

CORAL GABLES HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 22, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, Florida

EXCERPTS

MEMBERS:	N	D	J	F#	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	APPOINTED BY:
Dorothy Thomson	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick, II
Margaret Rolando*		P	P	P+	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Ernesto Santos	P	P	P	A	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Comm. Maria Anderson
Venny Torre*						P	P	P	P	E	P	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	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P-	E	P	City Manager
Gay Bondurant*									P	P	P	P	P	City Commission
Sharon Langer*											P	E	P	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
Betty Perez, Administrative Assistant

A = Absent
P = Present
E = Excused
*** = New Member**
^ = Resigned Member
= Special Meeting

GUESTS: Betsy Adams, Suzy Amerkan, Matt Malone, Evelyn Budde, Ronald Potter, Kay Murff, Alberto Rodríguez, Laura Russo, Parking Director Kevin Kinney, Ileana Varela, Alex Acosta, Rosa Compain

RECORDING SECRETARY: Betty Perez

PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Nancy C. Morgan, Coral Gables Services, Inc.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE: Betsy Adams, Coral Gables Garden Club – Althea Merrick Statue for the Coral Gables Merrick House:

Ms. Thomson divulged that she is a Coral Gables Garden Club board member, said she is not remunerated for service, was aware of the today's presentation, but could impartially review and vote on the issue.

Ms. Adams introduced Garden Club President Suzy Amerkan, First Vice President Kay Murff and Second Vice President/proposal co-chair, Evelyn Budde, then overviewed the Club's 20-year Coral Gables entrance project prior to presenting the proposed project to plan, design, fund and donate a life-size monument of Althea Merrick sitting on a bench in her garden at Merrick House. After explaining design options and selection of the American Bronze Foundry to create the statue, Ms. Adams displayed photographs of Mrs. Merrick for Board input about the most appropriate model for the statue.

Ms. MacIntyre referenced the statue of Marjory Stoneman Douglas sitting on a bench in Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden as a way of featuring Mrs. Merrick in her garden. Ms. Kautz added that the Merrick House Governing Board reviewed and supported the Garden Club proposal and advised that, like the statue of George Merrick in front of City Hall, photographs of the design of this statue would be reviewed by the Board for a Certificate of Appropriateness. When completed, the statue will be unveiled during the year-long celebration of the Merrick House's 100th anniversary in 2010.

Ms. Thomson expressed pride in the dedication, work and contributions to the City by the Coral Gables Garden Club. Board members relayed their photograph preferences to Ms. Adams.

Ms. Thomson made a motion to approve of the concept of the Althea Merrick statue as presented. Ms. Langer seconded the motion.

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