



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
September 28, 2016**

ITEM TITLE:

Historic Preservation Board Meeting of August 18, 2016.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

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

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

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.

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.

ATTACHMENT(S): Minutes of Historic Preservation Board Meeting of August 18, 2016.