



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
September 22, 2015**

ITEM TITLE:

Historic Preservation Board Meeting of August 20, 2015.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

AGENDA CHANGE: Ms. Spain reported that Case File LHD 2015-04 (927 Valencia Avenue) was, by mutual consent, again continued. Staff is coordinating efforts with the owners.

LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATIONS:

CASE FILE LHD 2015-06:

Consideration of the local historic designation of the property at 1511 Ferdinand Street, legally described as Lot 20, Block 68, Coral Gables Granada Section, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, at Page 113 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

A motion was made and seconded to approve local historic designation of the property at 1511 Ferdinand Street (*Ayes: 9, Nays: 0*)

STANDARD CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS:

CASE FILE COA (ST) 2015-095:

An application for the issuance of a Standard Certificate of Appropriateness for the Coral Gables Merrick House located at 907 Coral Way, a Local Historic Landmark, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and a contributing resource within the "Coral Way Historic District," legally described as Lot 10 LESS the West 80.00 feet of the North 125.00 feet, and LESS the South 175.00 feet of the West 84.45 feet, Peacock Re-Subdivision of Block 35, Coral Gables Section "B," according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 35, at Page 60, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The application requests design approval for the restoration of the property.

A motion was made and seconded to approve issuance of a Standard Certificate of Appropriateness for the Coral Gables Merrick House at 907 Coral Way, and to approve the design for the restoration of the property. (*Ayes: 9, Nays: 0*)

SPECIAL CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS:

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2014-006:

An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 1100 Coral Way, a contributing resource within the "Coral Way Historic District," legally described as Lots 10 and 11, Block 18, Coral Gables Section "A," according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, at Page 102 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The application requests design approval for an addition and alterations to the residence.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the design for an addition and alterations to the residence on the property at 1100 Coral Way, including all staff conditions as well as the condition that Public Works, Zoning and other applicable City departments ensure that the dimensions and site angles work well. (*Ayes: 9, Nays: 0*)

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2015-007:

An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 936 Castile Avenue, a contributing resource within the “Castile Avenue / Plaza Historic District,” legally described as Lot 8, Peacock Re-Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 35, at Page 60 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The application requests design approval for an addition and alterations to the residence.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the design proposal as presented for the property at 936 Castile Avenue without the barrel tile coping on the garage parapet to distinguish the addition from the existing structure; and for issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness. (*Ayes: 9, Nays: 0*)

AD VALOREM TAX ABATEMENT:

CASE FILE AV 2013-002:

An application requesting ad valorem tax relief for the property at 1203 Asturia Avenue, a local historic landmark, legally described as Lots 17 and 18, Block 5, Coral Gables Section “E,” according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8 at Page 13 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The related Special Certificate of Appropriateness, COA (SP) 2012-10, was granted design approval on September 20, 2012 by the Historic Preservation Board. Standard Certificate of Appropriateness COA (ST) 2014-094 was granted design approval on August 20, 2014 by the Historical Resources Department.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of ad valorem tax relief for the property at 1203 Asturia Avenue. (*Ayes: 8, Nays: 0*)

BOARD ITEMS / CITY COMMISSION / CITY PROJECTS UPDATE:

Coral Gables Elementary School Windows:

Mr. Leen reported that a meeting was scheduled August 21st with School Board and District staff, adding that the City continued to stand by its position. He commended Ms. Spain for her efforts to ensure that the removed window openings were boarded up to secure the property and limit deterioration. Regarding the Board resolution about the windows, Mr. Leen said staff prepared it and the resolution was currently in his office.

August 25, 2015 Commission Meeting:

Ms. Spain said the Commission would consider ad valorem tax relief for 814 Coral Way at its August 25th meeting. During the same meeting, she said it was possible the Commission would also vote on the Commission-as-a-Whole Board member since Ms. MacIntyre’s term of Board service ended.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

Note received from Mayor Thomson:

Ms. Spain read a note of gratitude written to the Board and staff by Mayor Thomson in appreciation for the plaque presented to her for her eight years of Board service.

Proposed Procedural Workshop:

When the Board is fully constituted, Ms. Spain suggested conducting a workshop to review procedures.