

MARCH 6, 2024
THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Dear Property Owner:

How long is THIS going to go on?

All interested persons are hereby notified that the Historic Preservation Board of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, will hold a public hearing for the purpose of obtaining comments, suggestions, and opinions from all interested persons relative to **CASE FILE LHD 2022-007**, for the consideration of the local historic designation of the property at **1221 Milan Avenue**, legally described as Lot 9, Block 39, Coral Gables Granada Section Revised, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, at Page 113, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida on remand from the City Commission.

Interested persons may express their views at the hearing or file them in writing with the undersigned on or before the commencement of the hearing, which will be held before the Historic Preservation Board of the City of Coral Gables, in the **Commission Chambers, City Hall, 405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, Florida, commencing at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. Pursuant to Resolution No. 2021-118, the City of Coral Gables has returned to traditional in-person meetings. Accordingly, any individual wishing to provide sworn testimony shall be present physically in the Commission Chambers. To view the meeting via Zoom, the meeting can be accessed via the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88413827534>**

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Anna Pernas
Historic Preservation Officer

NOTE: Any person, who acts as a lobbyist pursuant to the City of Coral Gables, and the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics, must register with the City Clerk, prior to engaging in lobbying activities before City Staff, Boards, Committees and/or the City Commission. A copy of the Ordinance is available in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall.

Any aggrieved party may appeal any decision of the Historic Preservation Board to the City Commission by filing a written Notice of Appeal and the **applicable appeal fee** with the City Clerk within ten (10) days from the date of the decision. The notice shall concisely set forth the decision appealed and the grounds for the appeal. If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this public meeting or hearing, the aggrieved party will need a record of the proceedings. For such purposes, the aggrieved party may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who become boisterous while addressing the Board, shall be barred from further audience before the Board by the Chair, unless permission to continue or again address the Board is granted by the majority vote of the Board Members present. Clapping, applauding, heckling or verbal outbursts or any remarks in support or opposition to a speaker shall be prohibited. Signs or placards shall not be permitted in Commission Chambers.

Any person requiring special accommodations for participation in the meeting because of a disability should call Raquel Elejabarrieta, Esq., Director of Labor Relations and Risk Management, at (305) 722-8686 no less than five (5) working days prior to the meeting.

Further information on the above hearing matter is available in the office of the Coral Gables Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department, 2327 Salzedo Street, 2nd Floor, Coral Gables, Florida 33134.

BUT THE COMMISSIONERS YELL, SCREAM, ARGUE!!! BASCA. →

March 18, 2024

Dear Historic Preservation Board:

My name is Bruce Bernstein. I live at 1208 Milan Ave, across the street from the Saliamonas family. I am against the historic designation of the Saliamonas home. I typically do not advocate against historic preservation. Myself, along with my neighbors who've signed this letter, are proud of our neighborhood's aesthetic character. Many of us live in old homes. The last thing we want is to see an old home replaced with a modern box. However, we also see the Saliamonas home for what it is – old but not special. There's really nothing interesting about their house. We would much rather see a house where you can tell that the architect spent time to create something wonderful, as opposed to one that looks like it was drawn up in five minutes.

The Saliamonas family would like to build a new home with an early 1920's Mediterranean style. This will not only preserve our neighborhood's character it will enhance it. This is what is important for us.

We understand that this decision is yours to make, and even if everyone who lives near the Saliamonas home signs this letter, you still have the right to vote for designation. That said, we also think that since we're the ones who will be most affected by your decision, that you should give extra significance to our position.

Sincerely,

Bruce Bernstein



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1216 Milan Ave

Bruce Bernstein, 1208 Milan Ave, 1925

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1225 MILAN (43)

Mujie Durn
Marjorie Durn
1212 Milan Ave ('25)

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ASSOCIATION OF CORAL GABLES

October 17, 2023

Coral Gables Historic Preservation Board Meeting October 18, 2023

Att: Historic Preservation Board

CASE FILE LHD 2022-007: Consideration of the local historic designation of the property at 1221 Milan Avenue

On behalf of the Historic Preservation Association of Coral Gables, please accept this letter **in support of the historic designation for 1221 Milan Avenue** as recommended by the city's preservation staff.

The home at 1221 Milan Avenue exemplifies the Mediterranean ideals and climate adaptations espoused by City founder George Merrick. It was designed by architect Lewis Brumm who was well-versed in Mediterranean inspired architecture. He was amongst a small cadre of select architects Merrick commissioned to develop his vision in the mid-1920s. This residence was amongst the earliest built in the City, and along with other early residences on Milan Avenue, played a significant role in the development of the Coral Gables Cottages.

The home's first owner was **Francis Cyril "Cy" Guest**, a purchasing agent in Merrick's Coral Gables Home Department, assumed the final financing of the home. In 1925, with the incorporation of the City, Guest joined the Coral Gables Fire Department at the rank of lieutenant. In 1926 he became a member of the Coral Gables police force. Sergeant Guest was tragically killed on Christmas Eve by a drunk driver as he directed traffic around a fire truck attending to a house fire. Guest was the first Coral Gables officer killed in the line of duty. His name is on the honor roll inscription on the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C. Guest owned 1221 Milan for two years and leased it to seasonal visitors.

The Historic Preservation Association of Coral Gables promotes the understanding and the importance of historic resources and their preservation in Coral Gables.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Karella Martinez Carbonell'.

Karella Martinez Carbonell President Historic Preservation Association of Coral Gables

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