



**CORALGABLES HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, December 17, 2015 Meeting, 4:00 p.m.  
City Commission Chambers  
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, Florida 33134

*Historical Resources &  
Cultural Arts*

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Venny Torre  
Elizabeth Ghia\*  
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Alexander Adams\*  
John Fullerton\*  
Robert Parsley  
Margaret Rolando\*  
Albert Menendez\*

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**APPOINTED BY:**

Mayor Jim Cason  
Vice-Mayor Frank Quesad  
Comm. Jeannett Slesnick  
Comm. Patricia Keon  
Comm. Vince Lago  
Board-as-a-Whole  
City Manager  
City Commission  
City Commission

**LEGEND:** A = Absent; P = Present; E = Excused; \* = New Member; ^ = Resigned Member;  
- = No Meeting

**STAFF:**

Dona M. Spain, Historic Preservation Officer  
Kara N. Kautz, Assistant Historic Preservation Officer  
ElizaBeth Guin, Historic Preservationist  
Miriam Ramos, Deputy City Attorney  
Ernesto Pino, Assistant Public Works Director  
Grettel Duran, Public Works Department  
Carolina Vester, Aquatics Supervisor, Parks & Recreation Department

**GUESTS:** Raymond Fowler, Monica Loredo, Zeke Guilford, Maria Elena Carvajal, Javier Dalmau, Richard Heisenbottle, Donna Heisenbottle, Rafael Portuondo, Osvaldo Landera, Josemaria de Churtichaga, Janet Gavarrete, Javier Torres, Max Bunster

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

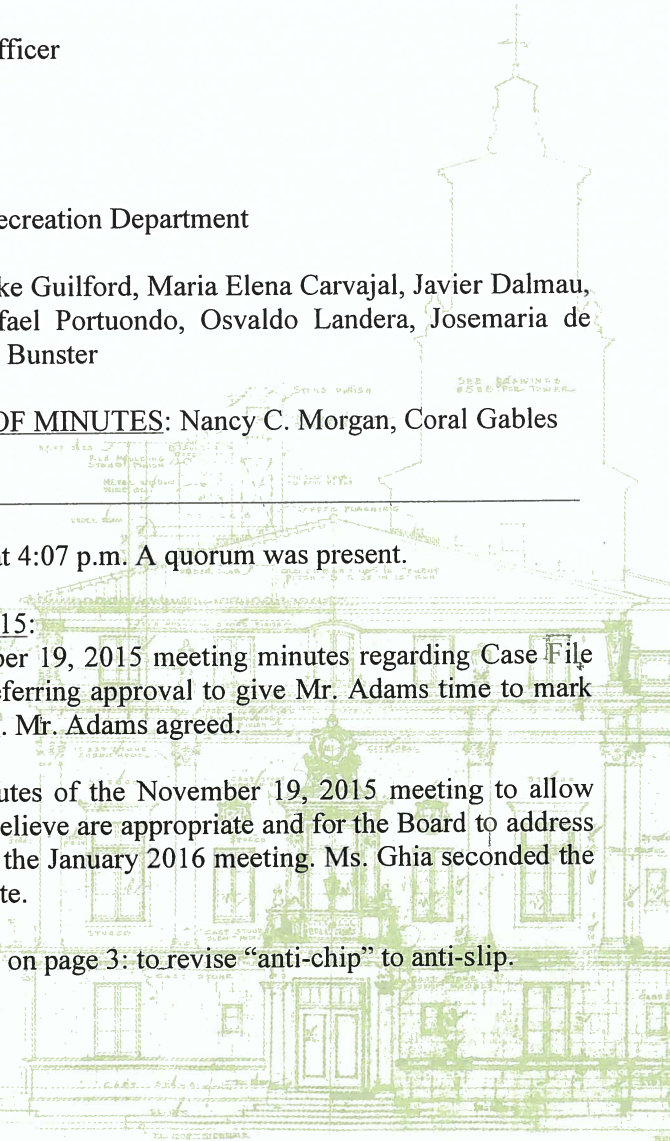
The meeting was called to order by Chair Torre at 4:07 p.m. A quorum was present.

**MINUTES: MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2015:**

Mr. Adams reviewed corrections to the November 19, 2015 meeting minutes regarding Case File COA (SP) 2015-016. Ms. Rolando suggested deferring approval to give Mr. Adams time to mark the text for approval at the January 2016 meeting. Mr. Adams agreed.

