



# The City of Coral Gables

Historical Resources Department

**EXCERPTS**

## CORAL GABLES HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 11, 2014, 4:00 p.m.

City Commission Chambers

405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, Florida

### MEMBERS:

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
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Dorothy Thomson	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Margaret Rolando	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	P
Alejandro Silva	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Venny Torre	P	P	P	-	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Tony Newell	P	P	P	-	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
Carmen Guerrero	E	P	P	-	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	E
Robert Parsley*			P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dolly MacIntyre	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Judy Pruitt	P	P	P	-	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P

### APPOINTED BY:

Mayor Jim Cason  
Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.  
Commissioner Patricia Keon  
Commissioner Frank C. Quesada  
Commissioner Vince Lago  
Historic Preservation Board  
City Manager  
City Commission  
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**LEGEND:** A = Absent; P = Present; E = Excused; \* = New Member; ^ = Resigned Member; - = No Meeting

### STAFF:

Dona Spain, Historic Preservation Officer  
Kara N. Kautz, Assistant Preservation Officer  
Emily Ahouse, Historic Preservationist  
Yesenia Diaz, Administrative Assistant  
Bridgette Thornton, Deputy City Attorney  
Ramon Trias, Planning & Zoning Director  
Megan McLaughlin, City Planner, Development Services

**GUESTS:** Mario Garcia-Serra, Josh Bailey, Dan Freed, Gay Bondurant, Richard Thurer, Juan C. Menendez, Juliana Tooma, Jane Tompkins, Pedro Bravo, Frank Lopez, Jose Faria, Arturo Griego, Gregory E. Lopez, Josh Geldmon, James Hutson, Pedro Fernandez.

**RECORDING AND PREPARATION OF MINUTES:** Nancy C. Morgan, Coral Gables Services, Inc.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Torre at 4:06 p.m. A quorum was present.

### AD VALOREM TAX ABATEMENT:

**CASE FILE AV 2013-004:** An application requesting ad valorem tax relief for the property at 2622 Country Club Prado, a local historic landmark, legally described as Lots 11 thru 13, Block 14, Coral Gables Section "D," according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 15 at Page 74 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The related Certificates of Appropriateness, COA (ST) 2013-137, COA (ST) 2013-145, COA (ST) 2013-151, COA 2014-007, COA (ST) 2014-010, COA (ST) 2014-015, and COA (ST) 2014-037 were granted design approval administratively by the Historical Resources Department.

Ms. Ahouse reviewed the property's history and previously-approved restoration projects, stating that the house was in poor condition when they began excellent restoration projects, now completed. She displayed before and after photographs as she oriented the Board to the locations of the features that were restored. Ms. Ahouse concluded by introducing the property owner.

Mr. Menendez expressed his satisfaction with restoring the home he loved. Board members were effusive in their praise of the restoration.

**Ms. Thomson made a motion to recommend approval of ad valorem tax abatement for restoration work performed at the property located at 2622 Country Club Prado. Ms. MacIntyre seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Silva, Ms. Rolando, Ms. Thomson, Mr. Newell, Ms. MacIntyre, Ms. Pruitt, Mr. Torre:  
Nays: None.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.