MEETING

OF THE

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

405 Biltmore Way Coral Gables, Florida May 16, 2019

PARTICIPANTS:

VENNY TORRE, Chairperson
ALEJANDRO SILVA, Board Member
ALBERT MENENDEZ, Board Member
BRUCE EHRENHAFT, Board Member
ALICIA BACHE-WIIG, Board Member
JOHN FULLERTON, Board Member
ROBERT PARSLEY, Board Member
RAUL RODRIGUEZ, Board Member

DONA SPAIN, Historic Preservation Officer KARA KAUTZ, Asst. Historic Preservation Officer CRISTINA SUAREZ, City Attorney

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: Good afternoon, everyone. And

- 2 welcome to the regularly scheduled meeting of the
- 3 City of Coral Gables Historic Preservation Board.
- 4 We are residents of Coral Gables and are charged
- 5 with the preservation and protection of historic or
- 6 architecturally worthy buildings, structures,
- 7 sites, neighborhoods and artifacts which impart a
- 8 distinct historical heritage of the city.
- 9 The board is comprised of nine members, seven
- of whom are appointed by the commission and one by
- 11 the city manager, and the ninth is selected by the
- board and confirmed by the commission.
- Five members of the board constitute a quorum
- and five affirmative votes are necessary for the
- 15 adoption of any motion.
- 16 A lobbyist registration disclosure says that
- any person who acts as a lobbyist pursuant to the
- 18 City of Coral Gables Ordinance 2006-11 must
- 19 register with the city clerk prior to engaging in
- lobbying activities or presentations before city
- 21 staff, boards, committees, and/or the city
- 22 commission. A copy of the ordinance is available
- in the office of the city clerk. Failure to
- register and provide proof of registration shall
- 25 prohibit your ability to present to the Historic

1 Preservation Board on applications under

- 2 consideration this afternoon.
- 3 A lobbyist is defined as an individual,
- 4 corporation, partnership or other legal entity
- 5 employed or retained, whether paid or not, by a
- 6 principal who seeks to encourage the approval,
- disapproval, adoption, repeal, passage, defeat, or
- 8 modification of any ordinance, resolution, action
- 9 or decision of any city commissioner, any action,
- decision, recommendation of the city manager, any
- 11 city board or committee, including, but not limited
- to, quasi-judicial, advisory board, trust,
- authority, or council, or any action, decision or
- recommendation of city personnel during the entire
- decision-making process on the action, decision or
- 16 recommendation which foreseeably will be heard or
- 17 reviewed by the city commission or city board or
- 18 committee, including, but not limited to
- 19 quasi-judicial, advisory board, trust, authority or
- 20 council.
- 21 Presentations made to this board are subject
- to the City's false claim ordinance, Chapter 39 of
- 23 the City of Coral Gables City Code.
- I now officially call the City of Coral Gables
- 25 Historic Preservation Board meeting of May 16th,

- 1 2019 to order. The time is 4:10 p.m.
- 2 Present today to my left, Mr. Raul Rodriguez,
- 3 Mr. Robert Parsley, Mr. Alejandro Silva, to my
- 4 right, Albert Menendez, Mr. John Fullerton,
- 5 Mr. Bruce Ehrenhaft and Ms. Alicia Bache-Wiig.
- 6 The first item today will be approval of the
- 7 minutes from the meeting held on April 18th, 2019.
- 8 MR. FULLERTON: Mr. Chairman, I have some
- 9 modifications to the minutes.
- 10 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.
- 11 MR. FULLERTON: I'll have to just do it from
- memory. But on page 4 when you called for the roll
- I was excluded, I was not late, I was here.
- MR. CHAIRMAN: I wasn't here. It was this
- 15 gentleman.
- MR. FULLERTON: Well, yeah, sorry. So you
- were gone, I was here.
- And on page 15, even more upsetting, I'm
- 19 listed in this yes vote and called Ms. Fullerton.
- 20 And I'm not looking at you.
- 21 MR. CHAIRMAN: I was absent. I was absent
- that meeting.
- MR. FULLERTON: Yeah. No. No. I think -- you
- just were counting the votes and I said yes, but I
- was Ms. Fullerton, so we need to correct that,

- 1 please.
- 2 MR. CHAIRMAN: All right.
- 3 MS. SPAIN: Yes, that will be corrected.
- 4 MR. FULLERTON: Thank you very much.
- 5 MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.
- 6 Any other corrections or comments on the
- 7 minutes?
- 8 Can I get a motion for approval otherwise?
- 9 MR. MENENDEZ: I move.
- 10 MR. CHAIRMAN: Is there a second?
- 11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Second.
- 12 MR. CHAIRMAN: A second from Mr. Rodriguez.
- 13 All those in favor, please say aye.
- 14 (ALL): Aye.
- MR. CHAIRMAN: Anyone against?
- 16 Thank you.
- Notice regarding ex parte communications,
- 18 please be advised that this board is a
- 19 quasi-judicial board and the items on the agenda
- are quasi-judicial in nature, which requires board
- 21 members to disclose all ex parte communications.
- 22 An ex parte communication is defined as any
- 23 contact, communication, conversation,
- 24 correspondence, memorandum or other written or
- 25 verbal communication that takes place outside a

1 public hearing between a member of the public and a

- 2 member of the quasi-judicial board regarding
- 3 matters to be heard by the quasi-judicial board.
- 4 If anyone has made any contact with a board
- 5 member, when the issue comes before the board, the
- 6 member must state on the record the existence of
- 7 the ex parte communication, the party who
- 8 originated the communication, and whether the
- 9 communication will affect the board member's
- 10 ability to impartially consider the evidence to be
- 11 presented regarding the matter.
- Deferrals? Are there any deferrals today?
- 13 MS. SPAIN: There are two deferrals. The
- 14 first one, the local historic designation of 333
- 15 Catalonia Avenue, Case File. LHD 2019-003.
- 16 Hopefully we'll hear that in July.
- 17 MR. CHAIRMAN: Next item to --
- 18 MS. SPAIN: Wait. Wait. And the second one
- 19 is Case File COA SP 2017-003, and that's 516
- 20 Navarre Avenue.
- 21 MR. CHAIRMAN: If anyone in the audience is
- going to be testifying today, would you please rise
- 23 to be sworn in.
- 24 MS. SPAIN: Mr. Volsky, are you going to
- 25 speak? Are you going to speak today? You have to

- 1 stand and get sworn in.
- 2 MR. VOLSKY: Yes.
- 3 THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand.
- 4 Do you swear to tell the whole truth and
- 5 nothing but the truth?
- 6 (ALL): I do.
- 7 THE CLERK: Thank you.
- 8 MR. CHAIRMAN: There's a request for an
- 9 excused absence from Jan --
- 10 MS. SPAIN: Jan Thomson, yeah.
- 11 MR. CHAIRMAN: So we can take that motion now.
- 12 Is there anyone that has any problem with
- that? Could you please make a motion otherwise.
- 14 MR. SILVA: Motion we excuse her absence.
- 15 MR. EHRENHAFT: Second.
- MR. CHAIRMAN: Second. Anybody -- I'm sorry,
- 17 all those in favor please say aye.
- 18 (ALL): Aye.
- 19 MR. CHAIRMAN: Anyone against?
- Thank you.
- 21 I noticed you switched the ex parte
- communication disclosures to be per project;
- is that -- you changed that --
- MS. KAUTZ: Yes. The city attorney's office
- 25 made some changes to it. I was just trying to --

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: Should we ask before

- 2 every item --
- 3 MS. SUAREZ: Yes, during each public hearing.
- 4 MR. CHAIRMAN: -- if anybody has a -- okay.
- 5 MS. KAUTZ: And then also, just so you know, a
- 6 guest brought this up at the last meeting that ex
- 7 parte communication, it also includes site visits.
- 8 MS. SUAREZ: Yes.
- 9 MS. KAUTZ: So if you've made a site visit,
- 10 you need to disclose that as well.
- 11 MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. So before we --
- well, let me read out the first case and then we'll
- 13 talk about that.
- So the first case today will be No. 2, which
- is the consideration of the local historic
- designation of the property at 730 Davis Road,
- 17 legally described as the East 165 feet of the West
- 18 510 feet of North 183 feet of the Northwest
- one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter less ten
- 20 feet of the North 150 feet in Section 32, Township
- 21 54 South, Range 41, East, lying and being in
- 22 Miami-Dade County, Florida.
- Does anyone have any disclosures or any ex
- 24 parte communications to disclose at this time for
- 25 this particular item?

- 1 MR. FULLERTON: I did a site visit.
- 2 MR. SILVA: Site visit.
- 3 Site visit means going into the site or
- 4 walking in front?
- 5 MS. SUAREZ: I would think if you went to the
- 6 property for the purposes of, you know, visiting it
- 7 and seeing what it looked like, then you should
- 8 disclose that.
- 9 MS. SPAIN: So that was Bruce Ehrenhaft.
- 10 MR. EHRENHAFT: Yes.
- 11 MS. SPAIN: John Fullerton, Alejandro Silva.
- 12 Anyone else visit the site? And Alicia Bache-Wiig.
- MS. BACHE-WIIG: Are you talking about this
- 14 particular --
- MS. SPAIN: Yes, this --
- 16 MR. CHAIRMAN: This particular item.
- 17 MS. SPAIN: No. Okay so --
- 18 MS. SUAREZ: So I think each of you should
- describe when you visited the site and what you did
- when you went there, and if anything that you
- 21 observed or did during your site visit would
- 22 prevent you from making an impartial decision
- today.
- 24 MR. FULLERTON: Isn't this kind of what we
- 25 should be doing, is looking at the site?

1 MS. SPAIN: You know, I've had this

- 2 conversation before when I've gone to the national
- 3 trust meeting and Florida trust meeting, and that
- 4 was years ago, so I think it's appropriate to
- 5 disclose it.
- 6 MS. SUAREZ: Right.
- 8 MS. SPAIN: To disclose it.
- 9 MS. SUAREZ: So I would ask that each of you
- 10 who did do a site visit, just explain when you
- 11 visited the site and what you did and what you
- 12 observed.
- MR. EHRENHAFT: My name's Bruce Ehrenhaft, I
- on Tuesday simply drove past the property and did a
- 15 windshield survey. I did not encounter any
- residents. I had no conversations with anybody,
- and there's nothing with respect to the site visit
- 18 that would make any decisions that I engage in
- 19 today impartial.
- MS. SUAREZ: Thank you.
- 21 MR. FULLERTON: Same with me. I did it this
- 22 morning. I drove past and turned around and drove
- 23 past again. I slowly surveyed the site just by eye
- and talked to nobody. I'm going to do that on
- 25 every job we have. I just don't understand why --

1 MS. SPAIN: I don't think it's an issue as

- 2 long as you disclose it. Is that right?
- 3 MS. SUAREZ: Correct.
- 4 MR. FULLERTON: Okay.
- 5 MR. SILVA: I did the same yesterday afternoon
- 6 at the property. Nothing I saw will inhibit me
- 7 from acting fairly.
- 8 MS. SUAREZ: Thank you.
- 9 MS. SPAIN: So on this property we've been
- 10 receiving numerous e-mails in favor of the
- designation, and I'm going to try to read them into
- the record. The last one came to me at 4:04, so I
- have to read it from my phone.
- It's from Edward Bach, B-A-C-H. I'm a 17-year
- 15 resident of Coral Gables and have been continually
- 16 mortified to see the historic nature of the village
- that made me fall in love disappear. There are
- 18 plenty of ugly new neighborhoods for developers to
- develop, unsightly to me housing and development
- 20 across South Florida.
- 21 I would hope that Coral Gables would stand by
- what makes the city desirable in the first place
- and that strict building codes and historic
- 24 preservation of its city.
- 25 I would like to see the Coral Rock Tourist

- 1 Camp, 730 Davis Road, be preserved. Too many
- 2 historic homes have been destroyed only to build
- 3 homes that could be built or purchased elsewhere.
- 4 Across the street from my own home recently
- 5 stood a 20s home that was demolished, and I was
- 6 lambasted daily with construction trucks and debris
- 7 which gave my daughter high levels of lead until
- 8 they were finished building. Now there stands a
- 9 structure that resembles a McDonald's
- 10 drive-through.
- 11 Please preserve our wonderful city.
- 12 Edward Bach, 1011 Genoa Street, Coral Gables.
- The next one is also on my phone, I've been in
- meetings all day, and if I can find it.
- 15 Preservation of 730 Davis Road as historical
- building. In reference to the above, I urge the
- 17 commission to not remove the structure at 730 Davis
- 18 Road. I am unable to attend the meeting, but would
- 19 like to support the preservation of this historical
- 20 rock wall and home.
- 21 This by Patricia Button, 1240 Obispo.
- I have others.
- 23 This is from Alice Goldhagen, 6395 Maynada
- 24 Street.
- To the members of the Historic Preservation

