



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
October 14, 2008**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Historic Preservation Board meeting of August 21, 2008.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

1. **CASE FILE COA (SP) 2008-12:** An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at **2800 Toledo Street**, a local historic landmark, legally described as Lot 1, Coral Gables Venetian Towers Section according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 71, at Page 45, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant requested design approval for the installation of two on-site generators. A variance was also requested from the Coral Gables “Zoning Code”, Article 5-Development Standards, Division 28 (Permanently installed stand-by generators) Section 5-2801 (A) (11) to allow the installation of two (2) generators.

A motion was made and second to approve the variance to install two generators as proposed.  
(Ayes: 6, Nays: 1)

2. **CASE FILE COA (SP) 2008-11:** An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the Venetian Pool located at **2701 De Soto Boulevard**, local historic landmark, legally described as Lot 1 less part described in DB 3865-329 and All of Lot 2 and All of Lot 3 less Beginning of the Northwest corner South 26.12ft East 25feet of Northerly To Northeast corner West to Point of Beginning and Plot Described as Sevilla Park Block 6, Coral Gables Sec A, as recorded in Plat Book 5, at Page 102, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant requested design approval for the rehabilitation of the facilities.

A motion was made and seconded to study the possibility of an alternative entrance, to leave the ramp and railings intact and to examine the possibility of retrofitting the railings with staff recommendations; as well as, researching the retrofitting of the railings as a first step and looking at the settlement agreement with the Justice Department. (Ayes: 5, Nays: 1)

3. **CASE FILE COA (SP) 2008-07:** An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at **1119 Lisbon Street**, a local historic landmark, legally described as Lot 22, Block 59, Coral Gables Granada Section, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, at Page 113, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant requested design approval for the construction of an addition, and alteration of the structure. A variance was also requested from the Coral Gables “Zoning Code,” Article 4-Zoning Districts, Division 1 (Residential Districts) Section 4-101 (D) (4) (b) for the allowable minimum total side setbacks.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the setback variance and the Special Certificate of

Appropriateness. (*Unanimously approved*)

4. **CASE FILE AV 2001-02:** An application requesting ad valorem tax relief for the property at 1910 Country Club Prado, a local historic landmark, legally described as Lots 3 and 4, Block 26, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, at Page 26, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The related Certificate of Appropriateness – Case File COA (SP) 2001-06 and COA (ST) 2001-45, were granted design approval on March 22, 2001 and November 13, 2001 respectively, by the Historic Preservation Board.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the application for ad valorem tax relief. (*Unanimously approved*)

5. **CASE FILE LHD 2000-04 REVISED:** Consideration of the removal of individual local historic designation of the property at **737 Alhambra Circle**, legally described as the Lot 16, Block 24, 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. Property remains a non-contributing structure within the “Alhambra Circle Local Historic District.” Ms. Kautz advised that this was the first removal of a local historic designation that the Board had considered. The designation was done by ordinance when designations were conferred by the City Commission and would need to be undone the same way. The Board will make a recommendation to the City Commission.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the City Commission the de-designation of 737 Alhambra Circle. (*Unanimously approved*)

6. **CASE FILE LHD 2008-08:** Consideration of the individual local historic designation of the property at **3211 Alhambra Circle**, legally described as the Lot 1, Block 50, Coral Gables Country Club Section, Part Four, as recorded in Plat Book 10, at Page 57, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida and Lots 24 and 25, Block 6, Coral Gables Country Club Section, Part One, as recorded in Plat Book 8, at Page 108, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the local historic designation of 3211 Alhambra Circle. (*Unanimously approved*)

7. **CASE FILE COA (SP) 2008-06:** An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the Miracle Theater located at **280 Miracle Mile**, a local historic landmark, a lengthy legal description is on file in the Historic Preservation Office. The applicant is requesting design approval for the replacement of the marquee. A variance from the Coral Gables “Zoning Code,” Article 5-Development Standards, Division 19 (Signs), was requested for the installation of “LED” signage.

A motion was made and seconded to defer the item until additional information regarding lighting and other discussed research was available. (Ayes: 6, Nays: 1)

8. **CASE FILE LHD 2008-06 AND COA (SP) 2008-14:** Consideration of the individual local historic designation of the property at **932 Escobar Avenue**, legally described as the East 16.86 feet of Lot 4 and all of Lot 5 and the West 33.72 feet of Lot 6, Block 42, Coral Gables Country Club Section Part

Three, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 10, at Page 52, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant requested issuance of an Accelerated Special Certificate of Appropriateness and design approval for the construction of additions and alterations. This matter was deferred from the July 31, 2008, special meeting of the Historic Preservation Board.

A motion was made and seconded not to designate the house as historic. (*Unanimously approved*)

9. **CASE FILE COA (SP) 2008-10 Continued:** An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at **1256 Castile Avenue**, a contributing structure within the “Castile Avenue Historic District,” legally described as Lots 1 and 2, Block 7, 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 applicant requested design approval for the construction of an addition, renovation of the structure, and paint colors. This was deferred from the July 17, 2008 meeting of the Historic Preservation Board.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the plans as revised and presented. Mr. Santos seconded the motion. (*Unanimously approved*)

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Historic Preservation Board August 21, 2008 minutes