



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
September 23, 2008

ITEM TITLE:

Ms. Layla M. Fadel, applicant, has filed an appeal to the Coral Gables City Commission, from a decision of the Board of Architects at its regular meeting of September 4, 2008, wherein the Board denied Application No. AB 08-08-0351, in connection with the design and installation of a canvas awning at the principal entrance of the residence located at 544 Giralda Avenue, Coral Gables 33134

SUMMARY OF APPEAL:

The Board of Architects denied a request for installation of a Canvas Awning over the principal entrance of the Residence located at 544 Giralda Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida. This property legally described in Folio Number 03-4108-001-1570

The applicant is appealing the denial of the following:

Denial of the installation of a Canvas Awning as designed (drawings attached) pursuant to Article 5, Division 6, Section 5.601, 5.602 and Section 5.603 of the Coral Gables Zoning Code (sections of the Zoning Code also attached).

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Architects reviewed the application and request by Ms. Layla M. Fadel by a full panel of architects during a regular meeting of the Board on September 4, 2008. This request for a Canvas Awning as designed by Biscayne Awning & Shade Co. to be installed over the principal entrance to the residence was determined to be inappropriately designed and incompatible with the architectural style of the home. Various members of the Board made attempts to demonstrate more compatible design solutions for an entrance canopy for the home. The applicant was very reluctant to accept any of these suggestions and insisted on her design solution.

After some additional discussion with the applicant, a vote was taken and the application was rejected with the following members signing the Rejection Stamp (copy attached):

Eddy Llano
Luis Jauregui
Don Sackman
Mike Sardinas
Burton Hersh

Following the rejection, the applicant was informed of the process to appeal to the City Commission.