- 1 Board, I'm unable to attend the meeting, but would
- 2 like to support the preservation of the coral rock
- 3 wall and cottage at 730 Davis Road. Historic
- 4 architecture of Coral Gables matters to me. I hope
- 5 that you'll preserve coral rock treasure for future
- 6 generations.
- 7 Brett Gillis, 915 Ferdinand Street.
- 8 Dear Mrs. Spain and the Historic Preservation
- 9 Board, I regret that I am unable to attend the
- 10 meeting this week Re: the 1920s coral rock tourist
- 11 camp wall and cottage at 730 Davis Road. I want to
- offer my strong support for the preservation of
- this most special property.
- 14 This property's not only significant for its
- 15 architecture, but also for its historical context
- in telling the whole story of the city. After all,
- 17 Coral Gables is named after the Coral Gables
- 18 plantation on Coral Way that gave the city its
- 19 name. Coral Gables would not be Coral Gables
- 20 without coral rock.
- 21 This is from Peter Kouchalakos.
- I am a 60-plus-year resident of Coral Gables
- and strongly recommend the board to act and
- 24 preserve the coral rock wall at 730 Davis Road.
- 25 Our heritage should always reflect the vision

- 1 that Mr. Merrick created.
- 2 This is from Norma Arenas.
- I'm unable to attend the meeting, but would
- 4 like to support the preservation of the Coral Rock
- 5 wall and cottage located at 730 Davis Road. The
- 6 history of Coral Gables matters to me. I hope
- 7 you'll preserve the coral rock treasure for future
- 8 generations.
- 9 This is from Jean-Francois Lejeune, Ph.D.,
- 10 professor at the University of Miami School of
- 11 Architecture.
- Being currently abroad, I am unable to attend
- the meeting, but would like to support the
- 14 preservation of the coral rock wall and cottage
- 15 located at 730 Davis Road. This represents a quite
- unknown event in the history of the Coral Gables.
- 17 The cottage is a wonderful example of a vernacular
- 18 form in Coral Gables that created a synthesis
- 19 between the early cracker vernacular of South
- 20 Florida and the Mediterranean concept on which the
- 21 City of Coral Gables was established. The historic
- 22 architecture of Coral Gables matters to me. I hope
- you'll preserve this coral rock treasure for future
- 24 generations.
- This is from Lynn Grentner Wheeler, 7222,

- 1 7-2-2-2 Southwest 53rd Avenue.
- 2 To the Historic Preservation Board, I cannot
- 3 attend your meeting, but I'm writing because I
- 4 think it is important to preserve at least some of
- 5 our older homes.
- I am the owner of a 1939 home with a coral
- 7 rock wall around it. These homes have certain
- 8 charm and are worth preserving.
- 9 This is from Josephine Johnson.
- 10 Hello, Dona. Although I now live on Alcazar
- 11 Avenue, several years ago I briefly lived on Davis
- 12 Road. Because I believe we should preserve all
- coral rock buildings of the teens and early 20s
- this particular example on Davis Road is a sort of
- 15 architectural and archeological palimpsest. Refers
- 16 back to the structures of our forebears often
- inhabited as well as to the housing early tourists
- 18 found for their exploration of the subtropics
- offering a two-for-one historic experience for the
- 20 future.
- 21 I strongly urge you to support the historical
- designation of this small and vital building on
- Davis Road. We have recently lost so much. That
- is the only lasting record of our historical
- ancestors that have lived and worked here.

1 This is from Susan Cummins, 3512 Ponce de Leon

- 2 Boulevard.
- 3 Dear Board Members, I am unable to attend the
- 4 meeting, but I strongly support the preservation of
- 5 the coral rock wall and cottage located at 730
- 6 Davis Road. It is very important to me that you
- 7 preserve this coral rock treasure for future
- 8 generations because once it's gone it can never be
- 9 recreated.
- 10 And this one is from Vicki Cerda.
- I cannot attend the upcoming meeting, but I'm
- totally opposed to tearing down the coral rock wall
- and cottage at 730 Davis. I drive daily by the
- 14 ex-La Salle spot and my heart sinks as I pass that
- 15 corner. What a loss and fiasco that was.
- Stop already with all the destruction of
- interesting and historic properties in the Gables.
- 18 Is it not your job as preservationists?
- 19 So let's view the presentation. This report
- 20 was written by Elizabeth Guin. She's not able to
- 21 be here today, so I'm going to try my best to go
- through the PowerPoint.
- 23 So this is the location, it's in the bottom
- left of the screen, it's just off Old Cutler Road
- 25 to the west. And it's a little bit different than

- 1 we normally do because the principal structure on
- 2 this, the principal residence was built in 1969.
- 3 It's not historically significant, but there's this
- 4 out building, accessory building that was built in
- 5 the 1920s as part of a tourist camp, and so that's
- 6 the structure that we want to save, as well as the
- 7 coral rock wall in front of the property. So the
- image on the left and the bottom are the structures
- 9 that we'd like to save.
- 10 And if this is designated today, what it means
- is that they can demolish the principal structure,
- but the new home that would be built there would
- come to you because the entire property would be
- 14 designated. So you would be looking at it to make
- sure that it will not adversely affect the historic
- structure that's on the property.
- So Article 3, Section 3-1103 of the Coral
- 18 Gables zoning code, criteria for designation of a
- 19 historic landmark or historic districts: A local
- 20 historic landmark must have significant character,
- 21 interest or value as part of the historic cultural,
- 22 archeological, aesthetic or architectural heritage
- 23 of the city, state or nation. For designation, a
- 24 property must meet one of the criteria outlined in
- 25 the code.

1 730 Davis Road is eliqible as a local historic

- 2 landmark based on two of the significant criteria,
- 3 the historical culture significance, that's number
- 4 four; exemplifies a historical, cultural,
- 5 political, economic or social trends of the
- 6 community. And also the architectural
- 7 significance; embodies those distinguishing
- 8 characteristics of an architectural style of period
- 9 or method of construction.
- 10 And this is -- it was constructed in 1924. We
- don't have original plans, but in 1960 building
- 12 records indicate that there were four residential
- units, as well as a covered support, these spaces,
- and so you can see this drawing that we found has a
- property survey in the City's records. That was
- 16 done in 1966.
- So March 1925, George Merrick -- 6,000 acres
- 18 to the southeast along Biscayne Bay and included
- 19 the Coco Palm Beach properties from James and
- 20 Charles Deering, Merrick purchased the properties.
- 21 Coral Gables had two distinct districts, a
- landlocked northern section, primarily residential,
- and a southern section along the bay intended to be
- developed as primarily recreational. So this
- 25 tourist camp was already in existence when Merrick

- 1 purchased the property.
- 2 The plans to make this area a recreation area
- 3 was not realized. The property south of Coco Palm
- 4 Circle remained largely undeveloped pine land and
- 5 mangroves for several decades. And this property
- 6 appears to have remained in business until the
- 7 1960s.
- And here's a 1948 aerial showing the property,
- 9 a 1954 aerial, still there. And this is the
- 10 current context. What a difference.
- In the 1930s, as automobiles became more a
- dominant and affordable means of transportation,
- tourist camps were built offering the privacy and
- comfort of a one-room accommodation. Whether they
- 15 were called courts, cottages, cabins, lodges or
- later, motels, they offered similar amenities.
- 17 They were common from the 1930s to the 1960s.
- 18 And I remember them well.
- In their early days they typically consisted
- 20 of a standalone structure that looked and
- 21 functioned like small houses.
- 22 And this is a photograph of a tourist camp in
- 23 Texas, circa 1940.
- So the ownership history, in 1932 to 1935 it
- 25 was owned by Frank and Anna Schroder. In 1935 to

1 '39 after Mr. Schroder died, Anna Schroder owned it

- 2 and ran it.
- And then somewhere between 1940s and to 1968
- 4 Frank Mokrei owned it. During Mokrei's ownership
- 5 the property became known as a motel. And we think
- 6 that the form didn't change, it was just called a
- 7 motel instead of a tourist camp.
- 8 In 1968 the property changed hands. The new
- 9 owners applied to the planning and zoning board to
- 10 demolish the tourist camp structures and build a
- 11 single family residence there. They were allowed
- 12 to demolish the coral rock residence, the frame
- residence and the cement block structure, but they
- were required to keep the structure that we're
- 15 talking about today and to bring it up to code as
- an auxiliary non-income producing structure.
- 17 So it's located on the southwest corner of the
- property, and the boundaries of the site were
- 19 adjusted to include it on the property. And that
- 20 shows the relationship to the single-family home.
- 21 And this is the way it looks today.
- This is the 1966 property survey and the 2019
- 23 survey showing it, this structure in the lower
- 24 left. It also shows the coral rock wall. And
- 25 there's a photograph of the rock wall.

So the summary statement of significance; the coral rock auxiliary structure and the coral rock wall at 730 Davis Road reflect the development trends of Greater Miami during the early 20th century. These are the sole resources remaining from a tourist camp located on this property from 1924 to 1966 and represent a rare glimpse into a

local version of a national tourism trend.

Florida has been a haven for tourists as early as the mid-19th Century as Greater Miami steadily progressed from wilderness to resort area after Dixie Highway opened in 1910 connecting Florida via the automobile to northern states.

During the 1920s Greater Miami became a popular vacation designation. Travelers in search of adventure, a connection to nature and inexpensive pleasures would set up camp wherever they chose.

In response, communities began delineating camping locations equipped with creature comforts. Seeing a need, more permanent sites were built that offered weatherproof cabins, such as those at 730 Davis Road. Greater Miami directory showed dozens of tourist camps.

The coral rock auxiliary structure and the

1 coral rock wall at 730 Davis Road are the sole

- 2 remaining assets identified to date of these
- 3 endeavors in Coral Gables. Hence, the property at
- 4 730 Davis Road significantly contributes to the
- 5 historic fabric of the City of Coral Gables. It's
- 6 considered to be a part of the collection of
- 7 resources that contributes to the story and the
- 8 City's sense of place over time.
- 9 Staff recommends approval of a local historic
- 10 designation of the property at 730 Davis Road based
- on its historical, cultural and architectural
- 12 significance.
- And I thank Elizabeth for making this so easy
- for me to get everything in the record.
- 15 MR. CHAIRMAN: What is the reason for this
- 16 coming today? Is it on your request or owner's
- 17 request?
- 18 MS. SPAIN: Pardon me?
- 19 MR. CHAIRMAN: The reason this item's here
- today is it's requested by staff or by owner?
- 21 MS. SPAIN: We receive a significance
- determination request and application.
- MR. CHAIRMAN: Does anyone in the audience
- 24 want to speak for or against this item before we
- 25 close the public hearing?

1 Any further comments before we close the

- public hearing?
- John?
- 4 MR. FULLERTON: Who requested this
- 5 designation?
- 6 MS. SPAIN: It was not requested. It was in
- 7 response to a historic significance determination;
- 8 they wanted to know whether they could demolish the
- 9 structures on the property.
- MR. FULLERTON: So the owners of the property
- 11 were seeking to --
- 12 MS. SPAIN: It's for sale, and I believe it's
- 13 a potential owner that requested it.
- MS. BACHE-WIIG: So back when they were
- 15 allowed to tear down the other structures --
- 16 MS. SPAIN: Yes.
- MS. BACHE-WIIG: -- but then they requested --
- 18 or on the condition that that one would stay, that
- 19 was never designated?
- 20 MS. SPAIN: That's right. That was in the
- 21 1960s. And we really couldn't figure out from the
- record whether the owner that was requesting the
- demolition of the other structures wanted to keep
- 24 this, or whether the City required them to keep it.
- 25 Because really it's a nice amenity to have on the

- 1 structure. You wouldn't be able to build this
- 2 today in this location or this large.
- 3 MR. FULLERTON: Have you heard from the owners
- 4 at all?
- 5 MS. SPAIN: I spoke to a gentleman, and they
- 6 seemed to be fine with this as long as they were
- 7 able to demolish the main residence.
- 8 MR. FULLERTON: Another question concerning
- 9 the wall.
- MS. SPAIN: Yes.
- 11 MR. FULLERTON: Is that part of our
- 12 designation?
- 13 MS. SPAIN: It is.
- MR. RODRIGUEZ: Dona, the staff
- recommendation, it's to designate the property
- located at 730 Davis, but you said that there were
- buildings on the property that are not subject to
- 18 this designation.
- 19 MS. SPAIN: You have to look at it is as if
- they were noncontributing in this little district.
- 21 It's really what it is because it's one property,
- but in our view, they can demolish the structure
- 23 that is not historically significant on this
- 24 property. But it would need to come to this board
- 25 for anything they would want to build.

