

February 12, 2024

Coral Gables Historic Preservation Board

Re: Proposed Driveway for 1260 S. Greenway Drive

Dear members of the Historic Preservation Board,

Please be advised that I own the property located at 1256 S. Greenway Drive, which is next door and directly to the east of the Orlando and Maydel Casariego home located at 1260 S. Greenway Drive. I am writing in support of their effort to obtain approval for the construction of a new driveway to be located at the front of their property.

The Casariego home is on a corner lot with the garage at the rear of the lot siding Madrid Street. Because there is very little parking near the garage and because the garage is so far from the front door, if there is no driveway, visitors and the Casariego's grown children will have to park on the swale. They will likely park near the front door of the residence. This will cause damage to the lawn and leave that beautiful corner looking unattractive and crowded.

My house currently has a circular driveway. I will be applying for approval to build a new house on my property and the preliminary plans also include a circular driveway.

I believe that the Casariego home will maintain an uncluttered and more attractive look with the addition of a driveway at the front of the house. Their new driveway will be in keeping with the character of the neighborhood as similarly shaped corner homes on our street have driveways in the front and garages along cross streets. A new driveway also makes sense from safety and functionality perspectives as South Greenway Drive is a high traffic area for pedestrians, dogs and bicycles. Inevitably when vehicles park on the swale they encroach on sidewalks and visibility is hindered.

The proposed new driveway will help to preserve the character and elegance of our street. I urge you to approve it.

Sincerely,



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