A motion to defer approval of the minutes of the November 19, 2015 meeting to allow board members to make additions they believe are appropriate and for the Board to address approval at the end of this meeting or at the January 2016 meeting. Ms. Ghia seconded the motion, unanimously passed by voice vote.

Mr. Fullerton made a correction to mid-page text on page 3: to revise "anti-chip" to anti-slip.



DISCLOSURE STATEMENT and DISCLOSURE OF CONTEXT:

Mr. Torre read for the record the statement regarding lobbyist registration and disclosure. Board members who had ex-parte communication or contact regarding cases being heard were instructed to disclose such communication or contact. Board members did not indicate that any such communication occurred.

DISCLOSURE:

Mr. Torre disclosed a discussion with Mr. Dalmau. He helped him with lot separation, responding to Mr. Dalmau's questions about procedure. Mr. Torre stated that the discussion would have no bearing on his ability to impartially consider the case.

DEFERRALS: None.

PUBLIC SWEARING IN: Nancy Morgan, Notary Public, administered the public swearing in for those testifying during the meeting.

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Rolando made a motion to excuse the meeting absence of Ms. Thomson. Mr. Fullerton seconded the motion, unanimously passed by voice vote.

SPECIAL CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS:

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2015-015: 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.

Ms. Spain said the property was previously presented to the Board as the subject of lot separation. The current application focused only on the lot with the historic house. The applicant's proposal for alterations, an addition and the relocation of the swimming pool were briefly described as Ms. Spain displayed the site plan, survey, historic /current photographs, proposal rendering, existing and proposed roof plan, all of which would be reviewed in detail by Architect Richard Heisenbottle. She stated staff's recommended of a motion to approve the design for alterations to the property which include the porte-cochere, the first floor bedroom wing with the second floor master bedroom addition, and the addition of two bays to the existing garage; and a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for the stated alterations to the property. She said that although the proposed pool did not detract from the historic integrity of the property, the original unaltered loggia should be retained. Staff previously recommended in favor of removing the pool and cabana, but the Historic Preservation Board denied the request to demolish both pool and cabana. She added that if the Board approved the request to demolish the existing cabana, pool and pool deck, the loggia should be retained.

Mr. Heisenbottle, project architect, reviewed and displayed photographs of additions and alterations to the property. He pointed out difficulty with locating the entrance to the house. Stating that the waterway was completely cut off from view within the house, Mr. Heisenbottle comprehensively reviewed details of the application and elevations as well as alterations made by other architects and contractors in the past and oriented Board members to the whole project before concluding his presentation.

During lengthy discussion that followed, general consensus was reached about:

- Removing the existing pool but retaining its memory; relocating the pool to the Gables waterway side of the property;
- Retaining the oak tree on the north side of the property;
- Retaining the planters on the north side of the terrace around the screened porch;
- Retaining the door as a regular glass door at the side of the screened terrace behind the fireplace and retaining the steps;

- The benefits of individual Board member “field trips” to the property with emphasis on additional study of the loggia and cabana areas

Consensus was not reached regarding solutions for the loggia and cabana areas, also the subject of lengthy discussion.

Ms. Rolando made a motion to approve issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 6801 Granada Boulevard; and a motion to approve additions and alterations to the main residence as depicted in the plans with the following exceptions: that the planters adjacent to the terrace and screened terrace remain, that there be a door installed behind the fireplace in the living room with an extension of a landing to avoid life-safety issues, and to allow removal of the pool and installation instead of a pool along the waterway on the north side of the property, and bringing back for consideration design proposals for the cabana and the loggia. Mr. Silva seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Menendez, Ms. Ghia, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Parsley, Mr. Silva, Mr. Adams, Ms. Rolando, Mr. Torre. Nays: None

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2015-016: An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the Venetian Pool, located at 2701 De Soto Boulevard, a Local Historic Landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, legally described as Lot 1 less part described in DB 3865-329 and All of Lot 2 and All of Lot 3 less Beginning of the Northwest corner South 26.12ft East 25 feet of Northerly To Northeast corner West to Point of Beginning and Plot Described as Sevilla Park, Block 6, Coral Gables Section “A,” according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, at Page 102, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant requested design approval for restoration and renovations to the property.

