



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
February 12, 2008**

ITEM TITLE:

Historic Preservation Board meeting of January 17, 2008.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

1. **CASE FILE LHD 2007-07** Consideration of the local historic district designation of the “Castile Avenue/Plaza Historic District”, a lengthy legal is on file in the Historic Preservation Office. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Castile Avenue/Plaza Historic District, including the streetscape, as presented by staff, specifying as non-contributing 1120 Castile Avenue. (*Unanimously approved*)
2. **CASE FILE LHD 2007-05** Consideration of the local historic district designation of the “Alhambra Circle Historic District”, a lengthy legal is on file in the Historic Preservation Office. A motion was made and seconded to approve the designation of the Alhambra Circle Historic District as presented. (*Unanimously approved*)
3. **CASE FILE LHD 2007-19 and COA (SP) 2007-34** Consideration of the local historic designation of the property at 7601 Old Cutler Road, legally described as the Lots 7 through Lot 16, inclusive, in Block 61 of Coral Gables Biscayne Bay Section, Part One, Plat “D”, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 25, at Page 52, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant is also requesting the issuance of an Accelerated Special Certificate of Appropriateness and design approval for the construction of additions and alterations. Variances have been requested from Article 4, Division 1, Section 4-101, Subsection D, for the allowable setbacks. A motion was made and seconded to designate the property historic. (*Unanimously approved*) A second motion was made and seconded to approve the addition, including variances and staff’s comments agreed to by the architect, which included the quoins, balustrades, entablatures, but excluded the rectangular window alteration. (*Unanimously approved*)
4. **CASE FILE AV 2005-01** An application requesting ad valorem tax relief for the property at 1024 Asturia Avenue, a local historic landmark, legally described as Lots 6 and 7, Block 8, Coral Gables Section “C”, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, at Page 26, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The related Special Certificate of Appropriateness – Case File COA (SP) 2004-31 was granted design approval on October 21, 2004 by the Historic Preservation Board. A motion was made and seconded to approve the application as presented. (*Ayes: 5, one board member left early & one board member was not present at the time of the vote*)
5. **CASE FILE COA (SP) 2007-30 Continued** An application for the issuance of an Accelerated Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 435 Alcazar Avenue, a potential contributing structure within the “Alcazar Avenue Historic District”, legally described as Lot 21, Block 4, Coral Gables Section “B”, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 5, at Page 111, of the Public Records of Miami Dade County, Florida. The applicant is requesting design approval for alterations to the existing structure. A motion was and seconded to approve the application as submitted, with staff administratively reviewing the

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wrought iron work. (*Unanimously approved*)

6. **CASE FILE COA (SP) 2007-29** An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 657 North Greenway, a non-contributing structure within the “Country Club of Coral Gables Historic District”, legally described as All of Lots 31 and 32 and that portion of Lot 30 described as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of Lot 31, thence southeasterly 1.7 feet, thence northeasterly 167.08 feet, thence northwesterly 25.14 feet to the northeast corner of said Lot 31, thence southwesterly 166.96 feet to the point of beginning, Block 22, of Coral Gables Section “B”, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 111, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant is requesting design approval for alterations that were completed without a Certificate of Appropriateness.
A motion was made and seconded to approve the design for alterations, with incorporation of all staff recommendations. (*Unanimously approved*)
7. **Item from the Secretary:** Ms. Kautz pointed out a memo in Board packets regarding partial demolition reviews. She reviewed research conducted with other cities on the issue, learning that few reviewed partial demolitions.
A motion was made and seconded to recommend that the City Commission approve the draft ordinance with clarification regarding demolitions involving removal of 25% or more of the roof structure, and that the Board also send a letter to the Realtors Association informing about them about the existing law and proposed change to the Code. (*Unanimously approved*)

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Historic Preservation Board January 17, 2008 minutes