CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-94

A RESOLUTION UPHOLDING THE APPROVAL OF THE DESIGN AGREED TO PURSUANT TO THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS APPEAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT RATIFIED BY THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS SPECIAL MASTER ON FEBRUARY 11, 2019, AS IT RELATES TO THE ENTRANCE FEATURES, IN THE CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY, AT CARTAGENA CIRCLE.

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2013, the City Commission approved encroachments consisting of new stone signs replacing the existing wood signs, within the public right-of-way, in Resolution 2013-06; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2018, the Islands of Cocoplum Homeowner's Association (Cocoplum 2) ("the Applicant") presented plans to the City's Board of Architects (BOA) for improvements to the existing signage approved by Resolution 2013-06 and the BOA deferred their decision and provided comments; and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2019, the Applicant presented new plans to the BOA for improvements in the City's right-of-way, at the entrance of Cartagena Circle and at Cocoplum Road and Los Pinos Boulevard, and the BOA denied the Applicant's proposed plans; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2019, Applicant filed an Application for Appeal of the BOA's decision in accordance with section 2-303(D) and 3-606 of the City of Coral Gables Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2019, a Conflict Resolution Meeting was held, in accordance with section 2-303(D) of the City of Coral Gables Zoning Code, and the Applicant presented updated plans addressing all the comments and suggestions made by the BOA at the January 10th meeting, which resulted in a Settlement Agreement being entered into by the Applicant and the City (attached hereto as Exhibit A) which was then ratified by the BOA Special Master; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2019, the Cocoplum Civic Association, Inc. (Cocoplum 1) ("the Appellant") appealed the Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2019, the City Commission held a public hearing on the Applicant's request for approval of encroachments on the right-of-way, during which the Applicant, Appellant, and the public had ample opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, pursuant to Resolution 2019-83, the City Commission approved the request for new signage, in the City's right-of-way, at the Cartagena Circle entrance consisting of two stone monuments – one reading "Cocoplum" and one reading "The Islands of Cocoplum" and re-approved the existing encroachment, as originally approved in Resolution No. 2013-06; in the alternative, and subject to removal of the existing encroachments, the City Commission approved the proposed encroachment (monument sign, installation of wing walls, and pavers) at the base of the Cocoplum Road Bridge at the intersection of Cocoplum Road and Vera Court, in the City right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2019, the Applicant withdrew the portion of the application relating to proposed improvements in the City's right-of-way at Cocoplum Road, abutting Los Pinos Boulevard, and limited the scope of the application to the replacement of the two currently-existing signs, on the City's right-of-way, at Cartagena Circle with the design approved as part of the Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2019, a second Conflict Resolution meeting was held that included the Applicant, the Appellant, and City staff but did not result in a revised Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Zoning Code, the BOA Rules of Procedure, and CAO 2019-008, Appellant's appeal was heard before the City Commission on March 26, 2019, as part of a quasi-judicial hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing **"WHEREAS'** clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The City Commission upholds the design agreed to in the Settlement Agreement (attached hereto as Exhibit A) for the BOA appeal regarding the entrance features, ratified by the BOA Special Master on February 11, 2019, as it relates to the design of the entrance features, in the City's right-of-way, at Cartagena Circle.

SECTION 3. In the alternative, and provided that the Appellant advises the City Attorney's Office by 2 p.m. on March 27, 2019 of its desire to fully and finally resolve this matter, the City Commission ratifies and approves a settlement agreement that includes the following terms:

- a. The proposed design on the plans will be flipped so the North Sign will read "Islands of Cocoplum" and the South Sign will read "Cocoplum."
- b. The "Islands of Cocoplum" sign on the North will NOT include the crest and will only contain the words "Islands of Cocoplum."
- c. The two structures will be identical in all other aspects, including but not limited to size, shape, and material of structure, as well as font style and font size.
- d. Applicant and Appellant fully and finally release the City of Coral Gables and each other from any and all claims relating to the approval of the encroachments in the City's right-of-way at Cartagena Circle, as approved in Resolution No. 2019-83, and relating to the approval of the design and aesthetics of the entrance features, as approved in this Resolution.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY SIXTH DAY OF MARCH, A.D., 2019. (Moved: Quesada / Seconded: Valdes-Fauli) (Yeas: Lago, Mena, Quesada, Valdes-Fauli) (Majority: (4-0) Vote) (Absent: Keon) (Agenda Item: F-1)