Ms. Kautz explained that this application was returned from the previous Historic Preservation Board meeting, during which time two motions were approved by the Board: 1) to defer consideration of the plan until this meeting; and 2) to separate the issues of the pool into two phases.

Ms. Kautz described extensive meetings that occurred subsequent to the last meeting, and said plans presented to the Board at this meeting were revised. Staff requested that restoration work (terrazzo in the courtyard, the exterior perimeter columns and fence, and the fountain in the courtyard) be removed from the scope of work under consideration as it will be assigned to a specialized conservator, and will be taken as a separate Standard Certificate of Appropriateness. The conservator for that work will be an independent contractor for the City. She said staff wanted that portion removed from this COA.

Ms. Kautz explained that the scope of work remaining in this COA and presented for Board approval included: 1) the injection of the voids under the pool, the application of a temporary pool paint to the pool bottom (temporary color to be selected by Historical Resources staff), and new joint sealant where necessary; 2) new masonry wall with wooden gate surrounding air conditioning and pool filtration equipment; 3) interior renovation at the Classroom Building, including partition removal and replacement of existing clay tile floor; 4) replacement of one louver and one casement window with new wood air-intake louvers at the Pool Pump Building. She added that the terra cotta pool deck will be brought back to the Board as phase two after further investigation is conducted to determine the best way to accomplish the work. At present, temporary solutions to pool issues will be employed. Pool decking will be brought back at a later date.

Javier Torres, MC Harry & Associates, stated acceptance of Board’s recommendations. As noted by Ms. Kautz, he described the plan to temporarily inject pool voids; to strip the pool bottom of its current coating and re-coat it with an epoxy in a matching color. He described interior work that will be conducted in the Classroom and Pool Pump buildings, and said the next phase of the project could include mockups and the results of materials testing to allow the project to move forward next season when the pool is closed. In response to Mr. Torre’s inquiry about matching the perimeter fence railings with the same color and retaining its appearance, Mr. Torres answered affirmatively, as he did regarding the color of the louvers.

Mr. Parsley made a motion to approve the scope of work as presented during today's meeting as modified by staff comments. Ms. Rolando seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Ghia, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Parsley, Mr. Silva, Mr. Adams, Ms. Rolando, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Torre. Nays: None.

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2015-017: An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 414 Alhambra Circle, a contributing resource within the "Alhambra Circle Historic District," legally described as Lots 8 & 9, Block 6, 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 application requested design approval for an addition and alterations to the residence. Variances were requested for side setbacks.

Ms. Kautz displayed a location map, historic and current photographs of the property as she described the property's history as well as two small additions to the residence. As part of the proposal, she stated the request that the garage be demolished, a proposal supported by staff as it was completely altered from its original design.

She said the applicant requested approval for construction of one- and two-story additions, covered terraces in both, interior and exterior alterations to the residence, and site work and improvements to the property, including a pool and pool deck, brick pavers and a circular driveway. Variances requested were to allow the residence to have a 10-foot setback on the west side of the property. As Ms. Kautz described the proposal, she visually oriented the Board to each area, after which she reviewed two requested variances (as described in staff's written report).

Architect Raymond Fowler comprehensively reviewed the existing house, proposed renovations, the additions and variances as he displayed elevations. To Mr. Fullerton's inquiry about the garage's setback compliance when it was built in 1953, Mr. Fowler said it was hard to tell. Ms. Kautz stated that the west side setback conformed today.

Regarding staff comments, Ms. Kautz stated the following:

- There is little differentiation between the existing residence and the proposed new additions, which could be achieved through differentiation of the stucco treatments with a smoother stucco finish on the proposed new construction, contrasting with the heavy textured stucco finish on the existing historic portion of the building.
- The proposed additions have window sills that appear to match the existing exactly. The new sills should be different in width or thickness, or eliminated altogether from the new construction.
- Where the windows are proposed to be blocked up on the east elevation (walk-in closet), the sills should remain and a "memory" of the masonry opening remain as a recess.
- Any tile to be placed on the new construction (or the reroof of the existing residence, if necessary) should be true, two-piece barrel tile.
- A separate Standard Certificate of Appropriateness will be required for the pool and pool deck, as no information was provided about the fountain feature or the material of the deck.

