

LANDMARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2023, at 9:00 am.
Coral Gables City Hall, City Commission Chamber
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, Florida 33134

MEMBERS	N 22	D 2 2	J 2 3	F 23	M 23	A 23	M 23	J 23	J 23	A 23	S 23	O 23	APPOINTED BY
Don Slesnick (Chairperson)	P			P			P					P	Mayor Vince Lago
Lauren Dowlen	P	N	N	P	N	N	P	N	N	N	N	P	Commissioner Kirk Menendez
Ramona Busot	E	O	O	P	O	O	P	M	O	M	O	P	City Manager, Peter Iglesias
Alice Goldhagen	P	E	E	P	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	Commissioner Fernandez
Donna Heisenbottle	E	T	T	P	T	T	P	I	I	I	I		Commissioner Jorge L. Fors, Jr.
Jane Maranos (Vice- Chairperson)	P	N	N	P	N	N	P	G	N	G	N	P	Commissioner Rhonda Anderson
Ajit Asrani	P			P			P					E	Commissioner Castro

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

RECORDING SECRETARY/PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Yvelisse Bonilla, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Slesnick called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Bonilla called the names of the board members in attendance.

Chair Slesnick welcomed board members and thanked everyone for coming.

A motion was made by Ms. Dowlen and seconded by Ms. Busot to excuse the absence of Ms. Alice Goldhagen and Mr. Ajit Asrani from this meeting, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Ms. Dowlen and seconded by Ms. Maranos to approve the minutes from the meeting on May 2, 2023. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None

OLD / NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution** – The resolution changing the frequency of the Landmark Advisory Board meetings from quarterly to every other month has not been presented to the City Commission. Vice Chair Maranos will be at the City Commission meeting to present this resolution.

2. **Joint Meeting** – The annual joint meeting between this board and the Historic Preservation Board will be on November 15, 2023, at 4:00pm.
3. **Granada Golf Course** – Look into the State Grant program to fund a marker for the golf course. Has already been designated by the state as a historic trail. The board will review the language on the marker before it is finalized.
4. **Arva Parks / Sally Jude** – Staff communicated with the Director of Community Recreation and discussed a new park at Toledo Street and Alaba Avenue. The park is in the design phase. Chair Slesnick would like to come up with the design of the marker for Arva Parks. Staff will get an update on this issue to discuss at the joint meeting with HPB. Would like to invite the Garden Club to the following meeting involving the designation of a park.
5. **Merrick House** – Ms. Bondurant requested relocation of the plaque honoring W.L. Philbrick to a more prominent location. Currently located by the front stairs on the right.
6. **Craig Johnson Memorial** – Working on finalizing a date and a plaque for the memorial. This board expresses their condolences for Mr. Johnson.
7. **List of Landmarks** - Gay Bondurant's created a list of the landmarks in Coral Gables. This board requests it be put on the website and create a GIS to each marker. Staff will provide an update at the next meeting.
8. **Damaged Markers** – This board would like Public Works to help with protecting the markers. Possibly some decorative rocks around marker to protect from lawn mowers. An inventory can be used to survey the condition of each marker to share with staff.
9. **Public Works/Greenspace** – This board would like a representative to attend one of the meetings. Staff recommended that if a specific topic needed to be addressed, we would request Public Works staff be present.
10. **Annual Report** – Reviewed and accepted by this Board.

A motion was made by Ms. Maranos and seconded by Ms. Busot to approve the 2022- 2023 Annual Report. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Next meeting will be in January 2024. Staff will confirm if January 22nd is a good date for all.
12. Chairperson Slesnick requests Staff to advise the Board on what they can do to support the staff. What projects does Staff feel are doable and what are not; how can Staff support this board to be more active.

CITY COMMISSION ITEMS:

1. Resolution passed by this Board on the frequency of meetings requested to be presented at the January 2024 City Commission meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. City Hall Windows: Staff updated the board on the following: \$2M has been allocated to the project. No decision has been made at this time. Project includes the auxiliary structure. The board expressed their concern with the proposal for replacement and not restoration.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY: None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Ms. Dolen and seconded by Ms. Busot to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 A.M.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna C. Pernas", written over a horizontal line.

Anna C. Pernas
Historic Resources and Cultural Arts Director