APPROVED: RAUL VALDES-FAULI MAYOR APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY: MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS CITY ATTORNEY

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR Board of Architects Appeal Cocoplum Entrance Features

This Agreement is made and entered into this 6th day of February, 2019 (hereinafter referred to as the Effective Date) by and between the City of Coral Gables (hereinafter referred to as the "CITY"), a Florida municipal corporation, and Cocoplum Homeowners Association, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Applicant").

WHEREAS, on January 10th, 2019, the Board of Architects (hereinafter referred to as "BOA") denied Applicant's plans as presented (BOA No. AB-18-04-3802), attached hereto as Exhibit "1", for the replacement of the southernmost entrance feature at the main community entrance located on Cartagena Plaza, and the addition of faux metal gates and updated signage on the existing pillars on the median and swales of Cocoplum Road, south east of the intersection of Los Pinos Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, on January 18th, 2019, Applicant filed an Application for Appeal in accordance with sections 2-303(D) and 3-606 of the City of Coral Gables Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, on February 6th, 2019, a Conflict Resolution Meeting was held, in accordance with section 2-303(D) of the City of Coral Gables Zoning Code, and the Applicant presented updated plans, attached hereto as Exhibit "2", addressing all the comments and suggestions made by the BOA at the January 10th meeting, and said updated plans were subsequently approved by the City Architect and the Planning and Zoning Director.

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with section 2-303(D) of the City of Coral Gables Code:

In consideration for the full and final resolution of the pending Appeal, Applicant agrees that:

1. The attached plans identified as Exhibit "2" are approved subject to the City Commission approving the required encroachment agreement(s).

2. APPELLANT AGREES THAT THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FULLY AND FINALLY RESOLVES THIS MATTER.

3. THE PARTIES WAIVE TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING OR COUNTERCLAIM BROUGHT BY EITHER OF THE PARTIES HERETO AGAINST THE OTHER ON ANY MATTERS ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THIS AGREEMENT.

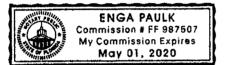
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the day and the year first written above.

APPLICANT:

MISUL DIO 2 Ponti ATTORNEY FOR APPLICA

State of Florida County of Miami-Dade

The foregoing instrument was acknowledge before me this I day of February, in the year, 2019, by Miguel Digz del Portillas of who is personally known to me or has produced FLDriver's License as identification.



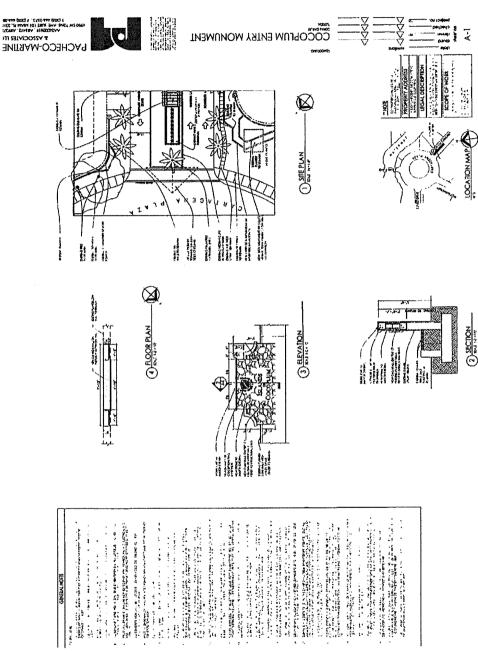
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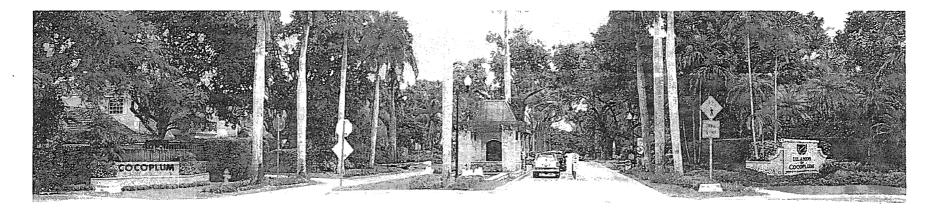
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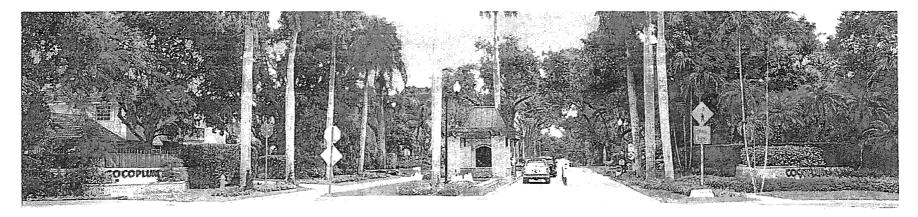




