



The City of Coral Gables

Historical Resources Department

CORAL GABLES MERRICK HOUSE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes of June 9, 8:30 a.m.

Coral Gables Merrick House

907 Coral Way, Coral Gables, Florida 33134

MEMBERS	J 13	A 13	S 13	O 13	N 13	D 13	J 14	F 14	M 14	M* 14	A 14	M 14	J 14	APPOINTED BY:
Michelle Moskowitz		P	A	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	+	Mayor Jim Cason
Daisy Baez	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	E	P	E	A	P	P	Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Marlin Ebbert	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	E	Commissioner Pat Keon
Ana Lam		P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Vince Lago
Laura Yusko	E	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Frank C. Quesada
Joanne Meagher	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	E	Board Appointee
Susan Rodriguez	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	City Manager

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Dona M. Spain, Historic Preservation Officer
Kara N. Kautz, Assistant Historic Preservation Officer

A = Absent

P = Present

- = No Meeting

+ = Resigned Member

E = Excused

* = Special Meeting

^ = New Member

MEETING RECORD / MINUTES PREPARATION: Nancy C. Morgan, Coral Gables Services, Inc.

Ms. Yusko called the meeting to order at 8:53 a.m. and stated attendance for the record.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MAY 19, 2014:

A motion was made by Ms. Baez, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez and unanimously passed to approve the May 19, 2014 minutes as written.

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Lam made a motion, seconded by Ms. Baez and unanimously approved to excuse the absence of Ms. Ebbert and Ms. Meagher.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Events Committee: Ms. Rodriguez announced that a meeting of the Events Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Merrick House.

2016 Gala Fundraiser Update: Gala: Ms. Baez reported that the proposal for the 2016 fundraising gala will be presented at the next Board meeting after all cost estimates are in.

MAY 2014 HOUSE REPORT:

Total visitors in May: 12 adults; 19seniors; 5 students, plus an additional 44 West Lab students who attended for a special tour; 1 child.

Trust Fund balance: \$20, 629.17 (expenditure account); \$413 (revenue account)

Roxcy O'Neal Bolton Fund for exterior maintenance: \$4,940.00 (unchanged)

OLD BUSINESS:

Restoration of Paintings: Ms. Kautz and Ms. Spain met with Rusty Levinson and reviewed with her the ten donated paintings. Ms. Levinson evaluated the artwork as in extremely bad condition and infested with insects. She estimated a restoration cost of between \$12,000 and \$15,000 for each of the ten paintings, and is reviewing them to determine if emergency treatment will be effective in halting the destruction.

During discussion, Ms. Baez suggested consideration of focusing the fundraising purpose of the 2016 Gala on restoring these paintings. She requested that an inventory of all paintings belonging to Merrick House be developed along with the recommended action for each.

Ms. Baez made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lam, to use Trust Fund money to pay for the evaluation of artwork in Merrick House by Rusty Levinson for restoration purposes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Docent Recruitment Flyer: Ms. Rodriguez reported that the docent recruiting flyer was forwarded via email to several community organizations. Ms. Spain added that the information will also appear in the City's e-newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Merrick House Budget Update: Ms. Spain relayed that the 2014/2015 City Budget Estimate will be delivered to the City Commission on July 1st. There will be a subsequent budget workshop that has been tentatively scheduled for July 23 and two budget hearings. She and Ms. Kautz explained the Board's willingness to allay costs of House events via community-based sponsorships, an initiative to which the Interim City Manager agreed.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

There will be NO MEETING IN JULY.

Ms. Yusko and Ms. Rodriguez asked to be excused for the regularly-scheduled August meeting.

After discussion:

Ms. Rodriguez made a motion to schedule the August Board meeting on Wednesday, August 20, 2014. Ms. Lam seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

August Meeting: Wednesday, August 20, 2014, 8:30 a.m., Merrick House.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:24

Respectfully submitted,



Dona M. Spain
Historic Preservation Officer