



CORALGABLES HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
 Thursday, August 18, 2016 Meeting, 4:00 p.m.
 City Commission Chambers
 405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, Florida 33134

<i>Historical Resources & Cultural Arts</i>	MEMBERS	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	APPOINTED BY:
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2327 SALZEDO STREET CORAL GABLES FLORIDA 33134	Janice Thomson	A	P	P	E	P#	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Mayor Jim Cason
	Venny Torre	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	Vice-Mayor Frank Quesada
	Elizabeth Ghia	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	E	Comm. Jeannett Slesnick
	Alejandro Silva	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	Comm. Patricia Keon
	Alexander Adams*	P	E	P	P	P#	P	P	P#	P	P#	P	^	Comm. Vince Lago
	John Fullerton	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	Board-as-a-Whole
	Robert Parsley	P	A	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	City Manager
	Margaret Rolando*	E	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	City Commission
☎ 305.460.5093 ✉ hist@coralgables.com	Albert Menendez*	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	City Commission

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

STAFF:

- Dona M. Spain, Historic Preservation Officer
- Kara N. Kautz, Assistant Historic Preservation Officer
- ElizaBeth Guin, Historic Preservationist
- Carlos Mindreau, City Architect
- Cristina M Suárez, Assistant City Attorney
- Stephanie Throckmorton, Assistant City Attorney
- Yesenia Diaz, Administrative Assistant, Historical Resources & Cultural Arts

GUESTS: Jorge A. De La Llama, Michael Figuero, Darlen Crème, Matthew Trussoni, Angie Michalakakis, Carolina Calzuda, William Medellin, Luigi Vitalini, Marrana Lvoff, Julio Grabiell, Michel Nedef

RECORDING SECRETARY/PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Yesenia Diaz, Administrative Assistant, Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department

The meeting was called to order by Chair Torre at 4:12 p.m. A quorum was not present.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT and DISCLOSURE OF CONTEXT:

Mr. Torre read for the record the statement regarding lobbyist registration and disclosure. Board members who had ex-parte communication or contact regarding cases being heard were instructed to disclose such communication or contact. Board members did not indicate that any such communication occurred.

DEFERRALS: Case File LHD 2016-010 and COA (SP) 2016-020: 6808 San Vicente Street

PUBLIC SWEARING IN: Yesenia Diaz, Administrative Assistant City of Coral Gables Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Department, administered the public swearing in for those testifying during the meeting.

BOARD PROCEDURES: Ms. Spain stated on the record that 5 members of the board instituted a quorum and as there were only 4 present, no items could be voted on. Ms. Spain explained that Peggy Rolando anticipated being late to the meeting due to her flight arrival. Since the meeting was advertised to start at 4:00 p.m., if she didn't arrive before 4:30 then the meeting would have to be canceled per City Code. She continued to state that those cases that were scheduled for the

present meeting would be rolled over to a special meeting in September before the regularly scheduled meeting on September 15th. She informed the board that the earliest the special meeting could happen would be two weeks from the current date due to notice requirements.

Mr. Fullerton reminded the board that even with 5 members, all the votes would have to be unanimous.

CITY COMMISSION CHAIR REPAIRS: Ms. Spain announced and pointed out the restored leather chairs in the City Commission Chambers explaining how it had taken years to finally get them all restored.

LANDMARK PLAQUES: Ms. Spain was proud to announce that the landmark plaques were finally in development and being given out to the public. She relayed the background story of the plaques stating that the artist that had initially produced them had fallen ill and the City spent some time searching until finally finding a ceramist. Ms. Spain informed that those residents that own a historical designated home would be able to obtain a ceramic plaque free of charge.

BOARD VACANCY: Mr. Silva reminded the board of the vacancy left by Alex Adam's departure and asked Ms. Spain when a replacement might be expected. Ms. Spain responded that Commissioner Lago had been reminded of his duties to appoint someone and had been sent the code provisions. An estimated time of when a replacement might be announced was uncertain but the hope was soon. Ms. Spain suggested that perhaps a historian might be a good fit for the board as all the required professions have already been filled.

MACFARLANE PROJECT: Ms. Spain reported that an architect, William B. Medellin, had been found for the project and hired by the City. His credentials and experience were stated for the record, having worked with wood frame construction. She also announced that a contractor for the project had been approved by the City Commission and was in the process of being hired. The board was informed that two property owners on 129 Frow Avenue and 110 Oak Avenue have signed the 20 year restrictive covenant.

2506 PONCE DE LEON BUILDING TOUR: The board was informed by Ms. Spain of the upcoming tour of the George H. Fink, 2506 Ponce de Leon Boulevard building.

CITY PROJECTS: Mr. Torre inquired on the status of various City projects including the historical fountains. Ms. Spain informed that the fountain project was permitted and a contractor was in place and should be starting soon. The Merrick House restoration project had the same status. The City Hall restoration project still had not started the process but is part of the 5 year Capital Improvement Project.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dona M. Spain
Historic Preservation Officer