



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
December 8, 2015**

ITEM TITLE:

Historic Preservation Board Meeting of October 15, 2015.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

REQUEST FROM HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION OF CORAL GABLES TO PLACE A DOUBLE-SIDED HISTORIC MARKER FOR THE "WHITE WAY" LIGHTS AND APPROVAL OF MARKER TEXT:

Karelia Carbonell, President of the HPACG relayed the significance of the White Way lights and the proposed marker text. The organization wants to dedicate the lights within the City's 90th anniversary year by April 2016.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the placement of the historic marker in the vicinity of the coral Gables Library bearing the text proposed by the HPACG. (*Ayes: 7, Nays: 0*)

LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATIONS:

CASE FILE LHD 2015-08:

Consideration of the removal of the local historic designation of the property at 2900 Ponce de Leon Blvd, legally described as Lots 16 and 17, Block 26, Coral Gables Craft Section, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 40, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. This is the former site of the Charade Restaurant.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the removal of local historic designation of the property located at 2900 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, conditioned on the placement of a descriptive plaque or other permanent feature stating the importance of the site to be incorporated in a later development of the property, and to include recognition of the Wilkins' family and the Granada Shop. (*Ayes: 7, Nays: 0*)

SPECIAL CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS:

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2015-014:

An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 716 Alhambra Circle, a contributing resource within the "Alhambra Circle Historic District," legally described as the East 20 Feet of Lot 13 and all of Lots 14 & 15, Block 23, 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. The application requests design approval for the addition of a gazebo and pond and alterations to the residence.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the design proposal for alterations to the existing residence located at 716 Alhambra Circle and for construction of the gazebo with the following conditions: 1) that The front door remain as is; 2) that the side door to the Florida Room be recessed to the maximum extent possible so it is sufficiently blocked in to allow the existing screen door to sit within the recess; 3) for staff to administratively conduct a review for a Standard Certificate of Appropriateness for the pool and pool deck; and to approve issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness. (*Ayes: 7, Nays: 0*)

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION:

Historical Significance Determination of the property at 1461 Ancona Avenue, legally described as Lots 34 & 35 and the East 10 Feet of Lot 36, Block 75, Coral Gables Riviera Section Part 5, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 20 at Page 38, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. This unaltered residence was built in 1952 and designed by H. George Fink.

A motion was made and seconded to approve authorizing the Historical Resources staff to issue a letter stating that the house at 1561 Ancona Avenue is not historically significant and may be demolished. (*Ayes: 7, Nays: 0*)

A motion was made and seconded to instruct the Historical Resources staff to conduct a review and analysis of the structures constructed within Coral Gables between 1945 and 1960 to determine which are culturally or architecturally significant; and to determine if the Board should undertake historical designation of certain districts with predominantly post-war structures as historically significant. (*Ayes: 7, Nays: 0*)

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

Ms. Spain advised that Elizabeth Guin was hired as the Historic Preservationist for the department. Ms. Spain also reminded the board that the National Preservation Conference will be held in Washington D.C. from November 3 through November 6.

ATTACHMENT(S): Minutes of Historic Preservation Board Meeting of October 15, 2015