



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
December 16, 2008**

ITEM TITLE:

Historic Preservation Board meeting of November 20, 2008.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

PERSONAL APPEARANCE:

Architect Jorge Hernandez was present to speak about the positioning of the Florida Historical Marker entitled WOMEN TAKE ACTION IN CORAL GABLES on the property located at **1302 Alhambra Circle**, also known as "The Roxcy O'Neal Bolton House."

A motion was made and seconded to approve the concept of relocating the historic marker from private to public property, contingent upon presentation of the final details. (Unanimously approved)

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2008-18

An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at **1142 South Greenway Drive**, a non-contributing structure within the "Country Club of Coral Gables Historic District", legally described as Lots 1 and 2, Block 12, Coral Gables Section "C", as recorded in Plat Book 8, at Page 26, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant requested design approval for the construction of an addition and alterations to the existing structure.

A motion was made and seconded to approve issuance of the Special Certificate of Appropriateness for 1142 South Greenway Drive with staff's recommendation regarding recession of the new perimeter wall as stated. (Unanimously approved)

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 requested design approval for in-fill construction within the historic district. Variances were requested for the front door facing, maximum allowable building height, maximum allowable floor area, and maximum allowable ground area coverage.

A motion was made and seconded to defer the application to give the applicant and neighbors an opportunity to meet, discuss concerns and reach a compromise. (Unanimously approved)

BOARD ITEMS/CITY COMMISSION UPDATE:

Ms. Kautz reported that at the November 18 City Commission meeting, the Commission denied the appeal of 111 Salamanca Avenue to bifurcate the undue economic hardship application of the designation.

CITY PROJECTS UPDATE:

The Coral Gables Museum started construction after receiving its permit. There will be a hard-hat tour on Friday,

November 20 from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

Items included: updated report on 1910 Country Club Prado ad valorem tax relief, the Merrick Holiday Open House, The Coral Gables Museum gingerbread house contest, the National Trust for Historic Preservation campaign called This Place Matters, Coral Gables Museum LEED certification, Matheson Hammock Park, Sunshine Law clarification as both the Matheson Hammock application and the Biltmore application might present issues that might be difficult,

The Board wished to express appreciation to the City Commission for upholding the Board's position on the appeal of 111 Salamanca Avenue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Beeman reported that he was accused by a resident with violating the Sunshine Law regarding the Board meeting wherein the election took place. He received a letter from the City Attorney indicating she reviewed the circumstances, Mr. Beeman was not charged with a violation and the matter was cured. Ms. Hernandez suggested that a training meeting be conducted with the Board since there are newer members and two new members also coming into service.

Ms. Kautz closed by stating that a refresher course on Sunshine Law would be conducted.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Historic Preservation Board November 20, 2008 minutes