

EXCERPT



CORAL GABLES HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 Meeting, 4:00 p.m.

Coral Gables City Hall, City Commission Chamber

405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, Florida 33134

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MEMBERS	D 21	J 22	F 22	M 22	A 22	M 22	APPOINTED BY
Albert Menendez (Chair)	P	P	P	P	E	P	Commission-As-A-Whole
Cesar Garcia-Pons (Vice Chair)	E	P	P	P	P	E	City Manager Peter Iglesias
Alicia Bache-Wiig	P	P	P	P	E	P	Mayor Vince Lago
Margaret (Peggy) Rolando	P	P	E	E	P	P	Vice-Mayor Michael Mena
Dona Spain	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Rhonda Anderson
Xavier Durana	P	P	E	E	E	P	Commissioner Jorge L. Fors, Jr.
Michael J. Maxwell	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez
Bruce Ehrenhaft	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commission-As-A-Whole
John P. Fullerton	P	P	P	P	P	P	Board-as-a-Whole

LEGEND: A = Absent; P = Present; E = Excused; * = New Member; ^ = Resigned Member.

- = No Meeting; # = Late meeting arrival

STAFF: Warren Adams, Historic Preservation Officer, Kara Kautz, Assistant Historic Preservation Officer, Gus Ceballos, Assistant City Attorney

RECORDING SECRETARY/PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Nancy Kay Lyons, Administrative Assistant

OPENING STATEMENT

Chair Menendez read for the record the statement regarding the purpose of the board and lobbyist registration and disclosure. The meeting was called to order at 4:12 pm by Chair Menendez and attendance was stated for the record.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Garcia-Pons to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 20, 2022.

The motion passed (Ayes: 9; Nays: 0).

DEFERRALS: None

NOTICE REGARDING EX-PARTE COMMUNICATIONS.

Acting Chair Mr. Garcia-Pons read a statement regarding Notice of Ex-ParTEE Communications. Board members who had ex-parTEE communication of contact regarding cases being heard were instructed to disclose such communication or contact. Board members did not indicate that any such communication occurred.

SWEARING IN OF THE PUBLIC:

Attorney Ceballos administered the oath.

APPROVAL OF ABSENCES: None

Chair

Menendez read a description of the first item as follows:

CASE FILE AV 2018-002:

An application requesting ad valorem tax relief for the property at 2907 Columbus Boulevard, a Local Historic Landmark, legally described as Lots 13 and 14, Block 15, Coral Gables Country Club Section Part One, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, at Page 108 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The related Special Certificate of Appropriateness, COA (SP) 2016-029, was granted design approval by the Historic Preservation Board on December 16, 2016.

Ms. Kautz gave a presentation following the on-screen presentation. Highlights were as follows:

1. A location map was shown, the property is located on Columbus Boulevard as you head to the Biltmore Hotel on the south.
2. 1920's and 1940's photographs of the house were shown.
3. Permit 187 in the City.
4. Permitted post incorporation of the City.
5. The Fishbaugh photo indicates that the residence was completed at least by August 1924.
6. It is a very early home.
7. Designated as a local historic landmark in 1989.
8. The board approved a Special Certificate of Appropriateness COA(SP)2016-029.
9. Staff administratively approved two Standard Certificates of Appropriateness for windows, pool, and deck.
10. Photos of the property before and after were shown while the work performed was described, the color change making the difference between before and after obvious.
11. Improvements to the property include:
 - New impact-resistant casement windows and doors.
 - Removal of existing wood and barrel tile window hoods in non-original locations. Some in the before pictures were original to the house and they were replicated all over, so they removed the ones that were not supposed to be there.
 - Removal of decorative tiles applied to the original windowsills.
 - Interior remodeling.
 - Painting of the house.
 - New fabric awnings.
 - Coral rock accents cleaned.
 - Stucco repair.
 - Refinishing of the original wood floors.
 - One-story octagonal breakfast nook and butler's pantry at the northeast corner of the residence.
 - One story expanded family room connecting the rear of the existing residence to the existing 2 story garage.
 - One story covered terrace at the southeast corner of the residence.
 - A detached 237 square foot gazebo in the rear yard.
 - Site improvements include:
 - Reconfiguration and removal of brick driveway pavers.
 - New swimming pool and pool deck.
 - Installation of new landscaping
 - Perimeter fence at the northeast corner of the property.
12. Ms. Kautz showed interior pictures to show that they did full tier remodeling.
13. Staff recommends approval.

Ms. Kautz asked the owner if they wanted to say anything, and they declined.

Chair Menendez sked if anyone in the audience would like to speak in favor or in opposition of the case. When no one did he closed the public portion of the hearing and opened it up to the board for comments.

A motion was made by Mr. Maxell and seconded by Ms. Rolando to approve ad valorem tax relief for the property at 2907 Columbus Boulevard.

The motion passed (Ayes: 9; Nays: 0).

Ms. Spain said that the same comments of her being involved applied to this project.

Chair Menendez read a description of the next item as follows: