



**City of Coral Gables**  
**CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**November 17, 2009**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Historic Preservation Board meeting of October 22, 2009.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

**1. PERSONAL APPEARANCE:**

Coral Gables Garden Club – Althea Merrick Statue at Coral Gables Merrick House, 907 Coral Way

A motion was made and seconded to approve of the concept of the Althea Merrick statue as presented. (*Unanimously approved*).

**2. CASE FILE LHD 2009-06 AND COA (SP) 2009-20:**

Consideration of the local historic designation of the property at **215 Phoenetia Avenue**, legally described as Lot 13, Block 17, Coral Gables Douglas Section, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 25, Page 69, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant is also requesting the issuance of an Accelerated Special Certificate of Appropriateness and design approval for renovation of the building and the installation of off-street parking. A variance has been requested from Article 5, Division 14, Section 5-1403 (B) (2) of the Coral Gables “Zoning Code” in regard to the location of off-street parking for the existing multi-family building.

Local Historic Designation:

A motion was made and seconded to approve local historic designation for 215 Phoenetia Avenue. (*Unanimously approved*).

Variance:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the variance as requested for 215 Phoenetia Avenue with the intent to preserve the tree and all other specific staff recommendations. (*Unanimously approved*).

**3. CASE FILE COA (SP) 2009-24:**

An application for the issuance of a Special Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at **111 Florida Avenue**, an empty parcel of land within the “Mac Farlane Homestead Subdivision Historic District,” legally described as Lot 3, Block 2-A, MacFarlane Homestead, as recorded in Plat Book 5, at Page 81, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant is requesting approval for the temporary installation of a storage container. A variance was requested from Article 5, Division 21, Section 5-2107 (E) of the Coral Gables “Zoning Code” to allow the temporary installation of a storage container. The applicant was granted conditional design approval for the construction of a new residence at the Historic Preservation Board meeting of May 7, 2009.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the application and the variance. (*Unanimously approved*).

**4. CASE FILE AV 2004-05:**

An application requesting ad valorem tax relief for the property at **308 Romano Avenue**, a local historic landmark, legally described as Lots 18-21, Block 8, Coral Gables Coconut Grove Section, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 14, at Page 25, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The related Certificate of Appropriateness – Case File COA (SP) 2004-04, was granted design approval on June 17,

2004, by the Historic Preservation Board.

A motion was made and seconded to approve ad valorem tax relief for the owners of 308 Romano Avenue. (*Unanimously approved*)

**5. CASE FILE COA (ST) 2009-72 CONTINUED:**

An application for the issuance of a Standard Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at **2024 Alhambra Circle**, a contributing structure within the “Alhambra Historic District,” legally described as Lot 14, and the South 5 feet of Lot 13, Block 22, Coral Gables Section “E” revised, as recorded in Plat Book 8, at Page 86, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant requested replacement of windows.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the application with clarification that the rear, second floor middle window as a casement window. (Ayes: 6, Nays: 3)

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Historic Preservation Board Meeting minutes of October 22, 2009