



**CORAL GABLES MERRICK HOUSE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**  
**Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2019 8:30 a.m.**  
**Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department**  
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MEMBERS	A 18	S 18	O 18	N 18	D 18	J 19	F 19	M 19	A 19	M 19	J 19	J 19	A 19	APPOINTED BY:
Ada "Adi" Busot	-	P	P	P	-	P	E	P	E	P	-	P	P	Mayor Raul Valdés-Fauli
Ana Lam	-	P	E	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	Vice-Mayor Vince Lago
Margaret Meeks	-	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	E	Comm. Pat Keon
Carmen Cason												-	P	P Comm. Jorge L. Fors, Jr.
Barbara Reese	-	P	P	P	-	E	P	P	P	E	-	P	P	Comm. Michael Mena
Alexis Ehrenhaft*												-	P	P City Manager Peter Iglesias
Nina Jarp	-	-	P	P	-	E	P	P	P	P	-	A	A	Board-as-a Whole

**LEGEND:** A = Absent; P = Present; E = Excused; \* = New Member; ^ = Resigned Member;  
 - = No Meeting; # = Late meeting arrival

**STAFF:**

Dona Spain, Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Director  
 Yesenia Diaz, Administrative Assistant

**RECORDING SECRETARY/PREPARATION OF MINUTES:** Yesenia Diaz, Administrative Assistant, Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Lam at 8:45 a.m. and attendance was stated for the record.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JULY 8, 2019:**

A motion was made by Ms. Reese and seconded by Ms. Cason to approve the minutes of July 8, 2019 as written. The motion was unanimously approved.

**HOUSE REPORT:**

The following balances were reported: Trust Fund Balance: \$29,179 (expenditure account), \$2,198 (revenue account)

- Roxy O'Neal Bolton Fund for exterior maintenance: \$4,939 (unchanged)

**BOARD-AS-A-WHOLE APPOINTMENT:**

A motion was made by Ms. Reese and seconded by Ms. Busot to appoint Joanne Meagher as the board's Board-As-a-whole appointee. The motion was unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Halloween Hoedown:** The Board discussed the date for the Halloween event which was slated for October 27<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m.-4p.m. Ms. Lam reported that was going to obtain the scarecrow contest form for the event. She reminded the Board of the past Halloween events and how successful and well attended they had been and how the vendors responded favorable to assist with past events such as William Sonoma. The possibility of having a pumpkin carving competition was discussed as well as various price points for the competition starting between \$1-\$5.

Ms. Lam volunteered to reach out to the Chef from Swine to gauge their interested in assisting with the event. She also relayed that the ball room dancer was unable to attend due to a prior commitment but added that Maria from the Adult Activity Center was interested in subbing for them with a possible line dancing activity.

Ms. Cason suggested trying to arrange a group for line dancing from the Center and suggested that Graziano's be contacted or even Publix about entertaining the possibility of donating to the event. Ms. Busot suggested reaching out the various

restaurants to gauge their interest at providing small tastes testing at the event. Ms. Lam suggested having a Rocky Horror Picture Show theme with the Board and various other people dressing up and dancing while interacting with the audience. Ms. Spain added that there was a horror film that was filmed at the Merrick House and it might be fun to obtain the video and play it during the event in the background.

The Board continued to discuss other possibilities for activities during the event. Ms. Cason suggested having a costume contest with toilet paper as a theme like a mummy. Ms. Lam asked the Board for various other suggestions for the event. Having drinks such as lemonade and water along with punch were discussed. Having candy at the event for the children was discussed at length as well as having goodie bags. Ms. Lam would e-mail the Board a task list for the event.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 9, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.; Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department, 2327 Salzedo Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dona M. Spain  
Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director