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Subject: historic preservation group--historical marker text + placement
Attachments: Text for Bridle Path & Riding Academy Marker--revised 3.doc; Acknowledgements Research Citations.doc

dear dona and kara,

thank you for meeting with us today to discuss new historical marker text and placement.

attached please find revised marker text + research citations

also as far as marker placement:

on behalf of the board of directors of the Historic Preservation Association of Coral Gables, we are requesting that a **historical marker be placed in the area of SW corner of Salzedo Street & Giralda Avenue** to identify and increase awareness of the cultural heritage in the City of Coral Gables and to enhance the enjoyment of both residents and visitors, commemorating a forgotten important part of local Gables history.

best,

karelia

jane

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[Front]
[Historical Marker]

The Coral Gables Riding Academy & Bridle Path

One of the original dimensions of Coral Gables Founder George Merrick's dream was the importance of horses in the social and sporting life of his new city. In 1924, the Coral Gables Riding Academy office and stable opened on the northwest corner of Salzedo Street and Giralda Avenue. To the south was the riding ring which took up the block on Salzedo between Giralda and Aragon Avenue.

In 1926, Merrick hired riding master James A. Macauley (replacing Dr. Herbert L. Cox, first Academy director). Major Joseph C. Kittell, an expert on equitation followed. In 1929, Merrick invited John A. Gazlay to bring his string of horses [from outside the city] to Salzedo. Thus began the Gazlay years at the Academy—described in the 1930 city directory as “featuring cross-country rides and excellent acclimated saddle horses”. The Academy was one of the city's longest-lasting businesses.

The Academy had a permit allowing horse riding throughout the city. The median of Alhambra Circle, which ran along the back of the stable, was originally laid out with a bridle path. The 35-mile horse trails ran along Alhambra and Country Club Prado, around the Granada Golf Course, the Biltmore course, the campus of the University of Miami, and beside the waterways.

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The Coral Gables Riding Academy

From 1930 to 1952, the Gazlay's managed the Coral Gables Riding Academy, bringing the beauty of horses and the excitement of horse shows to Coral Gables residents. The Academy played an important role in the local equestrian community. Some horses at the Academy were well known. Silver, famous as the mount of the Lone Ranger in the movies, was the star at local events and parades.

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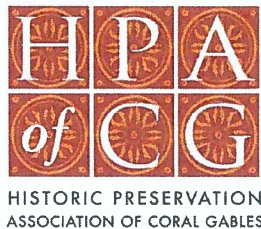
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