



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 9, 2017**

ITEM TITLE:

Historic Preservation Board Meeting of March 16, 2017.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

DEFERRALS: None

HISTORIC ART FUND: CORAL GABLES LIBRARY, FOUNTAIN RESTORATION:

Leo Gomez introduced himself to the Board as one of the Public Administrators for the Miami-Dade County Public Library System and explained that they were in the process of carrying out multiple renovations at the Coral Gables Library, which include the renovations to the two fountains located at the Coral Gables Library. Mr. Gomez explained that the fountains had suffered vandalism and were in need of much needed repairs. He relayed the scope of work to the Board stating that the project would have two phases, the first being the restoration to both fountains, and the second phase being the repairs to the fountains which would involve extensive plumbing and electrical work. It was clarified by Mr. Gomez that the request coming before the Board was only for the restoration portion of the project. The repair work would be covered by the Capital Project Funds which are already secured. The cost for the restoration portion of the project was estimated at over \$37,000 which covers the work and the supervision that will be carried out by a restoration specialist.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval to the City Commission to authorize the release of funds from the Historic Art Fund in the amount of \$27,750 to cover the restoration costs of both fountains located at the Coral Gables Library.. (Ayes: 9, Nays: 0)

LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION:

CASE FILE LHD 2017-001: Consideration of the local historic designation of the property at 1212 Sorolla Avenue, legally described as Lots 12 thru 14, Block 2, 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.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the local historic designation for the property at 1212 Sorolla Avenue. (Ayes: 9, Nays: 0)

CASE FILE LHD 2017-002: Consideration of the local historic designation of the property at 1206 Cordova Street, legally described as Lot 7 & S ½ of Lot 8, Block 1, Granada Place Amended Plat, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 13, at Page 51 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the local historic designation for the property at 1206 Cordova Street. (Ayes: 9, Nays: 0)

CASE FILE LHD 2017-003: Consideration of the local historic designation of the property at 111 Cadima Avenue, legally described as Lots 25 to 27 Inclusive, Block 19, 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 approve the local historic designation for the property at 111 Cadima Avenue. (Ayes: 9, Nays: 0)

SPECIAL CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS:

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2016-032:

An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 1407 Ferdinand Street, a Local Historic Landmark, legally described as Lot 1, Block 67, Coral Gables Granada Section, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 113, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The application requests design approval for additions and alterations to the residence.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the design proposal for the addition and alteration to the residence at 1407 Ferdinand Street, and to approve issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness with Staff conditions. (*Ayes: 7, Nays: 1*)

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

Pioneer Day: Board members were invited to attend Pioneer Day which would take place on Saturday, March 17th, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Pinewood Cemetery. Information on the guest speaker, Rick Gonzalez, an architect best known for his restoration work of the West Palm Beach Courthouse, was relayed.

BOARD ITEMS:

Historic Art Fund: Mr. Torre inquired about how best to utilize the fund for City projects. Ms. Kautz informed the Board that there will be a future funding request to restore the color of the windows and doorframes at the Merrick House. After submitting samples for paint analyses, it was discovered that the original finish was shellac. The intent is to restore back the original color and would result in the change order to the project. Ms. Kautz estimated the cost would be around \$175,000 depending on which areas are done.

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Anniversaries: Mr. Torre suggested about the possibility of having an anniversary date. He further added that the public should be informed through marketing or some other means as to the good work that the Board is doing. Ms. Kautz explained historic homes that qualify for Ad Valorem Tax Relief get recognition at the City Commission level. A lengthy discussion ensued among the Board members in regard to various options to accomplish public awareness of historic preservation successes in Coral Gables.

Historic Landmark Plaques: Ms. Rolando inquired about the status of the plaques. It was relayed by Ms. Kautz that the order was increased to 50 plaques and the shipment was expected soon.

ATTACHMENT(S): Minutes of Historic Preservation Board Meeting of March 16, 2017.