At the conclusion of these remarks, Ms. Kautz said staff recommended approval of the application with the above-stated conditions, and also recommended approval of the requested variances.

Mr. Adams questioned the circumstances for needing the variance, and Mr. Fowler responded. Ms. Spain added this variance has been recommended by staff in the past when affected structures are historic and can't be demolished to achieve conformation. Mr. Fowler said the owners wanted to maintain their historic property. There followed a discussion between Board members and Mr. Fowler, exploring design alternatives that might achieve setback conformity and eliminate the need for variances. Ms. Spain advised that, regarding variances, all properties within 1000 feet of this property were noticed and there were no resulting comments.

Mr. Parsley noted that on the rear elevation, the column on the right side was in the middle of the living room window, and made design suggestions that would eliminate the column in the middle of the window. He also suggested rotating the air conditioner 90 degrees to make the noise less intrusive in the back yard and stairs. Mr. Fowler considered Mr. Parsley's concern about the view from the living room window and options were discussed.

Mr. Torre invited audience comment. Hearing no requests to speak, he closed the public hearing.

Ms. Rolando made a motion to approve issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 414 Alhambra Circle as depicted on the plans with the following changes: differentiate the window sills on the new additions so they are not identical to those on the existing structure; retain the ghost of the windows that are blocked on the east elevation; and reposition the columns on the covered porch such that the window in the living room on the south elevation is not blocked by the column. Mr. Parsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Silva, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Ghia, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Parsley, Ms. Rolando, Mr. Torre. Nays: Mr. Adams.

Ms. Rolando made a motion to grant a variance to allow the single-family residential property to provide a minimum total side setback of approximately twelve feet six inches which totals twelve and one-half percent of the lot width vs. inside lots having minimum side setbacks which total twenty percent of the width of the lot. Mr. Parsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Silva, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Ghia, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Parsley, Ms. Rolando, Mr. Torre. Nays: Mr. Adams.

Ms. Rolando made a motion to grant a variance to allow the proposed addition to have a side setback of approximately ten feet on the west side vs. inside lots having minimum side setbacks which total twenty percent of the width of the lot. Mr. Parsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Silva, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Ghia, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Parsley, Ms. Rolando, Mr. Torre. Nays: Mr. Adams.

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2015-018: An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 4730 Santa Maria Street, a contributing resource within the "Santa Maria Street Historic District," legally described as Lots 16 thru 23, Block 92, Coral Gables Country Club Section 5, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 23, at Page 55 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The application requests design approval for additions and alterations to the residence.

Ms. Guin displayed and reviewed the property location, survey, 1974 addition, alterations after 1974, features and architectural style (Monterey). She advised that the Board of Architects recommended removal of quoins from the structure. Ms. Guin displayed and described the plans and overall details for multiple additions to the original structure, after which she turned the presentation over to the architect, stating that staff would add comments after the presentation.

Ms. Loreda explained why the owners sought approval for the proposal design as presented, and reviewed all aspects of the application.

Ms. Guin stated staff recommendations (as printed in the staff report):

- Fenestration openings of the original structure should remain intact.
- Original front door configuration of sidelights and fanlight should be retained.
- Windows throughout should be casement as proposed but with muntins matching original configuration of the windows.
- Brick lintels of original windows should remain and the original shutter configuration retained.

- Shutters should not be introduced around openings not originally shuttered (i.e., French doors on balcony).
- The proposed louvered shutters for 1974 and new additions offer a differentiation between the original and later additions. Stucco lintels could also be used in this manner.
- Post-1974 detailing (brackets, pediment, end returns) should be removed where possible. The post-1974 features should not inform the new additions as they are inappropriate for this style.
- The rear west-facing two-story addition should have a hipped roof.
- The perimeter fence must be in accordance with other properties in the Santa Maria Historic District (maximum fence height should not exceed four feet).

Ms. Guin added that the pool and pool deck would be presented under a separate COA. She said staff recommended a motion to approve, with staff conditions as stated, the design proposal for alterations and additions to the building at 2730 Santa Maria Street, and to also approve issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness.

