



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
January 13, 2015

ITEM TITLE:

Historic Preservation Board meeting of November 20, 2014.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

DEFERRALS: Case File LHD 2014-006: 1615 Country Club Prado.

LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATIONS:

CASE FILE LHD 2014-007: Consideration of the local historic designation of the property at 2623 North Greenway Drive, legally described as Lots 6 & 7, Block 9, Coral Gables Section "D" Revised Plat, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 25, Page 74 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

A motion was made and seconded to deny local historic designation for the property located at 2623 North Greenway Drive. (*Ayes: 5, Nays: 1*)

SPECIAL CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS:

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2014-017: An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the alteration of the intersections of Segovia Circle and Alhambra Circle, legally described as that portion of the right-of-way that lies at the intersection of Alhambra Circle with Segovia Circle, in Coral Gables, Florida (The same also being between Blocks 20, 21, and 22, Coral Gables Section "B," according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, at Page 111, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.) and Segovia Street and Alhambra Circle legally described as that portion of the right-of-way that lies at the intersection of Alhambra Circle with Segovia Street, in Coral Gables, Florida (The same also being between Blocks 20, 21, 11, and 12, Coral Gables Section "B," according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, at Page 111, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.) The applicant requested design approval for the alteration of the intersections to introduce traffic-calming devices.

A motion was made and seconded to approve in concept the presented proposal, including conditions specified in the Historical Resources Department's written report, with the understanding that Public Works staff and advisors will devise a sensible solution. Ms. MacIntyre suggested employing a trompe l'oeil effect (creating an illusionary raised median). Mr. Kephart said he was familiar with the concept and it was possible to accomplish. Ms. Thomson accepted the suggestion as worthy of consideration and as part of the motion. (*Ayes: 6, Nays: 0*)

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2014-005 – CONTINUED: An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 1258 Obispo Avenue, a contributing resource within the "Obispo Avenue Historic District," legally described as Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, Coral Gables Section "E," according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, at Page 13 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The application requested design approval for an addition and alterations to the residence.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the design for an addition and alterations to the residence at 1258 Obispo Avenue, and issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness. (*Ayes: 6, Nays: 0*)

CASE FILE COA (SP) 2014-012: An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 814 Santiago Street, a contributing resource within the "Santiago Street Historic District," legally described as the S ½ Lot 6 and all of Lots 7 & 8, Block 2, Mariana Place, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in

Plat Book 9, at Page 111 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The application requested design approval for an addition and alterations to the property.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the design for the addition and alterations to the property at 814 Santiago Street, and to approve issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness. (*Ayes: 6, Nays: 0*)

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

42 Navarre Avenue Update: Ms. Spain reported that Attorney Zeke Guilford sent notification that they withdrew their request for a variance on the property at 42 Navarre Avenue. Regarding the Certificate of Appropriateness approved by the Board, they will redesign the project to remove 2,000 square feet; however, the change will not affect the design of the building.

December Board Meeting Change: Pointing out that the December 18th Board meeting date was the third day of Hanukkah, she suggested changing the meeting date to Thursday, December 11th. The Board agreed to the date change.

NEW BUSINESS:

Green Workshop Funds: Ms. MacIntyre reminded the Board of its approval of a \$1,000 grant to pay expenses for the Green Workshop. As workshop expenses were slightly less than \$400, she asked to retain the balance of the funds for the next workshop, anticipated to focus on making additions to historic buildings.

A motion was made and seconded to retain the balance of workshop funds (approximately \$600) for the next scheduled workshop. (*Ayes: 6, Nays: 0*)

ATTACHMENT(S): Minutes of Historic Preservation Board meeting of November 20, 2014