1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Should that be stated more

- 2 clearly in this designation?
- 3 MS. SPAIN: Well, I think it says that the --
- 4 I believe it says that the original property is --
- 5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: No. It just says the property
- 6 located at 730 Davis.
- MS. SPAIN: Well, the entire property will be
- 8 designated.
- 9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: But the building --
- 10 MS. SPAIN: And the determination that I made
- 11 that is not part of your packets said very clearly
- 12 that the original -- the principal structure is not
- historically significant, but that this auxiliary
- 14 structure and the wall is significant and should be
- 15 named.
- 16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Because I don't mind
- supporting the staff recommendation, but not that
- 18 it would hold up the ability of tearing down a
- 19 1960 --
- 20 MS. SPAIN: But it wouldn't, it would not.
- 21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.
- MR. CHAIRMAN: I have a procedures question,
- 23 but keep on with the specifics. Mine's more like a
- 24 procedural question.
- 25 MR. SILVA: I agree with the report. I think

1 it's a really interesting piece of history of the

- 2 Gables --
- 3 MS. SPAIN: It's quirky, isn't it?
- 4 MR. SILVA: -- something I didn't know.
- 5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: He didn't know where it was.
- 6 MR. SILVA: Yeah. It's a shame you can't
- 7 really see it from the street.
- 8 MS. SPAIN: I know. I know.
- 9 MR. SILVA: But also procedurally, this I
- 10 have -- I agree 100 percent, I think the auxiliary
- 11 structure should be designated. I understand we
- have to designate the entire property.
- Do we need to incorporate something in our
- 14 motion that kind of --
- MS. SPAIN: You certainly can, that would be
- 16 helpful. The principals --
- 17 MR. SILVA: -- so you don't have to come back
- 18 to us.
- 19 MS. SPAIN: That principals --
- 20 MR. SILVA: That the principal structure --
- 21 MS. SPAIN: That would be nice.
- MR. MENENDEZ: Are there any limitations to
- 23 what they can build?
- MS. SPAIN: No.
- MR. MENENDEZ: No?

- 1 MS. SPAIN: I don't believe so. The only
- 2 limitation would be they'd have to come in front of
- 3 you. I mean, that's...
- 4 MS. BACHE-WIIG: What's the square footage of
- 5 that cottage or the --
- 6 MS. SPAIN: I'm not sure whether we have that.
- 7 MS. BACHE-WIIG: 34 by 31. Okay.
- 8 MS. SPAIN: You have it?
- 9 MS. BACHE-WIIG: Well, on the survey, 30...
- 10 MR. FULLERTON: That brings to mind a question
- about zoning and FAR.
- MS. SPAIN: Right. You'd have to deal with
- that when they're building the new residence, yeah,
- and that would come to you all.
- 15 It would follow the same procedure as
- 16 everything else.
- 17 MR. FULLERTON: We could grant a variance for
- 18 FAR if we needed.
- 19 MS. SPAIN: You could.
- 20 MR. CHAIRMAN: The new house doesn't have to
- 21 follow historic preservation criteria?
- MS. SPAIN: No. It's a new home. It just
- 23 needs to adversely affect the historic structure in
- 24 the back.
- 25 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

1 MS. SPAIN: And it needs to go to the Board of

- 2 Architects and then come to this board.
- 3 MS. BACHE-WIIG: It's about 1,050.
- 4 MS. SPAIN: Pardon me?
- 5 MS. BACHE-WIIG: 1,050, pretty big.
- 6 MS. SPAIN: It is.
- 7 MR. CHAIRMAN: I have a procedure question.
- So somebody approaches you inquiring about whether
- 9 a property could go historic or not. Until they
- 10 give you the formal request, there's no movement on
- 11 your part to take it upon this board or anything
- 12 else; it's just the question can come to you by
- phone, you can say, I don't know, that would have
- to be determined by the board, and if it stops
- 15 there, nothing happens.
- 16 MS. SPAIN: Well --
- 17 MR. CHAIRMAN: If that person doe not put the
- 18 letter through, but they advise you of that
- 19 question mark, does that move it?
- 20 MS. SPAIN: Sometimes that happens and I look
- 21 at the property, and we all look at it and we know
- it's historically significant and we will come
- 23 forward ourselves as staff.
- MR. CHAIRMAN: That was my question. So if
- 25 somebody brings --

1 MS. SPAIN: So, I mean, we're absolutely able

- 2 to do that.
- 3 MR. CHAIRMAN: -- up that to your attention
- 4 and you notice something that wasn't noticed
- 5 before, you can, without their official request,
- 6 run with it.
- 7 MS. SPAIN: Yes. Absolutely. Absolutely, and
- 8 we have done that.
- 9 MR. CHAIRMAN: So that call to you is the
- developer's or owner's sort of do I do the call, do
- I do not do the call, and it's not necessarily the
- 12 letter. It's basically the call to you that could
- 13 start the process?
- MS. SPAIN: The difference when they do the
- 15 letter is that if I make a determination that it is
- 16 a historically significant, I have a certain amount
- of time to get it to the board to designate it, so
- 18 there's a time that kicks in then.
- 19 MR. MENENDEZ: The clock starts.
- 20 MS. SPAIN: The clock starts.
- 21 Actually, it works pretty well, I have to say.
- MR. CHAIRMAN: That call could be, yeah, the
- 23 call is the call.
- Okay. That was helpful. Thank you.
- 25 Any further questions?

1 MS. BACHE-WIIG: The wall is only at the front

- 2 of the property --
- 3 MS. SPAIN: I believe it wraps. I believe it
- 4 wraps on the side.
- 5 MS. BACHE-WIIG: I see it in orange, right?
- 6 Yeah.
- 7 MR. FULLERTON: I'll move approval of
- 8 designation for this prize of a place in Coral
- 9 Gables.
- 10 MS. SPAIN: Would you like to add to your
- 11 motion --
- MR. FULLERTON: Oh, yes.
- 13 MS. SPAIN: -- to allow the main residence to
- 14 be demolished?
- 15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
- MR. FULLERTON: Yeah, this would not restrict
- the main residence from modification, removal,
- demolition and rebuilding, but it would still come
- 19 to us --
- MS. SPAIN: They'd have to go to you, uh-huh.
- 21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Second that motion.
- MR. CHAIRMAN: Excellent.
- 23 Any further comments or questioning. Further
- 24 discussion?
- 25 Role call.

Page 31 1 THE CLERK: Mr. Menendez? 2 MR. MENENDEZ: Yes. 3 THE CLERK: Ms. Bache-Wiig? 4 MS. BACHE-WIIG: Yes. 5 THE CLERK: Mr. Parsley? 6 MR. PARSLEY: Yes. 7 THE CLERK: Mr. Fullerton? MR. FULLERTON: Yes. THE CLERK: Mr. Silva? 9 10 MR. SILVA: Yes. 11 THE CLERK: Mr. Ehrenhaft? 12 MR. EHRENHAFT: Yes. 13 THE CLERK: Mr. Rodriguez? MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. 14 15 THE CLERK: Mr. Torre? 16 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes. 17 MS. SPAIN: Thank you very much. 18 MR. FULLERTON: What a surprise that was. Ι 19 had no idea that that was there. 20 MS. SPAIN: Shocking. It's just amazing that 21 after working for the City for so long that there 22 could be something out there that I have never 23 heard about and never seen. 24 MR. FULLERTON: Did Arva Parks know anything about it? 25

1 MS. SPAIN: I don't know. I haven't talked to

- 2 Arva.
- 3 MS. BACHE-WIIG: Are there -- there's no other
- 4 examples of these tourist camps?
- 5 MS. SPAIN: We haven't seen them.
- 6 MS. BACHE-WIIG: Even outside of Coral Gables.
- 7 MS. SPAIN: Maybe they're out there and we
- 8 haven't seen them yet. I don't know.
- 9 MR. CHAIRMAN: Next item. This is Case File
- 10 COA SP 2019-003, an application for the issuance of
- a special certificate of appropriateness at 1818
- 12 Granada Boulevard, a contributing resource within
- the Alhambra Circle Historic District legally
- described as Lots 13 and 14, Block 3, Coral Gables
- 15 Section C, as recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 26 of
- the public records of Miami-Dade County.
- 17 The application requests design approval for
- 18 construction of a swimming pool and deck,
- 19 freestanding trellis, perimeter wall and gate and
- 20 site work.
- 21 Variances have also been requested from
- 22 Article 4, Division 1, Section 4-01, and Article 5,
- Division 1, Sections 5-101 and 5-108 of the Coral
- Gables zoning code for the placement of the
- swimming pool, pool deck, pool equipment enclosure

- 1 and trellis.
- 2 MS. KAUTZ: We're making you work for the
- 3 items today, all the legal descriptions.
- 4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Before we start, do we have
- 5 any ex parte comments?
- 6 MR. CHAIRMAN: Oh, good point. Thank you for
- 7 that.
- 8 Is there anyone who had ex parte
- 9 communications or visited the site that would like
- 10 to disclose that at this time.
- 11 MR. EHRENHAFT: Again, I did a windshield
- 12 drive-by and got out just at the sidewalk. I
- encountered nobody, had no conversations at the
- time that I visited, and this was on Tuesday last.
- 15 And there's nothing that occurred with respect to
- my visitation that you would make me impartial in
- 17 any decisions made today.
- 18 MR. FULLERTON: I also had visited the site
- this morning, and did the same thing, it was
- just -- only I used a side window and a windshield.
- 21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
- MR. RODRIGUEZ: I did not visit the site for
- 23 the purpose of this meeting, but I know the site
- very well. I've walked by it at least 100 times,
- 25 maybe more, and I've seen it go though three

different owners. That doesn't mean that it will

- 2 affect my impartiality.
- 3 I also want to disclose for the record that
- 4 the architect who's of record here is the architect
- 5 who designed my own home. Again, I don't feel that
- 6 will render me impartial to make a decision here.
- 7 MR. SILVA: I also visited the site. Nothing
- 8 will prohibit me from being impartial, yesterday.
- 9 MS. BACHE-WIIG: I also visited the site
- 10 today, and had no conduct with any person. There's
- 11 no -- anything that would affect my decision-making
- 12 today.
- MS. KAUTZ: So we're not trying to discourage
- 14 you all from going to visit. I mean, you should go
- look. You sound like you're being guilty; "we went
- 16 to go see it."
- 17 MS. SUAREZ: Just one clarification, I think
- 18 you all made it clear that these site visits should
- 19 not be conducted with any other member of the
- 20 board.
- 21 MS. KAUTZ: Okay. In January of 2008, the
- 22 Alhambra Circle Historic District was listed in the
- 23 Coral Gables Register of Historical Places.
- 24 This property that you see on the screen
- 25 outlined in yellow is a contributing residence

1 within that district. It was City of Coral Gables

- 2 Permit No. 46, constructed Circa 1922 prior to the
- 3 incorporation of the city.
- 4 This is -- sorry -- I thought we had an
- 5 earlier photo. This is actually a current photo, I
- 6 think.
- 7 So the applicant's requesting design approval
- 8 for construction of a swimming pool, pool deck,
- 9 freestanding trellis, perimeter masonry wall,
- 10 aluminum gates and site work. There are no
- alterations proposed for the existing residence.
- 12 The property currently consists of a two-story
- residence and garage structure attached to the
- 14 rear. The original one-story garage is located on
- 15 the northwest corner of the property. In 1998 a
- 16 one-story addition was made to the south side of
- the garage, extending it, and converted the
- 18 existing garage into a guest suite, adding a
- 19 two-car garage with storage to its south.
- 20 In 1977 a one-story covered terrace with a
- 21 shed roof was constructed on the south side of the
- 22 residence facing Alhambra.
- Do you all want me to describe the variances
- that are being requested before the architect
- 25 beings his presentation, or would you like him to

- 1 do that first? I can do it either way.
- 2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I have a clarification for the
- 3 record; I made a mistake with the architect. It's
- 4 a different project.
- 5 MS. KAUTZ: Oh, okay.
- 6 So I'll let him give the presentation and then
- 7 we'll talk about the variances.
- 8 MR. DE LEON: Good afternoon, Board. Nelson
- 9 de Leon, Locus Architect, and with me today is our
- 10 client, Pedro Ortega.
- 11 MS. KAUTZ: Michael, can you put it back up?
- 12 MR. DE LEON: The project consists completely
- of exterior site upgrades and design. The home as
- 14 originally designed and expanded was located to the
- 15 extreme north and west sides of the property
- leaving the only open area in the front, Granada,
- 17 and the side, Alhambra.
- 18 So in the process of looking how my client
- 19 could enjoy the entire site, we had no options but
- 20 to look at a variance situation in which we would
- add a pool and amenities to the south side of the
- 22 house, which is the Alhambra side.
- 23 So there's a picture here of 1940s, which now
- has the garage building and the guest house behind
- it, and a few pictures of the existing home.

