

1 MS. MIRO: Right, but he's saying, what if
2 we have a hundred architects and only five are
3 from here.
4 MR. REVUELTA: Then there is an automatic
5 cap.
6 MR. TRIAS: Right.
7 MR. REVUELTA: Five have to be from here
8 and two --
9 MR. TRIAS: You could have a hundred
10 members, yes, that is true. So we don't have
11 that, and the idea is that right now I think we
12 have eight. I think that's the number. I
13 mean, it's never been more than that. So we
14 could change that if --
15 MR. BEHAR: To fifty percent.
16 MR. REVUELTA: I could see 50 percent --
17 MR. TRIAS: Yeah. It's just that it was
18 easier to say, five, so we can count, as
19 opposed to fifty percent, because, oh, two of
20 them resigned, so now it's not 50 percent
21 anymore, so --
22 MR. WITHERS: The Board of Architects has,
23 what, a three person hearing and then a full
24 Board hearing? Is that how it works?
25 MR. TRIAS: Yes.

1 I'm in agreement with Robert, that it
2 shouldn't be fifty percent, but I think a
3 percentage, between 25 and 30 --
4 MR. BEHAR: Listen --
5 MR. TRIAS: When I bring something to you,
6 it's from a point of view of making it easy to
7 implement. That's why it's written that way.
8 MR. BEHAR: I will go ahead -- for
9 clarification, make a motion for approval with
10 a condition as presented to us.
11 MR. TORRE: Second.
12 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: We have a second.
13 Okay. Any other discussion? No?
14 Call the roll.
15 THE SECRETARY: Claudia Miro?
16 MS. MIRO: Yes.
17 THE SECRETARY: Luis Revuelta?
18 MR. REVUELTA: Yes.
19 THE SECRETARY: Venny Torre?
20 MR. TORRE: Yes.
21 THE SECRETARY: Chip Withers?
22 MR. WITHERS: Yes.
23 THE SECRETARY: Robert Behar?
24 MR. BEHAR: Yes.
25 THE SECRETARY: Eibi Aizenstat?

1 MR. WITHERS: So is there going to be
2 restrictions on the three? Does it have to be
3 one of the three?
4 MR. TRIAS: I don't think so, at this
5 point.
6 MR. WITHERS: So it could be, two of the
7 three can be out of town?
8 MR. TRIAS: Possibly, foreigners from other
9 countries. Who knows. Maybe Robert Stern
10 comes from New York over the weekend.
11 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: Any other discussion?
12 We have a motion and a second. No?
13 MR. BEHAR: I made a motion.
14 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: Right. We have a
15 motion and a second.
16 MR. REVUELTA: Is your motion saying that
17 at least a certain percentage of the Board
18 needs to be residents or we're leaving it up
19 to --
20 MR. TORRE: It says, "Five minimum."
21 MS. MIRO: But then you guys just said 50
22 percent.
23 MR. REVUELTA: Sometimes it's seven and
24 sometimes it's eight. There will never be a
25 case that there's ten members.

1 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: Yes.
2 MR. BEHAR: Then, for the record, I want to
3 nominate Mr. Revuelta to serve on the Board of
4 Architects.
5 MR. REVUELTA: What? There are no
6 vacancies.
7 MR. TRIAS: What a great idea that is,
8 Robert.
9 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: Okay. Let's go on to
10 the next item. The next item is E-6. Mr.
11 Coller.
12 MR. COLLER: Item E-6, an Ordinance of the
13 City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida
14 providing for a text amendment to Article 14,
15 "Process," Section 14-214 "Protection of
16 Landowners' Rights; Relief from Inordinate
17 Burdens" of the City of Coral Gables Official
18 Zoning Code to clarify procedures to resolve
19 disputes and provide relief from the
20 application of the Zoning Code, including the
21 granting of variances; providing for
22 severability, repealer, codification, and an
23 effective date.
24 Item E-6, public hearing.
25 Ramon, do you want to explain this or I

