

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Items G-1
December 8, 2015
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

City Commission

**Mayor Jim Cason
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Vice Mayor Frank Quesada
Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick**

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**City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
City Attorney, Craig E. Leen
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Historic Preservation Officer, Dona Spain**

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item G-1 [Start: 12:00:45 p.m.]

A Resolution approving a recommendation from the Historic Preservation Board for the placement and wording of a historic marker by the Historic Preservation Association of Coral Gables for the “White Way” lights (Historic Preservation Board vote: 7-0).

Mayor Cason: We’ll do one more item, G-1, so you don’t have to come back after lunch. This is a resolution approving a recommendation from the Historic Preservation Board for the placement and wording of a historic marker by the Historic Preservation Association of Coral Gables for the “White Way” lights.

Mrs. Spain: Thank you sir. This is a recommendation from the Historic Preservation Board for a historic marker to be placed on university commemorating the “White Way” lights. It’s being

paid for by the Historic Preservation Association of Coral Gables and Cornelia is here along with Jane somewhere. This is a good thing.

Mayor Cason: You want to say anything?

Speaker: Yes. Well thank you so much. This was a great gift for us; we've been waiting very patiently all morning, so I appreciate you taking care of us before lunch. But yes, this is really an opportunity to right a wrong, I guess, in terms of our history, and I'm hoping you have had some time to read the text for the marker and the context behind it, its perfect timing. The marker will commemorate the 90th anniversary of these ornamental white way lights, which originally were 500. We now have about 78 still standing on and around the Riviera corridor, and we along with Dona Spain and the Historical Resources Department. We feel that the marker will be best erected in the Coral Gables Library area in that, I guess triangle; and again, I think we are just asking for you to approve this and then our organization will take care of funding it and making sure it's ready. We are hoping our timeline that it would be ready to have an unveiling within the 90th anniversary, which I think takes us to maybe April.

Mayor Cason: April 29th.

Speaker: Exactly. So with that said, we are hopeful that our timeline will work.

Commissioner Lago: This is great. This is great.

Mayor Cason: OK. Who wants to make the motion?

Commissioner Lago: I'll make the motion.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Lago makes the motion – second?

Commissioner Slesnick: Second.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Slesnick. City Clerk.

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Cason: Thank you very much.

Commissioner Lago: I congratulate you on your efforts. Let me tell you, this is the type of stuff that we should celebrate because Coral Gables is very rich in history and these markers. I drive by them all the time and sometimes we don't slow down enough to really take a look at the detail that's associated with these markers. It's spectacular.

Mrs. Spain: We recently installed one at the museum plaza that's been restored, it was donated in the estate of Sam Laroue to the City and we just installed it and its lit now, so it's actually quite nice.

Mayor Cason: And remember we have in our capital improvement budget quite a lot of money to help restore the other one, so.

Speaker: Yes. We are going to keep working at this, but this was one of our phases and this is important and so I really thank you so much.

Commissioner Lago: Thank you for your hard work. Thank you.

Commissioner Slesnick: Thank you ladies for being here all morning.

[End: 12:04:19 p.m.]