

CORAL GABLES MERRICK HOUSE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Regular Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2010, 8:45 a.m.

Coral Gables Merrick House

907 Coral Way, Coral Gables, Florida 33134

| MEMBERS | S* | O | N | D* | J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | COMMISSIONERS |
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| Barbara Reese | E | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | - | P | | Mayor Donald D. Slesnick, II |
| Margaret Steele | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | - | P | | Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr. |
| Susan Stanton | E | P | P | E | E | E | E | P | P | P | - | P | | Comm. Maria Anderson |
| Michelle Moskowitz | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | A | P | P | - | P | | Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr. |
| Laura Yusko | P | P | E | P | P | P | P | P | P | E | P | - | P | Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers |
| Joanne Meagher | P | P | P | E | P | P | A | P | P | P | E | - | P | Board Appointee |
| Sondra Space | E | P | P | P | P | P | E | P | P | P | P | - | E | City Manager |

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Kara N. Kautz, Historic Preservation Officer

A = Absent

E = Excused

P = Present

* = Special Meeting

- = No Meeting

^ = New Member

Guests: Betsy Adams, Evelyn Budde, Kay Murff, Chris Rupp, Julia Kelley

Meeting record / minutes preparation: Nancy C. Morgan, Coral Gables Services, Inc.

Chair Yusko called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

A motion was made and unanimously passed to excuse the absence of Ms. Space.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 12, 2010:

Ms. Reese revised the July minutes raffle update report to correctly read: Confirmed raffle items include an Ocean Reef weekend for two/golf weekend; Biltmore golf course foursome; Granada golf course foursome and lunch for four at Burger Bob's; two tickets for Actors Playhouse; weekend for two at Westin Colonnade. Additional donations pending: dinner for two at Norman's 180; champagne from Reminiscence; donation from Tiffany's; shopping spree at Village of Merrick Park.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the July 12, 2010 minutes as revised.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE:

On behalf of the Coral Gables Garden Club, Ms. Adams discussed placement options for the Althea Merrick statue, which should be ready for delivery in October. The foundry schedule, installation base, and other details were discussed.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to place the Althea Merrick statue seated on a bench in front of her garden as recommended by the Garden Club.

Ms. Yusko expressed the Board's sincere appreciation for this generous and welcome Garden Club donation.

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GREEN MOBILITY NETWORK / CORAL GABLES MUSEUM PROPOSAL:

Ms. Rupp described the Green Mobility Network, an initiative of the Museum, to encourage people to ride bicycles, walk and run rather than use vehicles. The Network is hosting a Seersucker Social on Saturday, October 16th, which they want to conclude with a picnic on the Merrick House grounds and porch. From 40 to 50 people are expected.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the request of Green Mobility Network to host the Seersucker Social on Merrick House grounds on October 16, 2010.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

100th Anniversary Gala Update: Mort Guilford will serve as Honorary Chair. Invitations will be ready to mail on September 27th, with RSVPs due October 27th. Discussion included table assignments, ad sales, confirmed and pending raffle donations and the goal to reach \$5,000 in ad sales. Ms. Kautz will coordinate a Coral Gables family package raffle for City venues. Other raffle packages include a focus on health and Merrick family history. A list of all raffle items will be mailed with the invitations.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to price raffle tickets at \$25 each or five for \$100.

Program copy / graphic options and acknowledgements were reviewed and discussed. As Marilyn Milian has not confirmed as emcee, Ms. Yusko will contact her and also work on alternates. Centerpieces have been delivered. A decision about collaborating with the Coral Gables Community Foundation is pending. Notecards have been ordered. Ms. Kelley presented her donation of a hand-sewn quilt. Two trolleys are confirmed, and Twenty Little Working Girls will help with a variety of event tasks. Reception sponsors will be recognized by signage. *The Miami Herald* Neighbors section will feature a story about Merrick House in October, and a City proclamation will be presented at the October 26th Commission meeting. A photograph of the Board will be taken at the October 4th Board meeting. Finally, a banner design and sample were displayed, after which Ms. Yusko expressed appreciation for the Board's outstanding efforts.

HOUSE REPORT:

Ms. Kautz reported August 2010 House activity as follows:

- Total visitors: 18 adults, 8 seniors, 3 students.
- Trust fund balance: \$10,172.68.
- House Rental Status: AIA will not meet in September.
- Slow Food Miami will host a Pie on the Porch event to generate planting volunteers on September 25th from 1 to 5 p.m., which will be open to the public and will include a pie judging and garden demonstration.

OLD BUSINESS:

House Brochure: The brochure is scheduled for delivery today or tomorrow.

Second Floor Workday: Ms. Kautz will determine dates in September to work with Board members on the second floor.

Docents: Ms. Kautz reported that one new docent is on board and another application is nearly complete.

Holiday Open House: The date of the annual open house has not been determined, but will be simpler this year. Suggestions included a cookie contest, with a children's panel serving as judges, in addition to the arrival of Santa Claus.

Fall House Decorations: Ms. Steele will coordinate decorations.

Next Two Meetings: Monday, October 4 and 18, 2010, 8:45 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara N. Kautz
Historic Preservation Officer