So to the current south, a lot of palms, a lot of trees, a lot of green area, but no actual connectivity to the house in a manner in which the

client could really enjoy the property.

So what we've done really is create a courtyard to this south side of the house, and in the process of creating the courtyard we've also created kind of a nod to the original house. So the original house had, instead of this covered side terrace, it had an open air trellis structure with standalone masonry columns. So part of our design was kind of a nod to bring that back.

The element that's difficult, for whatever reason, the driveway was located off center and relatively tight, so the entrance Alhambra, which has quite a bit of traffic, creates a -- especially at rush hour, a difficult in and especially out when you're backing up out of the garage.

So here's the site where we're proposing to do the pool edge. And I'm not sure if it's easier for you to look on your plans. So the idea is you have a pool, a trellis, which is centered with the existing entry courtyard, and then the trellis itself is centered on the new pool at the end, which is the west end of the pool. We have our

1 pool equipment, and then the driveway between that

- 2 and the adjacent neighbor.
- 3 So these shaded areas on the driveway are the
- 4 expansion of the driveway to increase the
- 5 accessibility to it.
- 6 So the way the pool enclosure is designed is
- 7 to pick up some of the elements that exist on the
- 8 house. So the house has a number of kind of curved
- 9 elements and a lot of decorative elements
- 10 throughout. So what we've done with the pool
- 11 enclosure is pick up some of that language.
- 12 So let me get to that. So the upper right
- hand of this image is the backside of the pool
- enclosure as it faces the pool. So the top
- 15 curvature, while it doesn't replicate anything on
- 16 the house, it's a nod to the elements that are in
- 17 the house.
- 18 The bottom of that enclosure becomes a
- decorative bench with tile and, basically, we've
- just taken an element that's completely an
- 21 equipment-oriented piece and just tried to turn
- that into a decorative element from the pool side.
- On the bottom image you have an actual view
- from the driveway looking at, first, the pool
- 25 enclosure and then that open trellis all the way at

- 1 the back.
- 2 The second element we added was on access with
- 3 the center of the house and centered with the pool,
- 4 there's a low feature wall that's a fountain, and
- 5 that splashes back into the pool. So the idea with
- 6 that was there's so much traffic, there's so much
- 7 noise on that edge that we're hoping that sound of
- 8 the water fountain feature just kind of creates a
- 9 more pleasurable experience when you're in the pool
- 10 and it tones down the traffic.
- 11 We do need because of code to surround the
- 12 entire area that's visible to the pool with a
- four-foot masonry wall. Because so much of that is
- open to the sidewalk area visually, we just wound
- up wrapping that four-foot wall all the way around
- the entire property and creating our pool
- 17 enclosure.
- 18 So the drawings are all set up with existing
- and proposed, so you'll see on this south elevation
- 20 the only change to the actual existing home is that
- we're removing the safety bars and complete
- 22 security enclosures that fill each of those arches,
- 23 so we'll open that up now.
- 24 And to the right-hand side you'll see the
- 25 edges of the trellis and you'll see the actual --

- 1 the axial orientation to the existing small
- 2 courtyard at the entry and the existing covered
- 3 entry.
- 4 And then on the upper right is one of the
- 5 details of the trellis connection, and on this
- 6 upper right is the head-on elevation view of that
- 7 trellis and wood connection.
- 8 The bottom view gives you a clear view of what
- 9 the trellis looks like. So the original home had
- 10 these slightly tapered columns which also exist on
- 11 the Granada intersection themselves. So we're kind
- of nodding again a design element that was original
- 13 to the house that was removed, and we're not
- replicating it because of the scale, the size and
- 15 the height, but it was an element that was part of
- the original design. So that's a very transparent
- 17 feature.
- We are required by code to have a secondary
- 19 fence for our pool enclosure, so what appears as a
- 20 solid is really a decorative metal picket fence
- 21 that provides our pool enclosure on the inside.
- 22 So the bottom view is now the proposed full
- 23 wall elevation along Granada, and the top view is a
- combination of wall and decorative metal railing.
- 25 So in one location on the extreme right, we have a

- large tree, and what we're doing is just
- 2 maintaining that tree and staying as far away from
- 3 the roots as we can and introducing a cantilevered
- 4 metal system there.
- 5 And at the front we do have one element that
- 6 the staff has recommended against which is many of
- 7 the old homes back in the 20s -- many of these, by
- 8 the way, I've noticed have disappeared -- we have
- 9 an arched concrete structure, and the idea of that
- 10 arch entryway with masonry is that eventually that
- 11 becomes a trellis -- not a trellis, but an arbor,
- 12 rather, where the client would like to just grow
- 13 either bougainvillea or some kind of vine to just
- 14 create a sense of entry from the street since you
- 15 do have in front of this a rather large historical
- 16 wall. The wall directly behind that, which is
- 17 probably 50 percent from the center over, is
- 18 blocked from view because of the existing historic
- 19 wall.
- 20 So we just felt that that just created a sense
- of an entry sequence into the house that maybe was
- 22 a little more romantic and a little more of a 1920s
- look to some of the old houses, and the client had
- a number of images that they had collected in which
- 25 the entry sequence had a very green-covered stone

- or arch masonry entrance, so we thought in this
- 2 case that would actually be a nice element since
- 3 there are a number of arches in the existing home.
- 4 And then we have a little wall detail on this
- 5 sheet on the upper right.
- There are no pronounced pilasters on the wall,
- 7 it's a smooth wall. But we do have at every pier a
- 8 little detail, again, introducing a little
- 9 curvature that nods back to the detailing on the
- 10 existing home.
- 11 So the entirety of the project is exterior.
- 12 The only thing we're touching on the original home
- is that we're removing those security bars at the
- terrace and now allowing the house to flow through
- that terrace to the pool and then be able to enjoy
- 16 that entire side yard.
- 17 So I think that's the main points. I'll take
- any questions if you have any.
- MR. CHAIRMAN: Staff's requesting that you
- 20 remove the arch from the front gate and lower gate.
- 21 Is that okay with you and your client or --
- MR. DE LEON: Is that okay with you?
- 23 MR. ORTEGA: If we have to in order to get the
- 24 approvals, I would understand. I would defer to
- 25 the experts in Historic and my architect for that.

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: You want to speak to your brief

- 2 staff comments?
- 3 MS. KAUTZ: Sure.
- 4 So did you all understand the variances first?
- 5 Do you understand the request and why they're
- 6 needed? Do I need to explain the variances?
- 7 MS. BACHE-WIIG: Can you?
- MS. KAUTZ: Yeah. So the first one has to do
- 9 with the required side setback, and you see from
- 10 the site plan that the existing house and existing
- original garage are set to the northwest corner of
- the property, which leaves no room for a backyard,
- 13 no extra green space, except for a side yard, which
- is this case happens to be on a side street
- 15 elevation.
- 16 The code requires, there's a 15-foot setback
- from Alhambra, which they are encroaching into with
- 18 some of the elements, not all of them. And if this
- 19 property were built -- these two residences were
- 20 built on interior lots. They only needed ten-foot
- 21 setback on that side, which they are not
- 22 encroaching to at all. So it sort of is the
- 23 nature -- the placement of the house and the garage
- on the site, and also the type of lot that it
- 25 actually is. So we were okay with the variance.

And the second one is also -- the second --1 2 sorry -- the next group, the next three have to do with the zoning code for an accessory use, in this 3 case, the pool and the deck and the trellis are 4 considered accessory uses, can't be closer to the 5 street than the main house. 6 In this case, they're closer to the side street than the main house, which needs a variance, which again, we're okay with. 9

So that's the reasoning behind the request and the reasoning behind our approval.

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In terms of the arch, the masonry arch, it's just in our point of view, it's very close to the existing historic monument wall, and this pedestrian arch will be almost eight-foot-six at its highest and didn't want to detract from that wall, didn't want to overpower it. So that was our rationale for recommending that it just be the same columns that mark the pedestrian retreat.

The recess is great, recessing the gate back to give it a little bit of an entry, but just keeping the columns the same height.

And then the other comment was that the pool, and there was no information given on the pavers to be used for the pool deck and the trellis area, but

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1 that can come when they're ready to go into
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- 2 permitting. And then the pool and deck, if the
- design of either of it changes, it just has to do a
- 4 standard that we approve, the standard COA for us.
- 5 MR. CHAIRMAN: Is there any proposed finish
- for the pool deck at this point?
- 7 MR. DE LEON: At the moment it would be a
- 8 light-colored stone. The driveway, more than
- 9 likely a Chicago brick, that type of material, but
- 10 the owner's leaning toward a -- maybe not an actual
- 11 keystone type product or coral product, but
- 12 something that's in the light tones.
- MS. KAUTZ: They're resetting the brick
- 14 driveway, yes?
- 15 MR. DE LEON: Yes.
- MS. KAUTZ: Okay.
- 17 MR. MENENDEZ: That can be done
- 18 administratively, correct?
- MS. KAUTZ: Yes, absolutely.
- 20 MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, they have to come back
- 21 according to what I'm hearing --
- MS. KAUTZ: But not to you all, for us.
- 23 MR. CHAIRMAN: It will come back anyway.
- MS. KAUTZ: Just for us as a separate
- 25 standard --

- 1 MR. CHAIRMAN: Oh, for you.
- 2 MS. KAUTZ: -- for us to do just to --
- 3 MR. CHAIRMAN: Oh, all right. So both things
- 4 will be handled through you.
- 5 MS. KAUTZ: Yeah, because it will be under a
- 6 separate permit.
- 7 MR. CHAIRMAN: If you have any comments on the
- 8 arch in rebuttal to the staff, this is the time to
- 9 speak to the board.
- 10 Well, I'm going to let you speak in a minute.
- 11 I'm letting the architect either make a case for
- 12 his wall or leave it alone.
- 13 MR. DE LEON: Well, the case for the arch
- really is from my client's point of view, and from
- mine to a certain extent, is a really romanticized
- 16 element. It's something that creates for them this
- kind of overgrown, not overgrown, but an arbor with
- a landscaped feature on it that's going to flower,
- 19 a very simple but detailed transparent wrought iron
- 20 gate, and the idea that you enter through this
- 21 covered green and flowering element, and then you
- 22 enter into the property and it's a surprise because
- 23 you don't see the entire property until you walk
- through that gate. So it's a little bit of a
- 25 portal entrance and --

1 MR. PARSLEY: So it would appear on the house

- 2 on the cover sheet, the little arch gate behind the
- 3 existing column structure.
- 4 MS. KAUTZ: No, that's actually the entry to
- 5 the house, which this -- sorry -- the new arch will
- 6 actually obscure.
- 7 If you look on page -- the center of the
- 8 photographs, the entry to the house has this
- 9 covered sort of walkway. You pass through the
- 10 portal and open air covered terrace, and then the
- 11 front door.
- 12 MR. PARSLEY: Is there a photograph that shows
- 13 the view, the wall and that arch at the same time?
- MS. KAUTZ: No, that doesn't exist yet, it's
- 15 proposed.
- 16 MR. PARSLEY: I understand. But -- so I see
- 17 where the arch is going. I'm trying to see where
- does the relationship to the wall that you think
- 19 may be --
- 20 MS. KAUTZ: Only on the survey. You can only
- 21 see the distinction on the survey.
- 22 MR. PARSLEY: It's this type of arched opening
- 23 on the cover page that you're trying to replicate?
- MR. DE LEON: Yeah, the survey that was
- 25 made -- if you look at the -- here on the

demolition site plan you'll see that on the swale

- 2 the outline of the historic wall.
- 3 MR. PARSLEY: Hold on. Hold on.
- 4 MR. DE LEON: So then you see to the right,
- 5 you'll see where the walkway is, that's exactly
- 6 where the walkway's going to stay, and that's where
- 7 that arched element is proposed.
- 8 MR. PARSLEY: So in context where is this
- 9 arch?
- 10 MR. DE LEON: The arch that you see in the
- 11 background, that's the entry into the covered
- 12 porch.
- MS. KAUTZ: It's here.
- MR. DE LEON: Yeah, so -- that arch is right
- 15 where the structure of the house starts.
- So the arch of the porch is 35 feet, more or
- less, from the property line. So it would be
- 18 roughly 32.
- 19 MS. BACHE-WIIG: That's not an original,
- 20 right, the arch?
- 21 MS. KAUTZ: On the house?
- MS. BACHE-WIIG: At the breezeway?
- MS. KAUTZ: No, it's a later...
- MR. SILVA: I think you did a great job,
- Nelson, per your usual.