1 can?
 2 MR. TRIAS: You can. I mean --
 3 MR. COLLER: This is really more of a
 4 housekeeping measure, just a slight
 5 modification in how we handle claims under Bert
 6 Harris, inordinate burdens, and it's really
 7 clarification that you have the authority to
 8 grant variances in order to provide relief. I
 9 don't think it's materially different than how
 10 it's being done now, but we received a decision
 11 from the Court, where we felt that it would be
 12 good to fine-tune this. So that's what's being
 13 done.
 14 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: Any speakers on this,
 15 Jill?
 16 THE SECRETARY: No.
 17 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: At this point, I'll go
 18 ahead and close it for public comment.
 19 Anybody on the Board have any questions or
 20 comments or does anybody want to make a motion?
 21 Anybody want to make a motion?
 22 MR. TORRE: I'll make a motion.
 23 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: We have a motion from
 24 Venny. Second?
 25 MR. REVUELTA: Second.

1 residence regarding the use of covered open air
 2 walkways and location of porte-coches and
 3 carports; providing for severability, repealer,
 4 codification and an effective date.
 5 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: Mr. Trias.
 6 MR. TRIAS: Mr. Chairman, some minor
 7 changes that relate to single-family houses.
 8 As you know, in the Code update, we didn't deal
 9 with single-family houses, so this is something
 10 a little bit separate. One of them is, we're
 11 just simply saying, single-family residences or
 12 duplex, so it's obvious. Another one is that
 13 the carport has to be attached to the house.
 14 Another one is that the porte cochere has to be
 15 in the front of the building. And, finally,
 16 that the connection of different areas of the
 17 house could be a walkway, as opposed to an
 18 enclosed air-conditioned space -- well, it's a
 19 roofed walkway.
 20 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: What was the last one,
 21 please?
 22 MR. TRIAS: Sometimes you may have a house
 23 that has two sections, and those sections are
 24 connected, and we're saying specifically that
 25 there has to be a roof connection, but it

1 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: Luis seconded it. Any
 2 discussion? No?
 3 Call the roll, please.
 4 THE SECRETARY: Luis Revuelta?
 5 MR. REVUELTA: Yes.
 6 THE SECRETARY: Venny Torre?
 7 MR. TORRE: Yes.
 8 THE SECRETARY: Chip Withers?
 9 MR. WITHERS: Yes.
 10 THE SECRETARY: Robert Behar?
 11 MR. BEHAR: Yes.
 12 THE SECRETARY: Claudia Miro?
 13 MS. MIRO: Yes.
 14 THE SECRETARY: Eibi Aizenstat?
 15 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: Yes.
 16 And the last item on the agenda, E-7.
 17 MR. COLLER: Item E-7, an Ordinance of the
 18 City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida
 19 providing for a text amendment to the City of
 20 Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending
 21 Article 10, "Parking," Section 10-110, "Amount
 22 of required parking," and Article 16,
 23 "Definitions," to clarify parking requirements
 24 related to single-family building alterations
 25 and to update the definition of a single-family

1 doesn't have to be enclosed. You know, it
 2 could be just a covered walkway.
 3 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: And does that -- does
 4 that have to be a continuous attachment? For
 5 example, what happens if you have a cantilever
 6 that is at one height and then a bottom part,
 7 for design purposes, that's a little bit lower,
 8 where they overlap?
 9 MR. TRIAS: There's some open space -- I
 10 think that would be fine.
 11 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: You think that would
 12 be fine or would it --
 13 MR. TRIAS: I mean, if it's architecturally
 14 appropriate. Obviously, I mean, unless I see a
 15 design, I really can't tell, but the idea is
 16 that right now every square foot of the house
 17 has to be enclosed. So, sometimes, if you,
 18 let's say, have a big lot and want to have a
 19 separate pavilion and so on, so that doesn't
 20 count as part of your house. It's a technical
 21 thing. So we're saying, you know, as long as
 22 you're connected, you don't have to
 23 air-condition that connection.
 24 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: Because, correct me if
 25 I'm wrong, before you were allowed a certain