



HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
ASSOCIATION OF CORAL GABLES

May 9, 2022

Coral Gables City Commission Meeting May 10, 2022

**Re: Agenda Item #I-2**

Dear City Commission,

**Re: I-2 City Purchase 142 SW 37th Avenue Property**

On behalf of the Historic Preservation Association of Coral Gables, please accept this letter in support of the Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the approval of an "As-Is" FARBAR Residential Contract for Sale and Purchase as Amended with Coral 37 PDL for the purchase of the property located at 142 SW 37 AVE, Coral Gables, FL 33134 (Folio No. 03-4105-050-0200) for the purposes of establishing a neighborhood park and to provide City residents and visitors with a City of Coral Gables entrance feature.

Please note that the subject site at 142 SW 37 Avenue sits within the Campina Court Historic District. According to the National Park Service, local historic districts enjoy the greatest level of protection legally from any threats that may compromise their historic integrity. Thus, the Campina Court Historic District has guaranteed protection under the local landmark designation enacted in 2005 by the City's Historic Preservation Board. A local historic district is "a group of related significant properties which share common themes, and are organized by historic contexts and property types." A park or green space in this area will comply with the historic district designation, and uphold its legal protection as per the National Park Service. Also, the original 1924 development plans called for a coral rock entrance designed by Denman Fink to be erected at this Flagler property.

The Historic Preservation Association of Coral Gables promotes the understanding and the importance of historic resources and their preservation in Coral Gables. We ask the City Commission to recommend approval of item I-2.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Karella Martinez Carbonell', written in a cursive style.

Respectfully submitted,

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