



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
October 28, 2014**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Historic Preservation Board Meeting of September 18, 2014.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE:** Leigh Kerdyk / Venetian Mooring Pile Project in the Coral Gables Waterway. Ms. Spain introduced Ms. Kerdyk, who was seeking funding from the Historic Preservation Trust Fund (current balance \$34,799) in the amount of \$5,000 as a Girl Scout Gold Award project.

A motion was made and then seconded to approve the request for \$5,000 in Historic Preservation Trust Fund funding to construct and install two replicas of George Merrick's Venetian pillars in the Coral Gables waterway at the specified the Cocoplum Circle area site. (*Ayes: 8, Nays: 0*)

**SPECIAL CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS:** An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 42 Navarre Avenue, a Local Historic Landmark, legally described as Lot 2, Block 15, 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 applicant requested design approval for the construction of a 16-story building on the remainder of the block. A variance was requested from Article 4, Section 4-302(D)(4) and Article 5, Section 5-604 of the Coral Gables Zoning Code for floor area ratio in order to exclude the floor area of the historic building (approximately 2,000 square feet) in the calculations for the project (33Alhambra Circle).

A motion was made and seconded to deny the Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 42 Navarre Avenue. (*Ayes: 3, Nays: 5*)

A motion was made and seconded to a motion to deny the requested variance. (*Ayes: 4, Nays: 4*)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 42 Navarre Avenue. (*Ayes: 6, Nays: 2*)

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION:** Historical Significance Determination of 312 Sarto Avenue, legally described as Lots 15, 16, 17, and 18, Block 9, Coral Gables Coconut Grove Section Part One, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 14, at Page 25, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

A motion was made and seconded that the property located at 312 Sarto Avenue does not warrant consideration as a historic property. (*Ayes: 3, Nays: 5*)

A motion was made and seconded to deem the house at 312 Sarto Avenue historically significant. (*Ayes: 5, Nays: 3*)

Historical Significance Determination of 239 Sarto Avenue, legally described as the West ½ of Lot 40 and all of Lots 41, 42, 43 and 44, Block 7, Coral Gables Coconut Grove Section Part One, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 14, at Page 25, of the public records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

A motion was made and seconded to deem the property at 239 Sarto Avenue historically significant. (*Ayes: 6, Nays: 1*)

BOARD ITEMS / CITY COMMISSION / CITY PROJECTS UPDATE:

TDR Zoning Code Amendment: Ms. Spain reported that the TDR Zoning Code amendment passed September 11, 2014 on first reading. The City Commission asked staff to research the possibility of extending receiving sites Citywide versus confined to the CBD. Staff will return to the Board with the results of their research.

Handmade Barrel Tile Roofs: Ms. Spain reported that the City Commission passed an ordinance permitting handmade barrel tile roofs to be allowed to patina, even if the structures under the roofs are not designated historic. The Code Enforcement Board wanted clarification.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

Department of State Grant: Ms. Ahouse is writing a special category grant in an amount up to \$350,000 to the Department of State for Merrick House, which is in dire need of repairs. Staff will be asking the Board for letters of support. At Ms. Thomson's request, Ms. Spain described several extensive repairs that were needed.

Green Building and Historic Preservation Workshop: Ms. MacIntyre distributed an announcement of the workshop on making historic buildings sustainable and livable, to be held Thursday, October 9, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Coral Gables Museum, sponsored by The Villagers and the Coral Gables Historic Preservation Board.

University of Miami Golf Tournament: Ms. Guerrero announced that the School of Architecture would host a tournament to benefit the Tom Spain Rome Program Endowment and scholarships for the Rome program at the School of Architecture on Friday, October 3rd beginning at 1 p.m.

Coral Rock Project: Ms. Martinez Carbonell, President of Historic Preservation Association-Coral Gables, announced two upcoming events focused on educating the public about historic preservation and also supporting City landmark projects that need care. Tuesday, September 24th, 6 to 8 p.m., at the Coral Gables Museum, will feature a presentation on coral rock and its significance to the founding of Coral Gables. The second event is a fundraiser (City Hall After Hours) to be held October 18th outside City Hall.

ATTACHMENT(S): Minutes of Historic Preservation Board Meeting of September 18, 2014