

CORAL GABLES HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2009, 4:00 p.m.

City Commission Chambers

405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, Florida

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

+ Ms. Rolando recused herself from discussion.

- Ms. Maroon left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

STAFF:

Kara Kautz, Historic Resources Officer

Betty Perez, Administrative Assistant

Rodney Carbonell, Historical Resources Department

A = Absent

P = Present

E = Excused

*** = New Member**

^ = Resigned Member

= Special Meeting

GUESTS: Albert, McCraney, Hilda Dorsey, Grace D. McCraney, Ana Alvarez, Steven Lachterman, Tony Fernandez, Rev. Cathy Felber, Dick Ward, Rick Hickox, Stuart Bornstein, George McArdle

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dolly MacIntyre at 4:04 p.m. A quorum was present.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT and DISCLOSURE OF CONTEXT:

Ms. MacIntyre read for the record the statement regarding lobbyist registration and disclosure. She then stated that if any members of the board had any ex parte communication or contact regarding any cases being heard, it was necessary to disclose such communication or contact. Board members did not indicate that any such communication occurred.

AD VALOREM TAX RELIEF:

CASE FILE AV 2006-06 An application requesting ad valorem tax relief for the Hotel Place St. Michel located at 162 Alcazar Avenue, a local historic landmark, legally described as Lots 3 and 4, Block 24, Coral Gables Section "L", according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, at Page 85, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The related Certificate of Appropriateness – Case File COA (ST) 2006-38, was granted design approval on June 23, 2006, by the Historical Resources Staff.

Ms. Kautz reviewed the history and photographs of the Hotel Place St. Michel, its designation as a local historic landmark in 1995, and its restoration and alterations as she conducted a PowerPoint presentation. Property owner Stuart Bornstein was introduced as a member of the audience.

Ms. Kautz reviewed the criteria and requirements of the ad valorem tax benefit, adding that work was initiated on the property due to hurricane damage. There were no additions to square footage.

In response to Ms. Thomson's inquiry about plans for the site, Mr. Bornstein said he was currently in negotiations with a restaurant group. He added that the exterior of the property was 100% renovated, with no structural changes to the interiors.

Mr. Heisenbottle made a motion to approve the application for ad valorem tax relief for the Hotel Place St. Michel as presented. Ms. Bondurant seconded the motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT: 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara N. Kautz
Historic Preservation Officer