- 1 MR. DE LEON: Thank you.
- 2 MR. SILVA: I think that the way, especially
- 3 on the Alhambra side, the way that solid piece kind
- 4 of brackets, and I understand you did it because of
- 5 the tree, but it actually kind of mirrors the house
- 6 and it gives a little bit of privacy and kind of
- 7 frames the house, which I think is very nice.
- 8 I don't have such an issue with that front
- 9 arch necessarily, Kara. I think that that
- 10 existing, the historical kind of street monument is
- 11 very tall, right, isn't it? It's like 12 feet?
- MS. KAUTZ: Parts of it is tall, yeah.
- MR. SILVA: Because we only see the image --
- it kind of crops it, right, the first image on your
- 15 cover there, right?
- So just so we understand, can you go to that?
- I don't know if you have that on the slides.
- 18 MR. CHAIRMAN: The black-and-white.
- 19 MR. SILVA: Yeah, it's this one.
- 20 MS. KAUTZ: It's -- and honestly, it's also
- 21 because the front entry to this house with the arch
- 22 to the courtyard is a beautiful feature with the
- 23 recessed little swag, that it will completely
- obscure it too, and that was another of the reasons
- 25 why we didn't -- we wanted it brought down.

1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: But that wall continues, it's

- lower, in the photograph it cuts it off at the
- 3 tallest point. The wall then lowers across the
- 4 property so that the arch walkway there, they would
- 5 walk about, would not be behind this tall wall.
- 6 MR. DE LEON: Correct.
- 7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: That wall that we see there
- 8 goes up and then it goes down.
- 9 MS. KAUTZ: No, I understand what you're
- 10 saying. Yes, but the --
- MR. RODRIGUEZ: But the archway would be --
- 12 MS. KAUTZ: But the arch to the beginning --
- 13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: -- would be -- would be --
- MS. KAUTZ: -- obscure the front entry.
- 15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: It'd still behind the lower
- level of the wall, the historic wall. The historic
- wall is lower at that point than what's shown in
- 18 this photograph.
- 19 MS. KAUTZ: At the front entry?
- 20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: At the front entry, yes. That
- 21 wall comes down. We don't see it here.
- MR. PARSLEY: And what if you set the arch
- 23 back a little bit further? I can't read the
- 24 dimensions on this. You have four feet --
- MR. DE LEON: Yeah, it's roughly three feet

- 1 back from the sidewalk.
- 2 MR. PARSLEY: Would that make you feel --
- 3 would that make you all feel better?
- 4 MS. KAUTZ: Me? No.
- 5 MR. PARSLEY: Set back a little bit.
- 6 MS. KAUTZ: No. I think the eight-foot-six
- 7 height is too tall.
- 8 MR. PARSLEY: A minor suggestion I would have
- 9 is on the pool enclosure put a metal trellis back
- 10 to it so when you go in and out of the garage
- 11 you're not looking at the back of the pool
- 12 equipment.
- 13 MR. DE LEON: Yes. And we did leave enough --
- there's actually about six feet between the pad and
- 15 the edge of the driveway, so the idea is to create
- a hedge there that's thick enough and tall enough
- 17 to hide that.
- 18 MR. FULLERTON: I agree with Mr. Silva, this
- 19 is a tricky --
- 20 MR. CHAIRMAN: We're going to let the public
- 21 speak, so no motions yet or --
- MR. FULLERTON: Oh, beg your pardon.
- 23 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah. Any further comments for
- 24 the architect or staff?
- 25 All right. Mr. Volsky, you want to come up

- 1 and speak? I know you wanted to speak.
- 2 MR. VOLSKY: Good afternoon. For the record,
- 3 my name is George Volsky. I live at 1008 Alhambra
- 4 Circle, and to use -- to borrow Shakespeare, I am
- 5 the immediate to the throne. In fact, my house on
- 6 the other side of the street, even though the
- 7 address is 188 Granada, actually the entrance, the
- 8 car entrance, that's where people enter the house,
- 9 is across the street from my entrance to my house.
- 10 We've had a lot of architectural, I won't say
- jargon, but, I mean, to the deference, I don't know
- 12 how many of you were architects.
- 13 I'll try to address this from the standpoint
- of resident, of neighbor. Why? Because I've lived
- in my house for 55 years. I've seen this block
- change very positively, because when I moved there
- it was dilapidated, except my house, and next to
- 18 the house in question, there was a big residence
- 19 which was in shatters.
- It was bought by a friend of mine who is a
- 21 banker, he lives in London. I dealt with you with
- 22 that, maybe this group -- I mean, dealt with that
- 23 building. He lives, comes maybe twice a year for a
- 24 couple weeks, and invested on top of himself, more
- 25 than a million dollar to create. In fact, our

- 1 block -- and this is something, speaking of
- 2 history, because we're talking history, I can say
- 3 that I am part of the history of Coral Gables.
- First time I came here in 1947, which I
- 5 mentioned most of you haven't been born, maybe you
- 6 were little children. I wasn't a baby. I was 26
- 7 going on 50, having gone through the World War II,
- and I've been coming to Coral Gables very
- 9 frequently afterwards from Cuba and came here to
- 10 live in 1961.
- 11 I think it's a historical and architecture
- overview, not only of this area, of many cities
- around the world. And I think that this group,
- 14 your group, your commission should be proud. I
- don't know, I mean, you pass by the thing, but I
- pass by, I drive around the city very much, how the
- 17 city has improved.
- 18 I think today the city physically is better
- 19 than in my long lifetime and observation. You can,
- 20 I believe, be proud in certain part of what has
- 21 happened, even though historically it is, I
- believe, the work of residents who try to keep
- 23 their residences as best they could, and that --
- 24 our block is now the best ever.
- 25 As you know on my side, the house next door

1 was dilapidated, a family bought it. At the very

- 2 end there is the residence of former mayor Jim
- 3 Cason, which became better now, it's even being
- 4 improved as we speak.
- 5 So what I'm saying, that whatever the elements
- of architecture, of details of the swimming pool,
- 7 once it's in, it is done. I won't even see it
- 8 because obviously you have a -- you have a swimming
- 9 pool, you don't want people to see what's going on.
- 10 Incidentally there's a precedent identical to
- 11 this issue on Granada -- I'm sorry -- on Granada
- and North Greenway Drive. You know that
- residents -- it used to be one of the few
- residences which were a hotel or, actually,
- 15 comprised several apartments. Someone bought it, I
- think you remember it, and created a big house, and
- then they applied for a swimming pool, went through
- 18 your board or their board, it was approved. Today
- 19 you don't even see it.
- 20 So my interest in speaking in favor of this is
- 21 two elements. One, it's good for the City because
- that house used to be dilapidated, and it was
- 23 shameful even to look at it. Now it looks well and
- with the swimming pool well done and guarded from
- 25 everyone. It's going to be even better.

In relation to a property which has a swimming

- 2 pool includes a benefit, and this means more money
- 3 for the city. For me, for my interest, have a good
- 4 house across the street more -- excuse me -- a
- 5 house which is worth more, accrues to the value of
- 6 my house too and all the other houses.
- 7 So I beseech you, ask you to approve the
- 8 request because I believe it helps everybody.
- 9 MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Thank you for the
- 10 compliment to the City and the architect and the
- owner.
- 12 Any further comments from the audience?
- 13 MR. BLOCK: Good afternoon, members of the
- board. For the record, I've never appeared before
- 15 the board. I'm a lifelong resident of Coral
- Gables. My name is Edward Block. I live at Block
- 17 29, Lot 8, I'd like to show off my knowledge.
- 18 So 45 years ago this December I used to go to
- 19 Woolworth, buy candy. Used to go to the Biscayne
- 20 Cafeteria to eat. I remember the night that the
- 21 country club burned down because I was a Cub Scout
- in Troop 7. Hurricane Andrew, and on and on.
- 23 The three hardest things that I've ever done
- in my life was survive Iraq as a combat
- 25 infantrymen, published my first book and get a

- 1 driveway done under this board.
- I am here, I do not know the gentleman here,
- 3 but I do know this, I am tired of Coral Gables
- 4 being the silk road for everybody else to travel to
- 5 western parts of this county. This gentleman is
- 6 spending tremendous expense with obviously a
- 7 competent architect. I do not know him, I've never
- 8 met him. I did grow up playing football in the now
- 9 Majorca Park in the days of Dan Marino with my
- 10 friends Adrian Ladner and Justin Perriman, and I
- just watched the fence go up last week. So there
- was progress.
- 13 It's almost as if the swimming pool is
- something that should be allowed simply to give
- 15 this man a consolation prize. He's being punished
- by a constant siege of traffic, people who don't
- 17 live here.
- 18 The mission of your board is imperative. I
- 19 currently -- forgive me for being emotional. My
- only neighbor that I ever knew, Irene Chrissy, at
- 21 800 Obispo, passed away in September at the age of
- 22 100, and in the name of progress there was numerous
- 23 attempts to come before this board to demolish that
- house right next to us. And apparently that's not
- 25 going to happen, and I'm grateful for that. That's

- 1 a separate issue.
- I ask that you approve the design, because as
- a lifelong stakeholder of Coral Gables I have a
- 4 fiduciary and moral obligation to support other
- 5 people in this community, because democracy does
- 6 die in the dark indeed.
- 7 Thank you.
- 8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.
- 9 Anybody else?
- 10 All right. We're going to close the public
- 11 hearing then. Thank you.
- I haven't seen that much support for an item
- that didn't seem controversial, but that's very
- 14 nice. I like the -- both comments were very well
- 15 received.
- MS. BACHE-WIIG: I'd like to say something.
- 17 For some reason I've always liked this house, and I
- 18 don't know why. I think it's maybe because it's
- 19 next to that wall and it's hidden and it's
- 20 charming. And I think when you mentioned that it
- 21 has some romanticism to it, I think you were right
- 22 on point.
- I think your plan, you know, celebrates that
- romanticism about this property, and then certainly
- 25 that there's a hardship about the way that it's --

1 that the structures are situated and they're pushed

- 2 all the way to the north.
- But I think having this garden, you know, sort
- 4 of this magical, you know, swimming pool and
- 5 trellis and wall, yes, it's going to create this
- 6 private garden space for the resident, but it will
- 7 also create and enhance that street, that frontage.
- 8 So, I mean, I'm in complete favor of this.
- 9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I'd just like to say that I
- 10 support Mr. Silva's thought that a grounded trellis
- 11 at the very beginning of the walkway, I'm fine with
- 12 that.
- MR. CHAIRMAN: How about a motion or any
- 14 further comments?
- 15 MR. FULLERTON: No. I just wanted to
- 16 compliment the architect for the job he did. This
- is a tricky situation with the siting of the house.
- I'm very familiar with that, I have exactly,
- 19 exactly the same thing in my home. So it's a
- 20 tricky situation to try to make everything work.
- 21 So well done.
- MR. CHAIRMAN: So as Mr. Volsky mentioned, and
- 23 I think that is one of the successes that Historic
- 24 Preservation brings to our community where a
- 25 project by Historic Preservation can get a pool

