



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2021**

ITEM TITLE:

Historic Preservation Board Meeting of July 21, 2021

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Ehrenhaft and seconded by Mr. Maxwell to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2021, Historic Preservation Board Meeting.

The motion passed (Ayes: 6; Nays: 0) (3 board members were absent).

DEFERRALS: None

APPROVAL OF ABSENCES FROM THE JULY 21, 2021, PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Fullerton and seconded by Mr. Ehrenhaft to approve the request for absence from Alicia Bache-Wig,

The motion passed with a collective aye.

A motion was made by Mr. Ehrenhaft and seconded by Mr. Durana to approve the request for absence from Peggy Rolando.

The motion passed with a collective aye.

A motion was made by Mr. Durana and seconded by Mr. Maxwell to approve the request for absence from Cesar Garcia-Pons.

The motion passed with a collective aye.

LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION:

CASE FILE LHD 2021-002: Consideration of the local historic designation of the property at **1014 Catalonia Avenue**, legally described as Lot 9, Block 21, Coral Gables Country Club Section Part 1, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, at Page 108 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

A motion was made by Mr. Fullerton and seconded by Mr. Durana to approve the designation.

The motion passed (Ayes: 6; Nays: 0).

SPECIAL CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS:

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2021-007: An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at **1021 Asturia Avenue**, a Local Historic Landmark, legally described as Lot 17, Block 7, 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 application requests design approval for an addition and alterations to the residence and sitework.

A motion was made by Mr. Fullerton and seconded by Mr. Maxwell to approve the Special Certificate of Appropriateness for an addition and alterations to the residence and sitework with staff conditions except number three.

The motion passed (Ayes: 8; Nays: 0).

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2021-008: An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at **817 Alhambra Circle**, a Contributing Resource with the “Alhambra Circle Historic District,” legally described as Lots 5 and 6, Block 31, Coral Gables Section “B,” according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, at Page 111 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The application requests design approval for an addition and alterations to the residence and sitework.

A motion was made by Mr. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Ehrenhaft to approve the design approval for an addition and alterations to the residence and sitework with conditions stipulated.

The motion passed (Ayes: 6; Nays: 0)

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2019-018 REVISED: An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at **1258 Obispo Avenue**, a Contributing Resource within the “Obispo Avenue Historic District,” legally described as Lots 1 & 2, Block 3, Coral Gables Section “E,” according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, at Page 13 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The application requesting design approval for an addition and alterations to the residence and sitework was granted approval with conditions on November 20, 2019. This application requests design approval for a revision to the approved Certificate of Appropriateness for the removal and replacement of the roof and floor framing.

A motion was made by Ms. Spain and seconded by Mr. Ehrenhaft to deny the design approval for a revision to the approved Certificate of Appropriateness for the removal and replacement of the roof and floor framing as the board was not comfortable with the amount of demolition happening on a contributing structure in a district.

The motion failed (Ayes: 4; Nays: 2)

A motion was made by Ms. Fullerton and seconded by Ms. Spain to defer the item and allow the applicant to make revision and bring the board additional information to support his request.

The motion failed (Ayes: 6; Nays: 0)

Clarification was made that the board would allow the owner to make whatever changes he wanted to the floor of the house.

BOARD ITEMS / CITY COMMISSION / CITY PROJECTS UPDATE:

1. Mr. Adams brought up the issue that there were some concerns raised about the Mediterranean style bonus and how it was being applied to new construction. Mr. Ceballos stated that there was a moratorium on development orders and building permits issued with the Mediterranean bonus until the next commission meeting. Mr. Adams stated that a committee was formed to provide input on this bonus program. He would not be part of the panel but had been asked to sit in on meetings to provide information from a historic point of view. The first meeting would be on July 22, 2021, and the panel would

be made up of members who would provide advice to the commissioners on the future application of this bonus. Five members were appointed by each commissioner, one is the city architect, and the final person was an appointee by the entire board a Mr. Glen Pratt.

2. Mr. Adams stated that staff was currently undergoing training for the introduction of electronic plan review which will affect how the board reviews plans at board meetings as the city would be going paperless. Mr. Adam stated that he would try and get an update to the board on what the requirements would be and how they would be reviewing plans in the future.
3. A request was made by the board to get some guidelines to state specifically what they are looking at and what they need to see. Mr. Adams clarified that when something is submitted electronically, every department could review it at the same time so they would have the same submittal as the board of architects, building and zoning. One application would be entered into the system, and everyone could review it at the same time which would hopefully speed things up.
4. Mr. Adams reported that the Merrick House had held an event honoring its sponsor organizations. The house would open to the public on July 10, 2021. On July 15th, 2021, the Merrick House won the 2021 City Beautiful Award from the chamber of commerce for being the most Gable-esque property.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

1. A request was made from Mr. Ehrenhaft to delay the appointment or re-appointment of chair and vice-chair until the next meeting as not everyone was present.
2. Ms. Kautz stated she had given parking passes to all the board members except for those that were not present at the last meeting and those would be in their packets that they had received.
3. Cookbooks were from the Economic Development in lieu of the yearly board function.

DISCUSSION ITEM: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Fullerton and seconded by Mr. Durana to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm.

The motion passed with a collective aye.