



Historical Resources &
Cultural Arts

CORAL GABLES HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 15, 2016, 4:00 p.m.

City Commission Chambers

405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, Florida

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CORAL GABLES
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<p>☎ 305.460.5093 MEMBERS ✉ hist@coralgables.com</p>	<p>J F M A M J J A S+ S O N D</p> <p>16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16</p>	<p>APPOINTED BY:</p>
<p>Janice Thomson P# P P P P P P - P P E E P Mayor Jim Cason Venny Torre P P E P P P P - P P E P P Vice-Mayor Frank Quesada Elizabeth Ghia P E P P P P E - E E P P P Comm. Jeannett Slesnick Alejandro Silva P P P P P E P - P P P P P Comm. Patricia Keon Alicia Bache-Wiig* P - - - P P P Comm. Vince Lago John Fullerton P P E P P P P - E P E P P Board-as-a-Whole Robert Parsley P E P P P P P - P P P P P City Manager Margaret Rolando P E E P P P P - P E P P P City Commission Albert Menendez P P E P P P P - P P P P P City Commission</p>		

LEGEND: A = Absent; P = Present; E = Excused; * = New Member; ^ = Resigned Member;
- = No Meeting (lack of quorum); # = Late meeting arrival; S+ = Replacement August 2016 meeting

STAFF:
Dona M. Spain, Historic Preservation Officer
Kara N. Kautz, Assistant Historic Preservation Officer
ElizaBeth Guin, Historic Preservationist
Jessie Diaz, Administrative Assistant
Miriam Ramos, Deputy City Attorney

GUESTS: Mercedes E. Hernandez, Robert Darias, Thor Bruce, Frank Halpern, Robert and Valerie English, Elayn Norweb, Jay Halpern, Jane Maranos, Pedro Bravo, Mario Iraheta, Tiffany Iraheta, Daniel Faust, Daisy Faust, Edgardo Macchi, Paola Castano, Tom Stieghorst, Marilu Bakula, Vivian E. Artzie

The meeting was called to order by Chair Torre at 4:07 p.m. A quorum was present.

MINUTES: MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2016: Mr. Silva made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2016 Board meeting as written. Mr. Menendez seconded the motion, unanimously approved by voice vote.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT and DISCLOSURE OF CONTEXT:
Mr. Torre read for the record the statement regarding lobbyist registration and disclosure. Board members who had ex-parte communication or contact regarding cases being heard were instructed to disclose such communication or contact. Board members did not indicate that any such communication occurred.

DEFERRALS: None

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PUBLIC SWEARING IN: Nancy Morgan administered the public swearing in for those testifying during the meeting.

REQUEST FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION OF CORAL GABLES TO PLACE A DOUBLE-SIDED HISTORIC MARKER FOR THE ALHAMBRA CIRCLE BRIDLE PATH / CORAL GABLES RIDING ACADEMY AND APPROVAL OF MARKER TEXT:

Ms. Spain introduced Karelia Carbonell, President of the Historic Preservation Association of Coral Gables (HPACG).

For context, Ms. Carbonell relayed the organization's research regarding the City's early bridle path and riding academy as well as the significance of this area to the City's history. Regarding the referenced marker and on behalf of the board of directors of HPACG, Ms. Carbonell requested a historical marker to be placed in the area of the southwest corner of Salzedo Street and Giralda Avenue to identify and increase awareness of the cultural heritage in the City of Coral Gables and to enhance the enjoyment of both residents and visitors, commemorating a forgotten important part of local Coral Gables history.

The proposed 1,235-character text of the historical marker was considered favorably by the Board as presented. Mr. Silva advised that the marker should be readable on both sides and accessible to pedestrians.

Mr. Fullerton made a motion to approve the marker and text as presented, and to include the suggestion made by Mr. Silva. Ms. Ghia seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Rolando, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Ghia, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Parsley, Mr. Silva, Ms. Bache-Wiig, Ms. Thomson, Mr. Torre. Nays: None.