facsimile
6.	04/04/08	Kristina Lindstrom Lyons 1423 Mendavia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33146		X	-----Original Message----- From: klyons@comcast.net [mailto:klyons@comcast.net] Sent: Friday, April 04, 2008 10:42 AM To: Metal Roof Comments Subject: We, the undersigned, are residents of the City of Coral Gables and wish to inform the city's Planning & Zoning Board, Board of Architects and City Commission of our support for an ordinance amending the Zoning Code to extend the pilot program for metal roofs on single family homes, which was previously approved for those areas to the south of US1/South Dixie Highway, to those areas of the City north of US1/South Dixie Highway. Such pilot program would include the appropriate review by the City of Coral Gables Board of Architects in order to protect the character of historic homes and neighborhoods. Signed Print Name Address Kristina Lindstrom Lyons 1423 Mendavia Avenue, Coral Gables, FL 33146
7.	04/03/08	JThwing907@aol.com		X	From: JThwing907@aol.com [mailto:JThwing907@aol.com] Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2008 10:34 AM

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					<p>To: Metal Roof Comments Subject: Metal Roofs in North Gables</p> <p>Thank you for including North Gables in this initiative.</p> <p>Over the years, we often are not included, left out, overlooked or ignored as a geographical area in everything from police services to public works. It is nice to be included, even if the issue lacks importance in the list of challenges facing the City presently. I would have preferred to see your time used to solicit thoughts, views and comments on more pressing issues to taxpayers, but since "image" appears to be more important than reputation, and this is the first time I have been asked to since 2001, I will comment..</p> <p>As supported in testimony to the commission, metal roofs offer a effective and efficient way to protect one's home. The are economical and efficacious, and can be compatible with many different styles of architecture, and quite frankly are none of government's business, in my opinion. If people want metal roofs, it should be their call. Until you (government) pays our taxes, mortgage and insurance the decision as to putting a metal roof on a home rests with the property owner not government.</p> <p>hopefully, now perhaps you can get back to more relevant issues?</p>
8.	04/03/08	Richard Namon 5555 Oakwood Lane Coral Gables, FL 33156 Tel: 305-661-1166		X	<p>From: rnamon [mailto:rn@miamimiami.com] Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2008 10:48 AM To: Metal Roof Comments Subject: Metal Roofs Need To Be Approved</p> <p>Dear Board Members:</p> <p>It is unthinkable that residents of North Coral Gables not be allowed to have a pilot program for metal roofs like the program allowed South Coral Gables. Not to allow this</p>

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9.	04/03/08	Leonela Rohaidy 30 Sevilla Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134		X	From: Rohaidy30@aol.com [mailto:Rohaidy30@aol.com] Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2008 7:57 AM To: Metal Roof Comments Subject: (no subject) We, the undersigned, are residents of the City of Coral Gables and wish to inform the city's Planning & Zoning Board, Board of Architects and City Commission of our support for an ordinance amending the Zoning Code to extend the pilot program for metal roofs on single family homes, which was previously approved for those areas to the south of US1/South Dixie Highway, to those areas of the City north of US1/South Dixie Highway. Such pilot program would include the appropriate review by the City of Coral Gables Board of Architects in order to protect the character of historic homes and neighborhoods. Leonela Rohaidy 30 Sevilla Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134
10.	04/02/08	Anne E. Helliwell 680 Calatrava Avenue Coral Gables 33143		X	From: AHelliwell@aol.com [mailto:AHelliwell@aol.com] Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 9:16 PM To: Metal Roof Comments Subject: Metal Roofs One of the many things that sets Coral Gables apart from other cities are our beautiful

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					<p>neighborhoods with their lovely homes. Metal roofs will further enhance our homes which in turn will be reflected in the overall aesthetics of the "City Beautiful" . Metal roofs do not get as dirty or have as much mildew as tile. They are easier to maintain and to clean when needed. This too will make our homes and our city look even better.</p> <p>Metal roofs are safer during hurricanes thus providing residents with more peace of mind. Also, some insurance companies offer discounted rates to homeowners with metal roofs. With insurance rates as high as they are, this would be a definite and most appreciated benefit Coral Gables could provide to its residents.</p> <p>I urge the City Commission to approve metal roofs on April 8.</p> <p>Anne E. Helliwell 680 Calatrava Avenue Coral Gables 33143</p>