1 built where maybe normally it wouldn't, and people

- 2 can get a little bit more of an enhancement to
- 3 their property by way historic preservation. So
- 4 kudos to historic preservation.
- 5 MR. FULLERTON: This picture is perfect too.
- 6 What a beautiful historic view of the house.
- 7 The wall in front, it goes so beautifully with
- 8 the house itself --
- 9 MR. DE LEON: It's always amazing how the
- 10 pictures they took of the 20s, 30s and 40s are so
- 11 beautiful, and we can't seem to get a shot from the
- 12 hundreds of homes I've taken pictures of or getting
- ready for the Board of Architects. I always look
- 14 at them and I'm like I quess I need a wide format
- 15 four-by-five frame.
- MR. FULLERTON: Our cameras are too good,
- 17 they're get too sharp.
- 18 MR. DE LEON: Now we just use our i-Phones.
- 19 The camera stays in the office.
- 20 MR. CHAIRMAN: I think Raul --
- 21 MR. PARSLEY: We're planting too many trees,
- we've obscured the view. And to that point, I
- 23 think the arch is fine, and I think that picture on
- the bottom of the page, as you mentioned, I think
- 25 the trees and the sable palm to the left give a

1 much larger scale, and that little arch fits in in

- 2 that sort of romantic setting, so I'm in favor of
- 3 the arch gate myself.
- 4 MR. CHAIRMAN: So I hear a motion coming.
- 5 Raul, you're in the mood for a motion?
- 6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. I move that we approve
- 7 the project as proposed without the recommendation
- 8 of the staff that remove the archway.
- 9 MR. PARSLEY: I'll second.
- 10 MS. KAUTZ: With the third with condition,
- 11 please, about the standard COA for the pool and the
- 12 deck.
- 13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: The what?
- MS. KAUTZ: And the condition that the pool
- and the deck, if they change, they come to us
- 16 first.
- 17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, thank you.
- 18 MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a motion --
- 19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I amend the motion to include
- 20 that.
- 21 MR. CHAIRMAN: And it's corrected.
- We have a motion from Mr. Rodriguez, we have a
- 23 second from Mr. Parsley. Is there any further
- 24 comments, questions, discussions?
- MR. SILVA: A question, we would vote for

Page 61 approval first and then an individual motion for 1 2 each variance? MS. KAUTZ: Yes. 3 4 MR. CHAIRMAN: Got it. 5 Yesi, go ahead. THE CLERK: Ms. Bache-Wiig? 6 7 MS. BACHE-WIIG: Yes. THE CLERK: Mr. Fullerton? 9 MR. FULLERTON: Yes. 10 THE CLERK: Mr. Parsley? 11 MR. PARSLEY: Yes. 12 THE CLERK: Mr. Silva? 13 MR. SILVA: Yes. THE CLERK: Mr. Menendez? 14 15 MR. MENENDEZ: Yes. 16 THE CLERK: Mr. Ehrenhaft? 17 MR. EHRENHAFT: Yes. 18 THE CLERK: Mr. Rodriquez? 19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. 20 THE CLERK: Mr. Torre? 21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes. 22 You want to take on the variances? 23 MR. SILVA: Sure. 24 We can do them all together, right, the variances for each one? 25

1 MS. KAUTZ: You can unless there's going to be

- 2 dissenting.
- 3 MR. SILVA: I don't think there's -- let's
- 4 take our chances and do them together.
- 5 So I move that we grant all the variances
- 6 requested by the applicant as outlined in the staff
- 7 report.
- 8 MR. PARSLEY: Second.
- 9 MR. FULLERTON: Second.
- 10 MR. CHAIRMAN: John came first.
- 11 THE CLERK: Mr. Parsley?
- MR. PARSLEY: Yes.
- 13 THE CLERK: Ms. Bache-Wiig?
- MS. BACHE-WIIG: Yes.
- 15 THE CLERK: Mr. Fullerton?
- 16 MR. FULLERTON: Yes.
- 17 THE CLERK: Mr. Silva?
- 18 MR. SILVA: Yes.
- 19 THE CLERK: Mr. Menendez?
- MR. MENENDEZ: Yes.
- 21 THE CLERK: Mr. Ehrenhaft?
- MR. EHRENHAFT: Yes.
- 23 THE CLERK: Mr. Rodriguez?
- MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
- 25 THE CLERK: Mr. Torre?

- 1 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes.
- 2 Thank you.
- 3 MR. DE LEON: Thank you very much, board
- 4 members.
- 5 MR. CHAIRMAN: Congratulations.
- 6 MR. DE LEON: Thank you very much.
- 7 MR. CHAIRMAN: All right, two more.
- 8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: There's two more?
- 9 MR. CHAIRMAN: We got two more.
- 10 This is -- we got one architect for two more.
- 11 This is an application special certificate of
- appropriateness for the property at 1125 North
- Greenway Drive, a local contributing resource
- 14 within the country club of Coral Gables Historic
- 15 District legally described as Lots 18, 19, Block 15
- 16 Coral Gables Section C according to the plat
- thereof recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 26 of public
- 18 records Miami-Dade County.
- 19 The application requests design approval for
- 20 the alterations to the residence and construction
- of a one-story detached auxiliary structure.
- MS. KAUTZ: Thank you.
- Location map, mid block between Columbus and
- 24 Cordova on the north side of the golf course.
- MR. RODRIGUEZ: Just for the record, this time

- 1 I have the correct architect. The architect who
- 2 proposes this is the person who designed my home.
- 3 MS. KAUTZ: You sure?
- 4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. I'm sure about this one,
- 5 and I will not be affected in my decision-making
- 6 process as a result of that.
- 7 MS. KAUTZ: Okay.
- 8 MR. CHAIRMAN: And does anybody have any
- 9 further items to disclose?
- 10 MS. BACHE-WIIG: I visited the site earlier
- 11 today. Had no contact with anybody. There would
- be nothing that would influence my decision-making
- 13 today about this item.
- MR. EHRENHAFT: I know the house, driving past
- it since it's on my way home every day, but again,
- I went on Tuesday and looked at the property from
- 17 the sidewalk. Encountered no one, and my previous
- 18 experience and the site visit will have no effect
- on any decisions that I make today.
- 20 MR. FULLERTON: Ditto.
- 21 MR. CHAIRMAN: For the future, do we have to
- describe drive-bys or just when we step on the
- 23 property, just mentioned that? Because it's --
- MS. SUAREZ: I would say if it was a visit for
- 25 the purposes, you know, advance of this --

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: Even if it was a drive-by?

- 2 MS. SUAREZ: Yes.
- 3 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Just clarifying.
- 4 MR. SILVA: I also visited the site and will
- 5 also not impact my judgment today.
- 6 MR. PARSLEY: I visited the site. It will not
- 7 impact my decision.
- 8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And for the record, I've
- 9 walked by the site many, many times. I'm very
- familiar with the property, although I did not go
- 11 for the purpose of this meeting.
- MS. KAUTZ: So this house is a contributing
- resource within the country club of Coral Gables
- 14 Historic District. It was built in 1954, designed
- 15 by architect R.M. Nordon. It is considered to be
- an example of the type of architecture being
- designed in the Gables as part of the movement
- towards the more modern style in the 50s.
- 19 When this district was designated initially,
- 20 it was considered a non-contributing residence, it
- 21 was out of the period of significance. In 2008 the
- owner requested that it be made a contributing
- residence as they were planning on doing an
- 24 addition and some alterations to the property and
- 25 were looking for the tax abatement that went along

- 1 with it. So we did change it to a contributing
- 2 status through the board. So it is now considered
- 3 contributing.
- 4 In 2009 the Historic Preservation Board
- 5 approved a COA for additions and alterations to the
- 6 property that did receive the ad valorem.
- 7 It consisted of a carport to the south. The
- 8 existing garage was added on to and converted into
- 9 a bedroom, and also a flat-roofed master bedroom
- 10 addition -- I'm sorry -- a master bathroom addition
- on the west side of existing courtyard was also
- 12 added at the same time.
- 13 This is a photo probably shortly after it was
- 14 constructed.
- 15 And, Michael, this is one of the PowerPoints
- that was separate. If you can load that up.
- 17 The architect is here.
- 18 This property has requested no variances as
- 19 part of the application. It was reviewed and
- approved by Board of Architects on March 14th with
- 21 no comments.
- We did have a couple of conditions that we
- would like added, which I can go through
- 24 afterwards. I'll let him make the presentation.
- 25 MR. JUAREGUI: Good afternoon. My name is

1 Luis Jauregui, I'm with Eastshore Architects. And

- this house, 1125 North Greenway, as you know, is
- 3 located right there on North Greenway sort of in
- 4 front of that, I guess it's a Boy Scout camp or
- 5 something there.
- 6 What we're planning to do is add in the rear
- 7 80 square feet to the main house. The garage that
- 8 was originally in the house -- you can't see
- 9 that -- so basically, if you see over here in the
- 10 existing site plan, that little notch in the back
- 11 where the driveway is, which is about five feet by
- 12 12 feet, that's what we're going to fill in.
- The owner is looking and needing for another
- bedroom and bath inside the house, and she wants to
- 15 have a proper laundry room because right now the
- laundry is in the garage itself. So we're planning
- to enclose the 80 square feet.
- 18 And then the zoning code allows you to have a
- 19 detached garage that is five feet from the rear and
- 20 five feet from the back, and in actuality the
- 21 neighbor behind on Obispo has the situation, so
- these two garages would be back to back.
- What we've done is, here's the existing site
- 24 plan, floor plan, and then the in fill garage, so
- she has a special needs son that needs a big wide

- 1 bathroom, so that bedroom is going to be added, the
- 2 laundry room, and the bathroom and closets there.
- 3 And the detached garage, what we've done is
- 4 made it in the style of the architecture, the 50s
- 5 architecture, but kept it completely.
- 6 So this will not be seen from the street. The
- 7 garage is 125 feet back from the front of the
- 8 street. It's all the way in the back and it's very
- 9 narrow and lush there.
- 10 This is the existing front elevation, which
- already has been modified, the proposed with the
- garage over there. So what we've done with the
- garage, you can see there. The top photograph here
- is the left side house where the existing garage
- is, and that garage has already been modified.
- 16 What we plan to do is close it up and add the
- 17 French doors for accessibility.
- 18 And then the last photograph is superimposing
- 19 the detached garage and seeing it up against the
- 20 main house also.
- 21 Over here in the photograph you see the
- 22 addition that was done previously where they,
- instead of following the architecture of the house,
- 24 which is one continuous A-shaped roof, and then it
- 25 morphs itself and whatever volume sticks out, that

1 volume has that height and that pitch. So we've

- 2 kept that.
- 3 There's the garage from the rear. This is
- 4 what the neighbor would see. That's the rear
- 5 condition right now, the existing garage of the
- 6 house in the photograph.
- 7 And then this is the way you would see the
- garage from her poolside, from the owner's
- 9 poolside. So they have a little piece of yard
- there where all that equipment is, and they'll see
- 11 the glass on top.
- 12 The garage itself consists of a 12-by-22-foot
- garage and it has -- we maintained the wall
- throughout at the same level so that you don't see
- 15 the stuff inside. And then we've pitched the roof
- at the same angle that the principal house has and
- 17 added glass all around the three sides, so that it
- 18 could serve as a garage, it could serve as other
- things also so they would have purpose.
- 20 That's pretty much it.
- 21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Staff comments? Is there
- anything or you're good?
- MS. KAUTZ: The only comment that we had is
- 24 that it's trying -- the addition is sort of trying
- 25 to be seamless, which is nice, but sort of not with

1 the standards, so we had suggested perhaps adding a

- 2 stucco score line as the corner of the existing
- 3 garage so to demarcate where the new and the old
- 4 stop and start so that little notch-out will have
- 5 some distinction of where the old stopped.
- 6 And also eliminating the cantilevered beams
- 7 and the overhangs on the proposed garage because
- 8 those beams are very specific to the existing
- 9 house, and so to sort of replicate that detail on
- the garage, it's going to perhaps cause some
- 11 confusion about what's old and what's new. That
- 12 was it.
- We did, it's not noted, the roof on the garage
- is to be a flat white tile to match existing
- 15 residence. I'm guessing that was your intention,
- it just wasn't on there. Window glass is to be
- 17 clear, and then to differentiate the new
- 18 construction with the existing residence were our
- 19 only comments.
- 20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Do you accept the conditions?
- MR. JUAREGUI: Yes.
- MR. CHAIRMAN: Could I ask a question?
- 23 Excuse me.
- 24 Your condition is stated in the paragraph, but
- 25 then the three point does not mention the

- 1 cantilevered beam as the point --
- 2 MS. KAUTZ: It does, as a differentiation.
- 3 It's a suggestion on one way to do it. So he needs
- 4 to either do it that way or work out another way to
- 5 differentiate them.
- 6 MR. JUAREGUI: So what happens when you do a
- 7 clerestory like that that goes to a point, you
- 8 either end up with a point or you end up with a
- 9 beam size piece of glass, which would be
- 10 preferable, right? So in terms of the architecture
- 11 when you think about that front facade of the
- garage, it's going to be completely flat and then
- it's going to have what's the tie beam going up.
- 14 So the idea of popping out the beam would make it
- 15 feel more in tune with the architecture that the
- 16 house has, right?
- 17 What we could do is bring it out, but change
- 18 the shape. Right now what it does, it subtlety
- 19 goes up to an angle and maybe what we could propose
- 20 to do is keep it straight out.
- 21 MS. KAUTZ: The depth can be modified, the
- tapering, something can be changed.
- MR. CHAIRMAN: Work that out, I guess.
- 24 MR. JUAREGUI: Uh-huh. Yeah, because if not,
- 25 it looks really strange.