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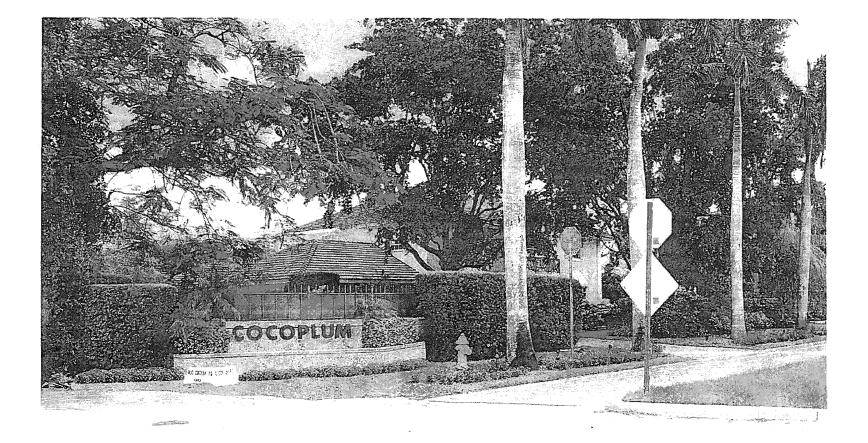
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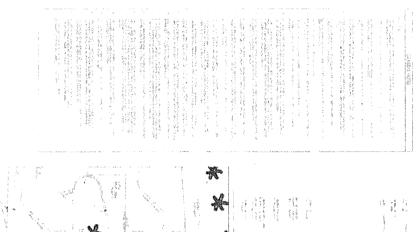
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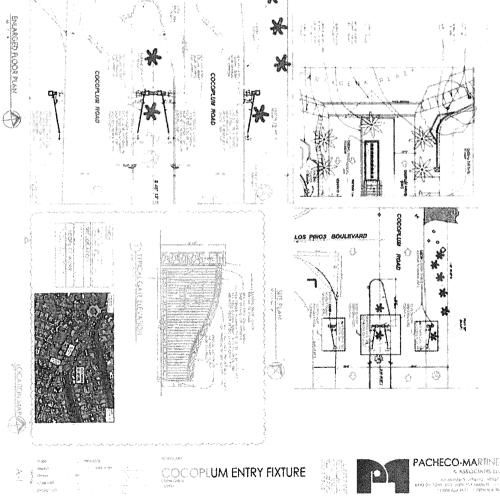


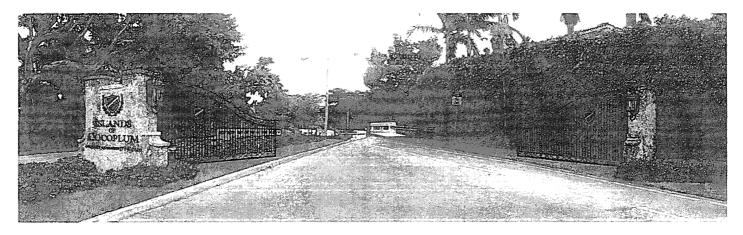
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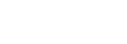




