



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
January 27, 2009**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Historic Preservation Board meeting of December 18, 2008.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

1. **CASE FILE AV 2006-05** An application requesting ad valorem tax relief for the property at 544 San Esteban Avenue, a local historic landmark, legally described as Lots 3, Block 21, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 28, at Page 31, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The related Certificate of Appropriateness – Case File COA (SP) 2005-03, was granted design approval on March 23, 2005, by the Historic Preservation Board.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the application as presented. (*Unanimously approved*).

2. **CASE FILE COA (SP) 2008-20** An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 10XX Cotorro Avenue, a vacant parcel within the “French City Village Historic District”, legally described as Lot 3, Block 145, Revised Plat of Coral Gables Riviera Section Part Nine as recorded in Plat Book 28, at Page 29, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant is requesting design approval for in-fill construction within the historic district. Variances have been requested for the front door facing, maximum allowable building height, maximum allowable floor area, and maximum allowable ground area coverage. This was deferred from the Historic Preservation Board meeting of November 20, 2008.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the application along with the advertised variances. (*Unanimously approved*).

3. **CASE FILE COA (SP) 2008-23** An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 214 Florida Avenue, a contributing structure within the Mac Farlane Homestead Subdivision Historic District, legally described as Lot 28, Block 1-B, MacFarlane Homestead and St. Albans PK Comb and Supplem., as recorded in Plat Book 5, at Page 81, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant is requesting design approval for the demolition of the structure.

A motion and seconded to defer the application for 60 days. Within those 60 days, the applicant and others, with input from staff regarding resources, will devise a plan to, at a minimum, stabilize the property or restore it; and that the Code Enforcement Board be asked to consider mitigating fines for this property in light of this effort. (*Unanimously approved*).

4. **CASE FILE COA (SP) 2008-24** An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 647 Escobar Avenue, a local historic landmark, legally described as Lots 3 and 4, Block 133, Coral Gables Country Club Section Part Six, as recorded in Plat Book 20, at Page 1, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant is requesting design approval for the construction of additions and alterations to the existing residence.

A motion and seconded to approve the application with staff recommendations. Mr. Sanabria seconded the motion. (*Unanimously approved*).

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Historic Preservation Board December 18, 2008 minutes