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: And the other items you're

- 2 with, the three other --
- 3 MR. JUAREGUI: The score line --
- 4 MR. CHAIRMAN: And the other -- the white roof
- 5 tile?
- 6 MR. JUAREGUI: Yeah. Well, the house has
- 7 white roof tile. It will have white roof tile.
- 8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Any more questions from
- 9 staff or for the...
- 10 Thank you.
- 11 Anybody in the audience left to speak, want to
- 12 speak?
- 13 Thank you.
- 14 I'll close the public hearing for this item.
- 15 MR. SILVA: I think it's a very nice addition.
- I appreciate that extra effort you took with the
- 17 clerestory. I think it's going to make for a very
- 18 nice space inside the garage. I think it really
- 19 does complement the existing house. Kudos.
- 20 I'll move approval of the item if nobody else
- 21 wants to.
- MR. MENENDEZ: Second.
- MR. CHAIRMAN: Menendez will second.
- 24 Any further comments, questions or concerns,
- 25 discussions?

Page 73 1 THE CLERK: Mr. Rodriguez? 2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. 3 THE CLERK: Mr. Ehrenhaft? 4 MR. EHRENHAFT: Yes. 5 THE CLERK: Mr. Silva? MR. SILVA: 6 Yes. 7 THE CLERK: Mr. Parsley? MR. PARSLEY: Yes. 9 THE CLERK: Ms. Bache-Wiig? 10 MS. BACHE-WIIG: Yes. 11 THE CLERK: Mr. Fullerton? 12 MR. FULLERTON: Yes. 13 THE CLERK: Mr. Menendez? 14 MR. MENENDEZ: Yes. 15 THE CLERK: Mr. Torre? 16 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes. 17 All right. Last item. 18 MS. KAUTZ: All right. This will be Case File COA SP 19 MR. CHAIRMAN: 20 2019-005, application for the issuance of a special 21 certificate of appropriateness for the property at 22 910 Capri Street, a local historic landmark legally 23 described as Lots 11, 12, Block 83, Coral Gables 24 Granada Section, records of Miami-Dade County. The 25 application requests design approval for the

1 additions and alterations to the residence and site

- 2 work.
- 3 MS. KAUTZ: You all should remember this
- 4 property. It was designated as a local historic
- 5 landmark in January of this year. This is the
- 6 location map of the property in the north section
- 7 of the city.
- 8 Was construct -- sorry -- was constructed
- 9 circa 1923. It's significant as a classic example
- of an early single-family residence in Coral
- 11 Gables. It is attributed to H. George Fink. He
- was a member of Merrick's original design team in
- 13 the Mediterranean design.
- 14 The property currently consists of a two-story
- 15 residence. It was Permit No. 338 in the city with
- 16 an attached garage. It is -- the one-story garage
- that you see is attached to the northwest corner of
- 18 the residence, although it's not accessible from
- 19 the inside of the house, it's sort of tangentially
- 20 attached.
- 21 In 1951 a one-story addition was made to the
- south of the existing residence which is to the
- left of this photograph. And in 1976 a redwood
- 24 raised deck was added to the southwest corner of
- 25 the house in the rear.

1 At this time it is believed that an existing

- 2 window on the south side of the residence was
- 3 converted to French doors with side lights at the
- 4 same time to be able to access the deck.
- 5 All right, Michael, this is the second one,
- 6 please.
- 7 This went to the Board of Architects in March
- 8 of this year with no comments, no variances have
- 9 been requested with this application.
- 10 On this application the applicant has made a
- 11 very good distinction between the old and the new,
- so we have no comments in that regard.
- 13 And the four conditions that we do have are
- fairly straightforward, so we'll go at the end.
- We're bringing up someone new that you haven't seen
- 16 yet.
- 17 MR. JUAREGUI: Hello, again. Luis Juaregui
- 18 with Eastshore Architects.
- 19 This is 910 Capri. I have Mrs. Munoz here,
- 20 the owner of the property. She bought this
- 21 property back a couple of years ago as an
- investment property. At that time she thought that
- she would be able to demolish the 50s addition to
- it and do the lot split which would have been a
- 25 great idea because it would have kept the scale of

- 1 the homes on the street at the same level.
- 2 She could now if she wanted build a five to
- 3 6,000 square foot house which would totally destroy
- 4 the scale of the street, but luckily she's opted
- 5 not to.
- 6 So as you know, there's a property, it is
- 7 about six or seven houses down from 8th Street and
- 8 just east of Granada. The property is in total
- 9 shambles right now. The family that lived there
- 10 had abandoned it. They left some people there to
- live and it was destroyed inside.
- 12 Since then she's pulled an exploratory
- demolition permit, and for the most part, as you
- 14 find in these houses, the inside is rotted. So
- she's going to fix the main house, make it a little
- bit more livable, keep it as a three bedroom, two
- and a half bath house, and add a family room and
- 18 kitchen that's workable for today's modern family.
- The addition that we're proposing is attached
- 20 to the 1950s structure in the front, which would be
- 21 the only visible from the street, and then we're
- adding one completely in the rear following the
- 23 parapet roof line between the garage and the main
- 24 house and doing an addition there.
- 25 So here's the front. And to the left you see

- 1 the 50s addition, the wood deck that was added
- there, and then the space between the two-story
- 3 volume and the garage that has an oak tree that we
- 4 need to take down because it's right on the
- 5 property there, it's right on the corner of the
- 6 garage, and it's undermined the garage completely.
- 7 It's all cracked right now.
- 8 I think we've already gotten approval for
- 9 that, right? Or we will get approval if this goes
- 10 through.
- 11 MS. SPAIN: Yes.
- MR. JUAREGUI: So to your left, the existing
- site plan how it is today. The main house is the
- cross form, and then to the left is the 50s
- 15 addition. Our intention is to keep all of that
- same, keep the 50s addition, except reorganize
- 17 those windows in the front because it's sort of
- 18 this awning window off to the side with no
- 19 symmetry. We'll work on that. And then we're
- 20 going to add a master bathroom section to the far
- 21 left there.
- 22 And we've kept the proportions of that
- addition in terms of height and width to be
- compatible with the original house.
- 25 So here you see the before and after first

1 floor plan. As you see, you come into a foyer

- 2 that's now glassed in. I imagine that that in the
- 3 past was open air. The main front door is where
- 4 the stairwell is, and the door that leads from the
- 5 foyer to the living room is closed up right now.
- 6 We're going to return it and open it up, and we're
- 7 actually going to close up the one leading to the
- 8 stairway. So you'll go directly from the foyer to
- 9 the living room, and once you're in the living room
- 10 go into the stairwell.
- The main space of the living room and dining
- 12 room are staying the same. Over where the existing
- master bathroom and bath, it's an awkward situation
- there. The bathroom is really small, the closet
- doesn't work, so we're converting that to a powder
- 16 room and a mechanical room.
- 17 And the reason why we're putting the
- 18 mechanical there is if you notice in the
- 19 photographs in the rear, the mechanical system is
- 20 sort of in the middle underneath that one-story
- 21 parapet roof, and the whole trunk line is under the
- crawl space, it's inside the crawl space. So the
- air comes up through the floor boards there.
- 24 As you know, these houses have no plenum
- 25 space. The rafter to floor area on the second

1 floor doesn't allow for you to run trunk lines, so

- 2 by centering the air conditioning in the space
- 3 we're going to eliminate having to lower the
- 4 ceilings and keep the height that's there.
- In the second floor there's really not much
- 6 modification. In the upper bedroom there is a
- 7 closet in the linen room. We're going to convert
- 8 it into a closet, and in the lower bedroom there is
- 9 no closet.
- 10 Where we're doing the chase line for the air
- 11 conditioning is the original closet, so those are
- actually going to get smaller, but there's nothing
- else that can be done. Everything stays the same.
- What I failed to mention is that it has an
- 15 illegal laundry room addition in the first floor
- that we're going to get rid of. That's done in
- 17 stud partition, so that whole section will come out
- 18 and we're going to extend the flat roof parapet
- area between the garage, the detached -- the garage
- and the main house.
- 21 So here's the existing house and the new
- 22 addition. As you can see in the -- the existing
- 23 house is staying exactly the same. We're replacing
- the windows with like windows that are impact.
- We're putting a new cap and pan barrel tile roof.

- 1 It will be nicer than the one that's there.
- 2 And in the foyer -- I don't know if you guys
- 3 know, but I serve on the Board of Architects, and
- 4 we always have the dilemma of what to do with these
- 5 terraces that originally were open air and now
- 6 everybody wants them enclosed, so we've tried --
- 7 we've tried gridding them up with muttons. We've
- 8 tried doing the plain glass, and after about four
- 9 years of seeing these things, we feel that the
- 10 single glass pane is the nicer solution.
- 11 What we're going to do is right now the column
- in the middle between the two arches is a very bad
- 13 cast concrete column, cast keystone column, so
- we're going to try to find something that's a
- 15 little bit more authentic and have it reproduced
- 16 and replace it.
- So you can see where the 50s addition is. It
- 18 has that double awning window, and what we're going
- 19 to do is put windows that are similar to the
- 20 historic house, that are more centered with the
- space, and then we're going to add the bathroom
- 22 area.
- And we're going to put an oculi window. The
- one that's existing, the molding is inside, it
- recesses in. The one we're going to propose is the

same one and shape popping out, so that that would

2 be the distinction.

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This is the south elevation where you see the master bathroom addition popping -- attached to the 50s addition, and then we are going to return the dining room window that was converted into a door to get out to the deck, we're eliminating that deck, we're going to bring it back to its original form, the window that was there that has a molding design on the top.

And then what you see at the far left there is the extension, the family room extension that we're adding.

This is the rear, and in the rear starting from the left we're going to open up a door to the garage, because the access right now is impossible at the end, so that somebody could use that garage for whatever purposes they want. It really doesn't fit a car.

And the next quadrant there is the family rooms windows going out, and then from the dining room we are going to add French doors and a little open terrace. Then there's the 50s addition that has the powder room window and the master bedroom window. She -- they decided not to come out of the

1 master bedroom and add a deck, so that helps a lot.

