

**CORAL GABLES HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, May 24, 2018, 4:00 p.m.**  
**City Commission Chambers**  
**405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, Florida**

<b>MEMBERS:</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>APPOINTED BY:</b>
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Raul R. Rodriguez*		E	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	A	P	P	Mayor Raul Valdés-Faul
Venny Torre	E	E	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	E	P	P	Vice Mayor Frank C. Quesada
Janice E. Thomson	P	P	E	P	P	P	-	P	A	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Michael Mena
Alejandro Silva	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	E	P	Commissioner Patricia Keon
Alicia Bache-Wigg*		P	E	P	P	E	-	P	P	P	P	E	E	Commissioner Vince Lago
John Fullerton	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	A	P	P	Historic Preservation Board
Robert Parsley	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	E	P	P	P	P	E	City Manager
Albert Menendez	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	E	P	P	City Commission
Bruce Ehernhaft*		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 M. Spain, Historic Preservation Officer  
 Kara N. Kautz, Assistant Historic Preservation Officer  
 ElizaBeth Guin, Historic Preservation Coordinator  
 Yesenia Diaz, Administrative Assistant  
 Gustavo Ceballos, Assistant City Attorney

GUESTS: Patricia Calasich, Victor Rodriguez, Lent Charlotte Prescott, Lina Barron

RECORDING AND PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Yesenia Diaz, Administrative Assistant,  
 Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Department

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Torre at 4:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

DISCUSSION ITEM: WHITE WAY LIGHTS

Ms. Spain presented a PowerPoint presentation referencing the White Way Lights and passed out a map to all the Board members. She relayed the history of the White Way Lights designed by Denman Fink and stated there were 77 original light positions along University Drive and Riviera Drive with only 45 lights remaining - 24 on University Drive and 21 on Riviera Drive. The remaining lights are presently owned by Florida Power and Light (FPL) and are deteriorating, which has been an issue. However, the City is working on obtaining ownership of the locations from Florida Power and Light. She further explained that the City is held to a different electrical standard than Florida Power and Light so that once transferred, the electricity would need to be updated at a considerable cost.

The intent of the City was to obtain the locations and upgrade the lights as well as restore them. She described several options including only doing one of the streets with the historic lights. Ms. Spain requested a recommendation from the Historic Preservation Board to the City Commission.

Mr. Ehernhaft asked if the globes would be restored to their original look or if the look would be different. Ms. Spain stated that further research would have to be done on the original design of the globe as her understanding based on photographs from Douglas Road that showed them as being more ornate.

Ms. Spain informed that the procedure currently was if a pole went down, FPL would contact the City and the City would pick them up to store in the Public Works equipment yard. Presently there were 9 poles in the yard that needed to be restored.

The board discussed making a mold of the poles and then fabricating new ones in a different material that would differentiate them from the original ones. These new poles could be used in the locations that were left when the 45 poles were re-installed after restoration since there were not enough lights to do all of University Drive and Riviera Drive.

Mr. Torre left at 4:55 p.m.

Mr. Ehernhaft made a motion recommending to the City Commission that Staff work with the City and propose that the 9 lights that are available for restoration, presently located in the Public Works equipment yard, be placed on University Drive and that the City acquire all 77 sites along University Drive and Riviera Drive and that once acquired that the responsibility and the maintenance be transferred from FPL to the City. In addition, for further research be done by Staff as to what materials would be used to fabricate new poles for long term durability as well as storm strength and that the existing White Way Lights remain at the same location and that the LED lighting be warm lights, eliminating bright white light as an option, around 2800 Kelvin. Lastly, that the Staff further investigate the original paint color of the pole. Mr. Fullerton seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Bache-Wigg, Mr. Ehernhaft, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Rodriguez, Ms. Thomson, Mr. Silva. Nays: None.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15p.m.