

CORAL GABLES MERRICK HOUSE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Regular Meeting Minutes of September 14,, 2009

Coral Gables Merrick House

907 Coral Way, Coral Gables, Florida 33134

EXCERPTS

MEMBERS	O 08	N 08	D 08	J	F	M	A	M	J	J *	A	S	COMMISSIONERS
Barbara Reese	P	P	P	E	E	P	A	P	P	P	-	P	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick, II
Margaret Steele	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	-	P	Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Susan Stanton	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	E	E	-	P	Comm. Maria Anderson
Michelle Moskowitz	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	-	P	Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Laura Yusko	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers
Joanne Meagher	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	-	P	Board Appointee
Sondra Space	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	-	P	City Manager

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Kara N. Kautz, Historic Preservation Officer

A = Absent

E = Excused

P = Present

* = Special Meeting

- = No Meeting

^ = New Member

+ = Resigned

GUESTS: Betsy Adams, Susy Amerikan, Evelyn Budde

RECORDING SECRETARY: Nancy C. Morgan, Coral Gables Services, Inc.

Chair Yusko called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m., and welcomed Ms. Stanton and Ms. Meagher to City Board service.

Personal Appearances:

Betsy Adams, Coral Gables Garden Club:

Ms. Adams introduced Garden Club President Susy Amerikan, and Evelyn Budde, project co-chair. She spoke about the Club's 20-year adopt-an-entrance program and the donation to the City of three entrances and the Merrick monument at a cost of \$1.2 million. The Club's current proposed project is a life-sized statue of Althea Merrick, envisioned to appear seated on a bench in her garden on Merrick House grounds. It is estimated to cost \$40,000 and can be crafted by The Foundry (crafted the statue of George Merrick). Club representatives are in process of meeting with various City advisory boards and Arva Parks to gather project input. Photos of Mrs. Merrick were displayed and design, clothing and age options discussed. Location of the statue will be determined by this Board. The project is anticipated to be completed three months after approval is gained and the deposit is made. A presentation is planned during the House's year-long 100th anniversary beginning in 2010.

Ms. Steele made a motion to accept the proposal of the Coral Gables Garden Club for a bench study of Althea Merrick as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.