Referencing windows in the east elevation, Ms. Loredo said her client wanted to alter and align the windows with the French doors on the second floor. At Ms. Rolando's request, Ms. Guin displayed and explained staff's position about those issues. Ms. Loredo and Ms. Guin discussed the original facade, the proposed design and the wishes of the homeowner.

Mr. Adams expressed concern about the front façade, also advising retention of brick lentils and agreeing that additional details not appropriate to the period should be removed. He said the large window next to the front door was a key focus of the house and should be retained as originally designed. Ms. Loredo stated a preference for the more symmetrical appearance of the proposed window design. As other feature and design issues were raised, Ms. Loredo and Board members debated issues. Ms. Rolando agreed with staff recommendations regarding the fence and the front façade of the house. Mr. Menendez added that the fence height was not in character with other properties on the street and the fence should be scaled down. Ms. Loredo said the owners were concerned with safety and noise issues. Mr. Torre expressed agreement with staff comments, said the fanlight over the door should be saved, if possible. Stating that the fencing design and scale was large, he asked to see more detailed plans with specified components. He also asked for the paver proposal for the front façade so the Board would have an opportunity to review and vote on it. He asked for detailed railing, stucco bands, fencing drawings and materials samples.

Ms. Ghia stated agreement with staff recommendations, including retention of the front door. Regarding the steps in the proposed east elevation, she opined that the original steps to the front door should be retained. Stating that the front door needs to be replaced, Ms. Loredo asked for advice about procedure. Ms. Spain said staff would examine the door as well as the fanlight.

Because Board members expressed opinions about specific proposal design elements, Mr. Adams commented that the door, if necessary to replace, should remain in the original style with sidelights and a transom.

Mr. Torre invited audience comment. Hearing no requests to speak, he closed the public hearing. He polled the Board to determine support of staff recommendations. Board clarifying discussion continued with staff and Ms. Loredo.

Ms. Rolando made a motion to approve a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed plans for 4730 Santa Maria Street, but incorporating staff recommendations and removing from consideration at this meeting the fence and paving. Mr. Menendez seconded.

There followed a discussion about the brackets added with the roof in 1974. Staff suggested the brackets be removed but could not require removal. Ms. Loredo agreed to modify the windows in the front, and restated her preference to have two windows rather than one large window and also to have French doors on the second floor. Ms. Rolando said the motion on the floor was for approval of the plans with incorporation of staff recommendations. It was agreed that removal of the brackets was a suggestion rather than a requirement. Ms. Rolando agreed.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Ghia, Mr. Fullerton, Ms. Rolando, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Parsley, Mr. Silva, Mr. Torre. Nays: Mr. Adams.

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2015-019: An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the building currently on the University of Miami Main Campus referred to as “Pentland House - Building 34” located at 1238 Dickinson Drive, legally described as legally described as all of the “Apartment Building 34 (Pentland)” as now existing, laid out and in use, the same being a portion of Tract 5 of Amended Plat Portion of Main Campus University of Miami, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 46 at Page 81 of the Public Records of Dade County (now Miami-Dade County), Florida. The applicant is requesting approval for the replacement of the existing windows, interior renovations, and the addition of an elevator tower.

Ms. Spain reviewed the location and history of the building as she displayed historic and current photographs. She concluded the presentation by stating staff’s recommendation of approval of the design proposal for the replacement of the existing windows, interior renovations, and the addition of an elevator tower in the building; and to approve issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness. She added that the University had engaged a historic paint specialist who scraped down to the original paint and called attention to the specialist’s report in Board packets.

As University Planner, Ms. Gavarrete advised that the original window manufacturer would fabricate windows nearly identical to the original, operable on the top pane. She advised that the elevator tower would make the building ADA accessible and also serve the La Gorce building. Ms. Gavarrete said this requested COA represented an initial approval request, adding that the University would return for Board review of the remaining historic buildings. She introduced University staff members present: Jorge Hernandez, Josemaria de Churtchaga, Max Bunster and Osvaldo Landera.

When the buildings were designated, Ms. Spain commented, there were other historic buildings on campus that the University wanted to demolish; however, an agreeable compromise was reached to identify and preserve one of each prototype.

Mr. Hernandez reviewed the history of the buildings, explained his intention to address color, reviewed the importance of preservation and restoration, and the plan to replicate Marian Manley’s original color scheme. He said Ms. Manley was the first American and female hand that authored the style of these buildings. Ms. Spain added that this was the first instance of international Bauhaus style of architecture on a university campus in the United States.

