

# City of Coral Gables

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## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

9:30 AM

Sister Cities Conference Room - Coral Gables Museum

### Landmarks Advisory Board

*Chairperson Don Slesnick*  
*Vice Chairperson Lauren Dowlen*  
*Board Member Ajit Asrani*  
*Board Member Ramona Busot*  
*Board Member Alice Goldhagen*  
*Board Member Donna Heisenbottle*  
*Board Member Albert Menendez*

The Landmark Advisory Board will be holding its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, commencing at 9:30 am EST.

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

This meeting was Called to Order at 9:32 AM.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Chairperson Slesnick, Board Member Heisenbottle, Board Member Asrani, Board Member Goldhagen and Vice Chairperson Dowlen

**Excused:** 2 - Board Member Menendez and Board Member Busot

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ms. Pernas announced the new City Manager, Alberto M. Parjus and Deputy City Manager Joe Gomez. Mr. Parjus previously served as Deputy City Manager. Mr. Gomez is new to the city and was previously employed by the City of Miami Beach.
2. Chairperson Slesnick updated board members on the Streetlight issue. A meeting has been scheduled for March 4, 2025, for the city to meet with FPL. Mr. Slesnick would like to know who will be attending this meeting. He would like someone with authority at the meeting.
3. City Hall / Venetian Pool - The board would like to move forward with designation of these sites as National Landmarks. Staff explained the parameters for application. Chairperson Slesnick mentioned that the city's development as one of the first planned cities during the City Beautiful movement should be part of the significance criteria. Staff will work on the details and provide an update at a future meeting.
4. City Commission – The Board discussed the Local Historic Designation of two properties was appealed to the City Commission over the last year or so, these were 1414 Galiano Street and 1221 Milan Avenue. Staff explained the appeals process.
5. Street Signs - This board would like Public Works to maintain street signs that are on the floor. Staff requested that if there is a damaged sign, to please report the issue to the city so that it can be repaired. Board members are welcome to email photos and location to staff for reporting.
6. Economic Development News - Board Member Dowlen recommends signing up for the Gables Business Brief by the Economic Development Department. You may sign up at this link: <https://www.coralgables.com/department/economic-development>
7. Meeting Dates - After an informal poll of board members present, it was decided that 9:30am on the 2nd Wednesday of the month is an agreeable time for this board to meet.
8. Centennial - Board Member Dowlen will look into board specific events for the Centennial and Opportunities for partnering with another board.
9. Public Works - Board members requested a representative of Public Works attend the next meeting to discuss street signs, entrances and plazas.
10. Water Tower - Staff advised that a plan is in the works and the building is currently being assessed. It is a Capital Improvement Project (CIP).
11. City Hall Restoration - Ms. Pernas provided an update regarding the upcoming building assessment and structural repairs. The first meeting with the consultant was last week.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

- VI. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS
- VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS
- VIII. ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 10:42 AM.

**NOTE**