

CORAL GABLES MERRICK HOUSE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2023, 8:30 a.m.
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, 2nd Floor, Coral Gables, Florida 33134

| MEMBERS | M 22 | J 22 | J 22 | A 22 | S 22 | O 22 | N 22 | D 22 | J 23 | F 23 | M 23 | A 23 | M 23 | J 23 | J 23 | A 23 | S 23 | APPOINTED BY | | | | | |
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| Bonnie Seipp | P | N O M E E T I N G | N O M E E T I N G | P | E | P | P | N O M E E T I N G | E | P | P | P | E | N O M E E T I N G | N O M E E T I N G | P | A | Vice-Mayor Rhonda Anderson | | | | | |
| Carmen Cason | A | | | E | P | P | P | | P | P | P | P | P | | | P | P | P | P | P | A | Mayor Vince Lago | |
| Mary Beth Burke | P | | | P | E | P | P | | P | P | E | P | P | | | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez |
| Margaret Groves | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | A | Commissioner Melissa Castro |
| Alexis Ehrenhaft | E | | | E | P | E | E | | E | E | P | P | P | | | P | P | P | P | P | P | A | City Manager Peter Iglesias |
| Genevieve Orr | | | | * | * | * | * | | * | * | * | * | * | | | * | * | * | * | * | * | P | Commissioner Ariel Fernandez |
| Joanne Meagher | P | | | P | P | P | P | | P | P | P | P | P | | | P | P | P | P | P | P | A | Board-as-a-Whole |

LEGEND: A = Absent; P = Present; E = Excused; * = New Member; ^ = Resigned Member.
 - = No Meeting; # = Late meeting arrival.

STAFF: Anna Pernas, Historic Preservation Officer, Kara Kautz, Assistant Historic Preservation Officer; Gay Bondurant, Docent Coordinator, Yvelisse Bonilla, Administrative Assistant.
 RECORDING SECRETARY/PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Yvelisse Bonilla, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Board Member Burke at 8:55 AM.

Ms. Pernas announced the lack of quorum with five out of seven members absent. No actions items were discussed.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE:

Ms. Marlin Ebbert representing “The Villagers” attended the meeting to express gratitude for the support of this board. The Merrick House will be included in the Villagers Historic House Tour. Docents will be available the day of the tour. The Board and/or Ms. Bondurant will provide The Villagers with a description for the brochure.

The Board members expressed their appreciation to be included and look forward to future opportunities to open the house for public events.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes to be addressed at the following meeting.

HOUSE REPORT:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. 100 Voices Event with Ellen Uguccioni – Currently have 10 reservations. Will send e-mail reminders.
2. Ms. Burke discussed the need for the cleanup of mangos that have fallen and created a mess, pick up of trash receptacle located in the picnic area, and who will feed the animals of the Merrick House – cats, chickens, and the Koi.
 - a. Staff is handling the animals but a long term plan should be implemented.
3. The Board will be sending a condolence gesture to the family of Craig Johnson. The City will coordinate a memorial event honoring Mr. Johnson and his dedication to the Merrick House.

CITY COMMISSION ITEMS: None

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no quorum the meeting adjourned at 9:02 AM

Respectfully submitted,



Anna C. Pernas
Historic Preservation Officer