

City of Coral Gables

Ref: a letter to defend the Landon House by Alfred B. Parker from demolition

Dear Sr/Mme,

I would like to emphatically ask you to protect this house in 2 Casuarina Concourse. It is a very significant example of the mature work of Mr. Parker, where he was able to synthesize in a simple form the complexity of a sophisticated program, and he has done so in an extremely beautiful way. Here at the University of Florida, we keep Mr. Parker's lifetime work, and our students are continuously learning from this master of Florida Modern Architecture. We have published his Memoirs, he has been honored yearly in his lifetime, as we consider him the most outstanding Alumnus from our School of Architecture. The house was published recently in a wonderful monographic book authored by Randolph Henning,

The Architecture of Alfred Browning Parker,
Miami's Maverick Architect
University Press of Florida, 2011

His buildings were made to last, and stand the test of time with integrity. The quality of the design and the materials is extraordinary. I sincerely hope that you will protect the house from the current threats and keep us in your mailing list for news.

My best regards,

Martha Kohen
Professor

