

## **CORAL GABLES HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**September 15, 2009, 4:00 p.m.**

**City Commission Chambers**

**405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, Florida**

<b>MEMBERS:</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>F#</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>APPOINTED BY:</b>
Dorothy Thomson	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick, II
Margaret Rolando*			P	P	P+	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Ernesto Santos	E	P	P	P	A	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Comm. Maria Anderson
Venny Torre*							P	P	P	P	E	P	P	Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Dolly MacIntyre	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P-	P	Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers
Richard Heisenbottle*											P	P	P	Historic Preservation Board
Joyce Meyers	E	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P-	E	City Manager
Gay Bondurant*										P	P	P	P	City Commission
Sharon Langer*												P	E	City Commission

+ Ms. Rolando recused herself from discussion of one application at the special February meeting.

- Ms. MacIntyre arrived at 6:53 p.m.; Ms. Meyers departed at 6:54 p.m.

### **STAFF:**

Kara Kautz, Historic Resources Officer

Simone Chin, Historic Preservation Administrator

**A = Absent**

**P = Present**

**E = Excused**

**\* = New Member**

**^ = Resigned Member**

**# = Special Meeting**

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**GUESTS:** Ted Faust, Oscar Compain, Alex Acosta, Rogelio Arenas, Estrella Arenas, Silvia Unzueta, Nick Di Donato, Judy Santos, Natividad Soto, Oscar Roger, George Volsky, Roxcy Bolton, Burton Hersh, Lester Garcia, Claire Georgatos, Jim Georgatos, Hector Fernandez, Laura Russo, Debra Kolsky; City Staff: City Manager Patrick Salerno, Assistant City Manager Maria Alberro Jimenez, Dan Keys, Martha Salazar-Blanco, Walter Carlson, Carlos Mindreau, Ed Weller

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Nancy C. Morgan, Coral Gables Services, Inc.

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Dolly MacIntyre at 4:09 p.m. A quorum was present.

### **AD VALOREM TAX RELIEF:**

#### **CASE FILE AV 2007-02:**

An application requesting ad valorem tax relief for the property at 1137 Asturia Avenue, a local historic landmark, legally described as Lot 20, Block 12, Coral Gables Section C, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, at Page 26, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The related Certificate of Appropriateness – Case File COA (ST) 2007-42, was granted design approval on June 21, 2007, by the Historic Preservation Board.

During a Powerpoint presentation, Ms. Kautz displayed photographs, relayed the property's history and described alterations to the interiors and exteriors.

Homeowner Silvia Unzueta praised staff for their efforts and help, adding her willingness to participate in showing other homeowners that historic designation and home restoration were positive processes.

Ms. MacIntyre invited other comments from the audience. Hearing no requests to speak, she closed the public hearing portion of the application and called for Board comments.

**Mr. Heisenbottle made a motion to approve the application for ad valorem tax relief. Ms. Thomson seconded the motion.**

Ms. MacIntyre mentioned that it was difficult for the Board to digest information when documentation was received during the meeting, and recommended additional time to study application information. Ms. Kautz apologized for the lateness of the Board's material.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Bondurant, Mr. Torre, Mr. Santos, Ms. Rolando, Ms. Thomson, Mr. Heisenbottle, Ms. MacIntyre. Nays: None.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara N. Kautz  
Historic Preservation Officer