

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item G-1
January 12, 2016
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

City Commission

**Mayor Jim Cason
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Vice Mayor Frank Quesada
Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick**

City Staff

**City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
City Attorney, Craig E. Leen
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Historic Preservation Officer, Dona Spain**

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item G-1 [2:06:12 p.m.]

A Resolution approving a recommendation from the Historic Preservation Board that a bronze historic marker honoring Landscape Architect Frank Button be placed in Alhambra Plaza, at the intersection of Alhambra Circle and Granada Boulevard.

Mayor Cason: Alright, let's -- before we do my item, let's do G-1 and G-2. G-1 is a recommendation for a historic marker.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And I'll -- Dona's coming up. It is a process that requires your approval in terms of the language.

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Historic Preservation Officer Spain: Good morning. This is a long overdue recognition of Frank Button. He was the first landscape -- registered landscape architect in the state of Florida. He was hired by George Merrick to -- at one dollar an acre -- do the master planning of the City. And he's really not recognized. Arva just mentioned his name as she was talking about the five (sic) important people in the City. And so this is a plaque in his honor to be installed on Arbor Day, which I think will be the last event in April -- it's April 29 -- in the 90th anniversary year that we've been celebrating. I think it's very appropriate. This is a recommendation not only from the Historic Preservation Board, but also from the Landscape Advisory Board, who is recommending this wording. And the plaque -- the marker is going to go in Alhambra Plaza, which is at the intersection of Granada and Alhambra on the east side.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So move.

Mayor Cason: Vice Mayor makes the motion, seconded by...

Commissioner Lago: Second.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Lago. City Clerk.

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Cason: You know, I would suggest too, talking about those four people that Arva mentioned and that you mentioned again, as we look forward to purchasing new parks we consider taking these -- the names of these people as the name of the parks...

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: That's a great idea.

Mayor Cason: Rather than people that are alive.

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: That's a great idea.

Mayor Cason: Because they've gotten no recognition. This is the first recognition for Button, and there's a lot of other...

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: That's true.

Mayor Cason: People that were here at the beginning, present at the creation, as they say, so it would be a great idea.

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: And most people don't know Frank Button.

Mayor Cason: Right.

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: You know, if you say his name, they don't realize what an important person he was.

Mayor Cason: Right. Okay, thank you.

[End: 2:08:20 p.m.]