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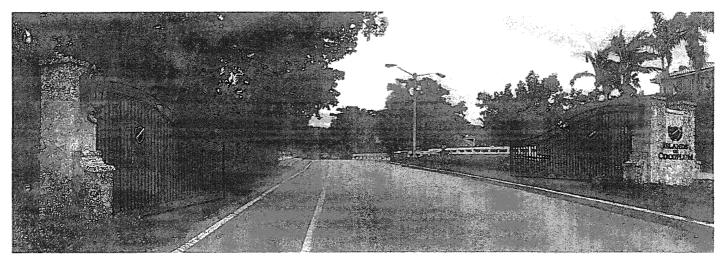


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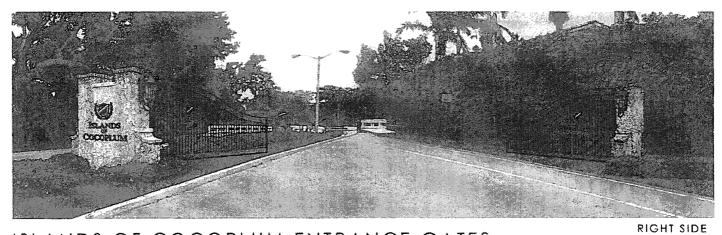




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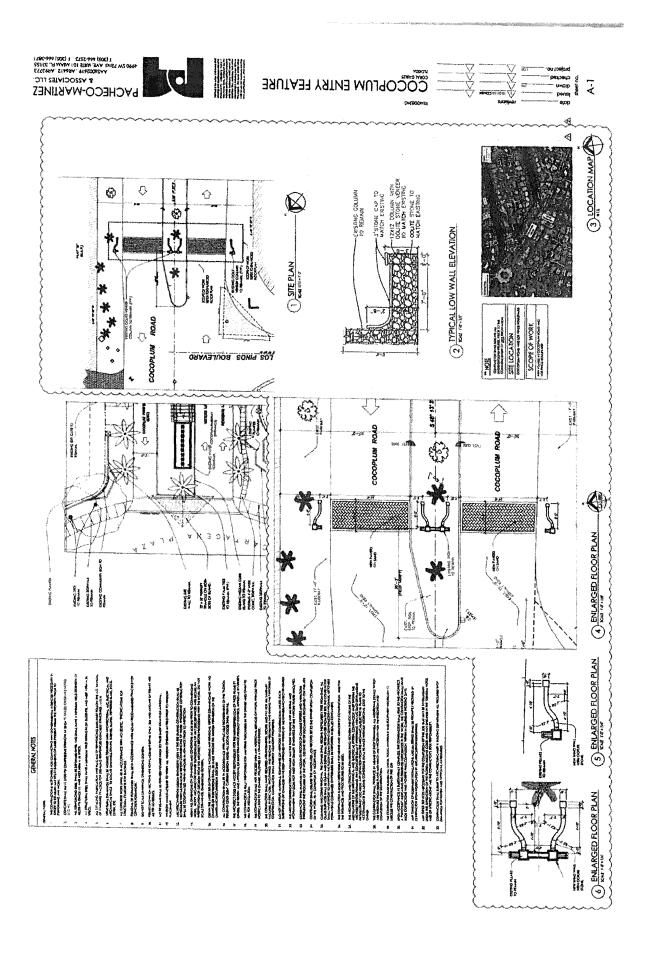
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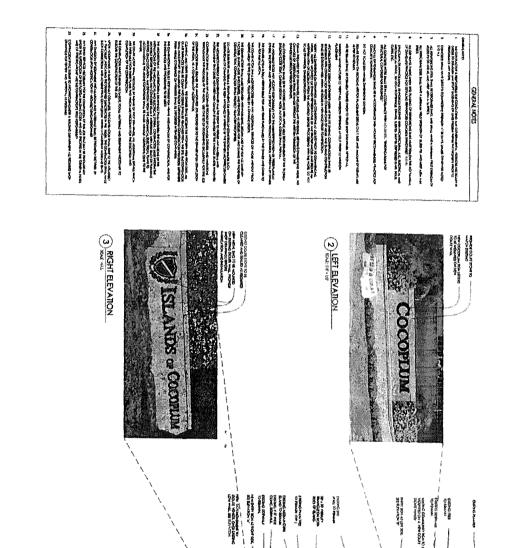


