



The City of Coral Gables

Historical Resources Department

EXCERPTS

CORAL GABLES HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES Thursday, July 16, 2015, 4:00 p.m. City Commission Chambers 405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, Florida

MEMBERS:	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	APPOINTED BY:
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Janice Thomson*													Mayor Jim Cason
Venny Torre	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Vice Mayor Frank C. Quesada
Elizabeth Ghia*													Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick
Alejandro Silva	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Patricia Keon
Alexander Adams*													Commissioner Vince Lago
John Fullerton*								E	P	A	P	P	Historic Preservation Board
Robert Parsley	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	City Manager
Dolly MacIntyre	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	City Commission
Judy Pruitt	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	City Commission

LEGEND: A = Absent; P = Present; E = Excused; * = New Member; ^ = Resigned Member; - = No Meeting

STAFF:

- Dona Spain, Historic Preservation Officer
- Kara N. Kautz, Assistant Historic Preservation Officer
- Yesenia Diaz, Administrative Assistant, Historical Resources Department
- Miriam S. Ramos, Deputy City Attorney

GUESTS: Dorothy Thomson, Jenifer Briley, Roy Gonas, Owen Morrel, Laurie Jewell, Stuart Debowsky, Angelica Guiteras, Greg Guiteras, Aida T. Baladi

RECORDING AND PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Nancy C. Morgan, Coral Gables Services, Inc.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Torre at 4:06 p.m. A quorum was present.

AD VALOREM TAX ABATEMENT:

CASE FILE AV 2011-002: An application requesting ad valorem tax relief for the property at 814 Coral Way, a contributing resource within the “Coral Rock Residences Thematic Group Historic District” and the “Coral Way Historic District,” legally described as Lots 7 and 8, Block 1, Coral Gables Section “A,” according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5 at Page 102 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The related Certificates of Appropriateness, COA (SP) 2010-22, COA (SP) 2010-22 Continued, and COA (SP) 2012-001 were granted design approval by the Historic Preservation Board.

Ms. Kautz reviewed the definition of ad valorem tax relief, what is included in restorations that qualify the tax abatement, and the process and procedures of securing ad valorem tax relief. Thereafter, she reviewed 814 Coral Way, its history, architecture and relevant information while displaying historical and current photographs, stating that changes over the years were minimal. While describing alterations and restorations that were performed, she displayed before and after photographs, stated the estimated cost of the entire project, concluding that staff recommended approval of the ad valorem

tax relief request and announcing that the homeowners and architect were present in the audience. Ms. Spain commented that the restoration was beautifully and thoughtfully done.

Mr. Torre inquired about the wood used thematically in the restoration. Ms. Briley responded that the wood paneling was reclaimed Cyprus from the St. John River.

Mr. Fullerton made a motion to recommend approval of ad valorem tax relief for the property at 814 Coral Way as requested. Ms. Ghia seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Parsley, Mr. Silva, Mr. Adams, Mr. Fullerton, Ms. Thomson, Ms. MacIntyre, Ms. Pruitt, Ms. Ghia, Mr. Torre. Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.