



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
March 15, 2016**

ITEM TITLE:

Historic Preservation Board Meeting of January 21, 2016.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

DEFERRALS: Ms. Spain reported that the first Zoning Code text amendment was removed from the agenda.

ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS:

1. Removed from consideration: Recommendation to the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 3, "Development Review," Sections 3-1002 and 3-1005 to expand the allowable locations of TDR (Transfer of Development Rights) receiving sites.
2. Recommendation to the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 3, "Development Review," Section 3-1103 to include language regarding integrity.
3. Recommendation to the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 8, "Definitions," to include a definition of historic integrity.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Planning and Zoning Board and the City Commission to adopt the addition to Section 3-1103 to the Zoning Code with the following revisions: striking the words "feeling," and "and," and substituting the word "or" for the word "and;" and a motion to recommend approval of the addition of the term historic integrity to Article 8 – Definitions. (*Ayes: 7, Nays: 0*)

4. Recommendation to the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 3, "Development Review," Section 3-1107 to lengthen the expiration date of historic significance determinations from six (6) months to eighteen (18) months.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the recommendation to the City Commission and Planning and Zoning Board to lengthen the expiration date for historic significance determinations from six to eighteen months. (*Ayes: 7, Nays: 0*)

5. Recommendation to the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 5, "Development Standards," Section 5-2401 to clarify the location and height wood picket fences.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval to the Planning and Zoning Board and the City Commission approval of the amendments to Article 5 – Development Standards, Division 24 – Walls and Fences, Section 5-2401 – Materials and specifications. (*Ayes: 8, Nays: 0*)

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS:

CASE FILE COA (ST) 2016-002: An application for the issuance of a Standard Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 1400 Obispo Avenue, a contributing resource within the “Obispo Avenue Historic District,” legally described as Lots 9 & 10, Block 17, 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 application requested design approval for the installation of stone facing.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Standard Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 1400 Obispo Avenue; and to approve the design for the installation of stone facing on the low wall as presented, and for the facing to wrap across the wall and on the other side, wrapping with a stucco band on top; and allowing staff to work out the remainder of the details with the owners as discussed. (*Ayes: 8, Nays: 0*)

LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION:

CASE FILE LHD 2016-02: Consideration of the local historic designation of the property at 1401 Pizarro Street, legally described as Lot 2 and N 50 FT of Lot 3, Block 7, Coral Gables Granada Section Revised, 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 issuance of Local Historic Designation for the property at 1401 Pizarro Street in accordance with staff recommendations. (*Ayes: 8, Nays: 0*)

SPECIAL CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS:

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2015-004: An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 112 Florida Avenue, a vacant parcel within the “MacFarlane Homestead Subdivision Historic District,” legally described as Lot 22, Block 1-A, MacFarlane Homestead, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 5, at Page 81, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The application requests design approval for the construction of a new two-story residence.

A motion was made and seconded to a motion to defer consideration of the application for design approval for the construction of a new two-story residence at 112 Florida Avenue until the next meeting or such time as staff schedules the item with the owner’s consent. (*Ayes: 9, Nays: 0*)

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2015-15 Continued: An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 6801 Granada Boulevard, a Local Historic Landmark, legally described as Lot 1, Block 1, “Cartee Homestead II,” according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 170, at Page 88 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The application requests design approval for an addition and alterations to the residence, and the relocation of the swimming pool.

A motion was made and seconded to approve plans as modified, with staff having authorization to study the courtyard landscaping, replacement of the columns and minor changes. (*Ayes: 9, Nays: 0*)

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2015-020: An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 8021 Old Cutler Road, a local historic landmark, a lengthy legal description is on file in the Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department. The application requested design approval for an addition and alterations to the residence.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the architectural plans as shown with the caveat to bring back a landscape hardscape plan for further review for the integration between the two buildings as well as staff recommendations included in the written report. (*Ayes: 8, Nays: 1*)

BOARD ITEMS / CITY COMMISSION / CITY PROJECTS UPDATE:

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY: Staff presented a birthday cake to Mr. Silva in honor of his birthday.

Historic Marker – Frank Button: Ms. Spain advised that the historic marker honoring Frank Button was approved by the City Commission and would be installed on Arbor Day, April 29, 2016.

Ceramic Plaques for Designated Properties: Ms. Spain advised that a ceramicist was hired to craft ceramic plaques identical to those previously approved for historically designated properties. A sample is being made for staff approval, after which the plaques will be ordered.

Ranch Style Survey Update: Professor Rick Lopez, University of Miami co-director for the Center of Urban and Community Design at the School of Architecture, will work with staff on the Board requested survey of ranch homes.

MacFarlane Project Update: The MacFarlane project is ready to launch with the \$600,000 in GOB from Miami-Dade County. An agreement was signed with one MacFarlane property owner, and an architect has been hired to conduct an assessment of the home.

2506 Ponce de Leon Boulevard: The City unanimously approved the purchase of 2506 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, the H. George Fink studio, and its furnishings. Staff will arrange a Board tour of the building after the City assumes ownership.

ATTACHMENT(S): Minutes of Historic Preservation Board Meeting of January 21, 2016