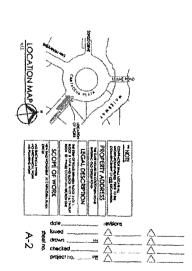
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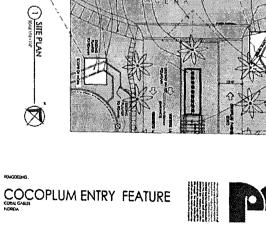








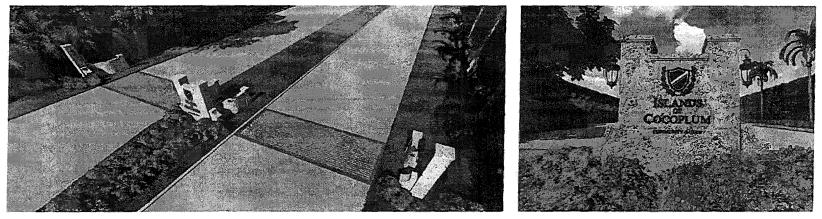






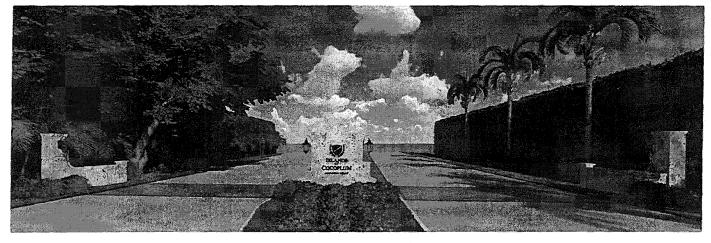
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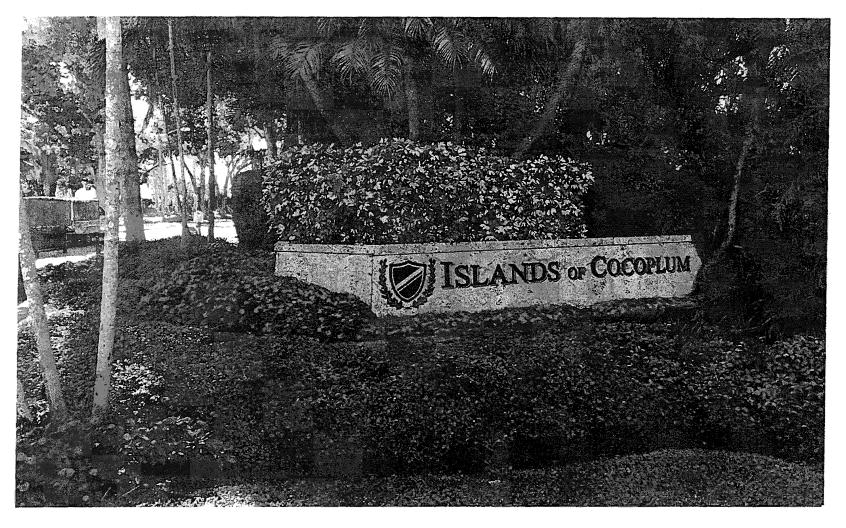
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ENTRANCE ELEVATION



ISLANDS OF COCOPLUM COCOPLUM ROAD APPROACH





RIGHT SIDE

ISLANDS OF COCOPLUM SIGNAGE AT CARTAGENA PLAZA





LEFT SIDE

ISLANDS OF COCOPLUM SIGNAGE AT CARTAGENA PLAZA