Mr. Landera, Pentland project architect, clarified that the issue of color in this application was specifically about restoring Pentland’s original window color. He described window plans and materials, stating the proposed steel, impact glass windows matched the configuration and overall size of the original window and would be crafted by the original manufacturer. He said the application proposed the original blue color for Pentland windows.

Ms. Spain stated that staff recommended approval of the application. She then recommended consideration of yellow windows for the School of Architecture to differentiate them from other buildings on campus. Mr. Landera agreed with the recommendation of yellow windows, and restated that Pentland windows were proposed as blue.

Mr. Torre, Mr. Fullerton and Mr. Adams inquired about various aspects of the application related to the elevator, steps, landing bridge and window as well as elements related to other buildings to be addressed in future applications. Mr. Landera responded in detail to all inquiries and suggestions about design modifications, describing and clarifying the purpose and design solutions employed to resolve all raised issues.

Mr. Torre invited additional public comment. Hearing no requests to speak, he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Fullerton made a motion to approve issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the Pentland House – Building 34 structure on the University of Miami main campus located at 1238 Dickinson Drive; and for approval for the replacement of the existing windows, interior renovations and the addition of an elevator tower. Mr. Adams seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Rolando, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Ghia, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Parsley, Mr. Silva, Mr. Adams, Mr. Torre. Nays: None.

**STANDARD CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS:**

CASE FILE COA (ST) 2015-162: An application for the issuance of a Standard Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 4209 Santa Maria Street, a Local Historic Landmark and a contributing structure within the “Santa Maria Street Historic District,” legally described as Lots 11 and 12, Block 96, Coral Gables Country Club Section Part Five, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 23, at Page 55, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The application requests design approval for landscaping, a perimeter wall, and gates.

Ms. Spain explained that the application came back to the Board for approval of landscaping, a perimeter wall and gates. She said staff recommended approval of the application as submitted after reviewing site plan and areas specific to the application.

Mr. Fullerton made a motion to approve issuance of a Standard Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 4209 Santa Maria Street; and to grant design approval as submitted for landscaping, a perimeter wall and gates. Mr. Menendez seconded the motion.

Mr. Parsley discussed the interior wall with Mr. Portuondo, stating the fence was lined up on left side of the bathroom window, and suggested relocating it instead to the same location on the right side of the window, closer to the driveway than to the edge of the open laundry room. Mr. Portuondo agreed to the change, but asked if the application could be approved subject to moving the wall. The answer was affirmative, with administrative approval of the relocated wall by the City Architect. Mr. Torre clarified that the gates had a frame.

Mr. Fullerton restated his motion as first stated, adding Mr. Parsley’s suggestion to move the fence to the right side of the window. Mr. Menendez seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Parsley, Mr. Silva, Mr. Adams, Ms. Rolando, Ms. Ghia, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Torre. Nays: None.

CASE FILE COA (ST) 2015-161: An application for the issuance of a Standard Certificate of Appropriateness for Alhambra Plaza, a Local Historic Landmark, located at the intersections of Alhambra Circle, Granada Boulevard, and Majorca Avenue. The application requests design approval for the installation of a Historic Marker honoring Frank Button.

As part of the City’s overall 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, Ms. Spain presented and recommended approval of erecting a historic marker honoring Frank Button, one of the most important but least known among those who originally teamed with George Merrick. The marker is proposed to be installed on Arbor Day, April 29, 2016, and located close to the fountain, east of Granada Boulevard at the intersections of Alhambra Circle, Granada Boulevard and Majorca Avenue. She advised that the proposal was reviewed by the Landscape Advisory Board. The Arbor Day speaker will be Robert Parsley.

Mr. Fullerton made a motion to approve the design and installation on Arbor Day, April 29, 2016, of a historic marker honoring Frank Button as described in the application. Ms. Rolando seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Ghia, Mr. Parsley, Mr. Silva, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Adams, Ms. Rolando, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Torre. Nays: None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ceramic Historic Plaques: Ms. Spain reported that a person who will make the ceramic historic plaques was identified. A sample is being made and will be presented to the Board for review when available.



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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dona M. Spain*  
*for Spain*

Dona M. Spain  
Historic Preservation Officer