- 2 And then the massing for the master bathroom
- at the very end, I've broken that down into two
- 4 scales to make it more compatible with what's
- 5 there.
- 6 This is the north elevation, and the window
- 7 that I'm showing there is the kitchen window, it's
- 8 been modified. We were going to bring that window
- 9 back to the original size. When we did the
- 10 exploratory demo we could see that it was just
- 11 boarded up, so the opening is there and everything
- is there, and we're just going to bring that back.
- 13 And that's it.
- 14 MS. BACHE-WIIG: So you're going from like the
- least aesthetically pleasing home on the block to
- 16 the most aesthetically pleasing.
- 17 MR. JUAREGUI: I hope so.
- 18 MS. BACHE-WIIG: It's a good thing for the
- 19 street.
- 20 MR. JUAREGUI: It sure is.
- 21 MR. FULLERTON: I drove by the site.
- MR. CHAIRMAN: Oh, wait. We got to do this
- 23 all the time.
- 24 Does anybody have anything to disclose
- 25 regarding ex parte communications or visits to the

- 1 site?
- 2 MS. BACHE-WIIG: I went to the property, drove
- 3 by it today. Whatever I said earlier. No, but
- 4 nothing to disclose that would make me impartial to
- 5 any decision-making.
- 6 MR. EHRENHAFT: I too went on Tuesday, and I
- 7 have nothing to disclose that would make me
- 8 impartial.
- 9 MR. FULLERTON: I also went, drove by the
- site, talked to nobody, but I did note that the
- 11 nicest homes on the block are the ones that were
- built in the 20s by far, and that is one of the
- 13 nicest.
- MR. RODRIGUEZ: I've never walked by this
- 15 house.
- MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. Any questions for
- staff, questions regarding recommendation by staff?
- 18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I'd like to ask why the
- 19 condition? What is the problem with the master
- 20 bathroom window, the circular window on the --
- MS. KAUTZ: Michael, can you put the
- 22 PowerPoint back up?
- 23 And that circular window -- sorry about that.
- I'm sorry, can you go to the last slide, the very
- 25 last slide. I'm sorry.

1 MR. SILVA: It's the one that he's reversing

- 2 the --
- 3 MR. JUAREGUI: Yeah, that's what I'm doing --
- 4 MS. KAUTZ: Yeah, but it's the front one I'm
- fine with. It's the back where the little bump-out
- 6 happens. It shortens the distance between the roof
- 7 line and then the window, and it appears with the
- 8 header and the window and the beam, it feels like
- 9 it's going to be really tight in there.
- 10 Thank you.
- 11 On the right-hand side, and the front has a
- 12 lot of space, a lot of room. It just feels like it
- 13 got very squished.
- And so I like said, the Board of Architects
- 15 approved it. It was just a consideration request.
- 16 MR. JUAREGUI: So the idea there is that whole
- bathroom is going to be a beamed ceiling, so we can
- 18 get some nice height there, and the tub, a
- 19 freestanding tub is directly underneath that, that
- 20 composition of window and we thought it would be
- 21 nice to do something special there.
- I mean, we can look at the scale of it and
- 23 maybe reduce it in size.
- MR. RODRIGUEZ: I have no problem.
- MR. CHAIRMAN: You guys want to work this out

- 1 together?
- 2 MR. JUAREGUI: Sure.
- 3 MR. CHAIRMAN: There you go.
- 4 MS. KAUTZ: I can take him.
- 5 MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. Staff will work it
- 6 out.
- 7 And the other three comments you're okay with?
- 8 There's roof tile to be two-piece barrel tile,
- 9 window glass to be clear, window muntins to be high
- 10 profile.
- MR. JUAREGUI: So -- okay. So, yes, we would
- 12 love the -- if we can we will use clear glass,
- okay, it's not -- what happens these days is that
- 14 the minute you do -- you remodel the whole house
- and it becomes a level three remodeling you have to
- 16 meet the Florida Energy Code.
- 17 This just happened in my house that I'm
- 18 remodeling. And what happens is that you don't
- 19 meet it. There's no air conditioning system that
- 20 works, unless you do gray glass, at least gray
- 21 clear combination as opposed to gray-gray
- 22 combination.
- 23 So we will try, absolutely. I am the biggest
- 24 proponent of that, and I do that in the Board of
- 25 Architects all the time. What happens is that if

1 you -- you don't get the insulation levels right,

- the energy calculation just doesn't work.
- 3 MS. KAUTZ: We'll figure it out.
- 4 MS. SPAIN: We'll work with you on that.
- 5 MR. FULLERTON: I think frankly, when you put
- 6 in the old casement style or looking type of glass
- windows, whether they're gray or not, muntins
- 8 really make the scale of the building, of the
- 9 opening, and I think that works very well. And the
- 10 color of glass, I wouldn't go with blue or, you
- 11 know --
- MS. SPAIN: It gets very dark. It really
- detracts from the old homes.
- MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah, you can get too dark. If
- 15 you go to low E glass you should be able to do it.
- MR. JUAREGUI: Well, low E has a reflective
- 17 quality to it, which, you know, now becomes sort of
- 18 a problem.
- 19 So the only way it works, and you have to
- 20 think about it, that the rooms in these houses are
- 21 ten-by-11, let's say. The only way it works is if
- the furring strip on the wall, instead of being
- three-quarters of an inch, is an inch and a half to
- 24 two inches and you put that much insulation into
- it, destroys all your crown molding, it destroys

all your baseboards, it destroys all your window

- 2 sills. You basically have to completely undo the
- 3 house.
- 4 So what is the better option, right? The
- 5 better option is going with gray glass.
- 6 MR. CHAIRMAN: The better option is for you
- 7 guys to work it out.
- 8 MS. SPAIN: He's the go-to-person for windows
- 9 on the Board of Architects.
- 10 MR. CHAIRMAN: You've all agreed to work it
- out, so I think we're in good hands with both
- 12 parties.
- 13 Any further comments for staff or the person
- 14 presenting, architect?
- 15 Close the public hearing.
- 16 Anybody in the audience? Nobody left.
- 17 Any further discussions?
- 18 Can we get a motion?
- 19 MS. BACHE-WIIG: I move to approve this item
- with, I guess, the architect working with staff on
- 21 the window glass, and the -- what Kara was talking
- 22 about, the --
- MS. KAUTZ: Number four, item four.
- MS. BACHE-WIIG: No. 4, yeah. And No. 4,
- conclusion No. 4.

- 1 MR. EHRENHAFT: I second.
- 2 MR. MENENDEZ: I second.
- 3 MR. CHAIRMAN: That was a close call. Mr.
- 4 Menendez gets it.
- 5 Any further discussion?
- 6 Roll call.
- 7 THE CLERK: Mr. Ehrenhaft?
- 8 MR. EHRENHAFT: Yes.
- 9 THE CLERK: Mr. Rodriguez?
- 10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
- 11 THE CLERK: Mr. Silva?
- MR. SILVA: Yes.
- 13 THE CLERK: Mr. Parsley?
- MR. PARSLEY: Yes.
- 15 THE CLERK: Mr. Menendez?
- 16 MR. MENENDEZ: Yes.
- 17 THE CLERK: Ms. Bache-Wiig?
- 18 MS. BACHE-WIIG: Yes.
- 19 THE CLERK: Mr. Fullerton?
- MR. FULLERTON: Yes.
- 21 THE CLERK: Mr. Torre?
- MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes.
- 23 MS. SPAIN: Okay. I wish that Nelson was
- still here, because it's really a pleasure to work
- 25 with such competent architects and to have a

- 1 meeting where there really isn't too much to
- discuss because the designs are so good, and I
- 3 appreciate it.
- 4 MR. CHAIRMAN: And George Volsky comes and
- 5 compliments a project, interesting.
- 6 MR. FULLERTON: Another kudos to Luis for the
- 7 quality of the drawings. These elevations are so
- 8 plain and easy to read, they jump out. So I
- 9 appreciate -- we appreciate that.
- 10 MR. JUAREGUI: Thank you.
- 11 MS. KAUTZ: It's very nice to write a staff
- report with four comments as opposed to, you know,
- 13 23, so it's a good thing.
- MR. CHAIRMAN: I have something to report.
- 15 MS. SPAIN: You do?
- 16 MR. CHAIRMAN: I do.
- 17 MS. SPAIN: Thank you.
- 18 MR. CHAIRMAN: It seems, I'm uncertain, but it
- 19 seems today is my last day on this board.
- 20 MS. SPAIN: Well, you don't know that, because
- 21 you haven't -- it hasn't gone to the commission
- 22 yet.
- MR. CHAIRMAN: I agree, but just in case, I
- 24 said it seems, but it's not sure, that I may not be
- 25 at the next meeting. I don't know. So in case

- 1 that happens, I --
- 2 MS. SPAIN: You have to come back to say
- 3 hello.
- 4 MR. CHAIRMAN: No, I definitely will, but I
- 5 wanted to say thank you to everybody for their
- 6 congeniality and their friendship and hopefully I
- 7 made a difference.
- 8 MR. FULLERTON: You've done a great job.
- 9 MR. CHAIRMAN: If it's my last day here, thank
- 10 you.
- 11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Is this the last meeting of
- this board as composed?
- MS. SPAIN: So the rule is that if you're an
- appointee of the city commission, until they
- appoint someone else, you stay on the board
- regardless of what that length is. And so there
- has been no appointments to the board.
- 18 I need to get to the city clerk's office.
- 19 Those of you that are city commission appointments
- as a whole, but that will happen at future
- 21 commission dates.
- MR. RODRIGUEZ: So when will we know?
- MS. SPAIN: Well, if you were appointed by one
- of the city commissioners individually, you should
- 25 reach out to them if you want to be on the board

- 1 again so they can reappoint you.
- 2 And I'll take care of letting the clerk's
- 3 office know about those of you who were appointed
- 4 by the commission as a whole.
- 5 MS. BACHE-WIIG: I hope it's not your last
- 6 meeting.
- 7 MR. CHAIRMAN: Sorry?
- 8 MS. BACHE-WIIG: I hope it's not your last
- 9 meeting.
- 10 MR. CHAIRMAN: I'm not sure, but it could be,
- 11 so I just wanted to let everybody know. Thank you.
- MR. RODRIGUEZ: Is there another scheduled
- meeting for a month from now?
- MS. SPAIN: What do you mean? Is there a
- 15 Historic Preservation Board next month?
- 16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
- 17 MS. SPAIN: Oh, yeah, we just keep on going.
- 18 Nothing stops us. Commissioners change, you all
- 19 change, we just keep on trucking. So we'll be
- 20 here. Actually, Kara will be here.
- 21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Other business?
- MR. FULLERTON: Is there any update on the
- 23 Castillo site, the 1136?
- MS. SPAIN: No, not really. I mean, we've --
- it's in code enforcement, and we've had numerous

1 conversations with the outside counsel on that

- 2 property.
- 3 MR. FULLERTON: Okay. Just curious.
- 4 MS. SPAIN: Yes, I know.
- 5 MR. PARSLEY: When the city is doing work in
- 6 historic neighborhoods, are they required to come
- 7 here with their plans?
- 8 MS. KAUTZ: For the most part.
- 9 MS. SPAIN: Yes, depending on what they're
- 10 doing, but, yes, if it's a historic neighborhood --
- 11 MR. CHAIRMAN: For example, those plazas along
- 12 Coral Way, that project came here, the historic
- monuments.
- 14 MR. PARSLEY: The landscaping, the landscaping
- 15 had come through those, right?
- MS. SPAIN: Well, it all depends on where the
- landscaping is going, if it's the landscaping on
- 18 the historic plaza and entranceways, that should --
- 19 I think that came here.
- 20 MS. KAUTZ: It did come here.
- MS. SPAIN: Yeah.
- MS. KAUTZ: Dina presented it.
- MS. SPAIN: Yes. So if it's that project that
- you're talking about, that did come here.
- 25 MR. CHAIRMAN: That one project, will it make

- 1 it here? You want me to tell you which one --
- 2 MR. PARSLEY: -- the Merrick house. I don't
- 3 remember representing the property.
- 4 MR. SILVA: Which one are you're concerned
- 5 about?
- 6 MS. SPAIN: The plans for the Merrick house?
- 7 MS. KAUTZ: For the circle, the plazas,
- 8 because I wanted to see what was happening on --
- 9 MS. SPAIN: Right.
- 10 MS. KAUTZ: I can check and see. I have them
- in the office if you want to see them.
- MR. FULLERTON: Has there been any submittal
- 13 at all about -- or on the La Salle side?
- MS. SPAIN: No, not that I know of. It
- 15 wouldn't come to us because it's not designated,
- 16 but I think that I would have been aware of that at
- 17 the Board of Architects because I go to the Board
- of Architects every Thursday.
- 19 MR. FULLERTON: That was never designated.
- 20 MS. SPAIN: No. You were at that meeting.
- 21 MR. FULLERTON: Yeah, I didn't know if it
- 22 was --
- MS. SPAIN: It was not designated. This board
- 24 found that it had been too altered to fit the
- 25 criteria.

- 1 MR. FULLERTON: Yeah, I recall.
- 2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: That entire street or
- 3 neighborhood is not designated historic?
- 4 MS. SPAIN: What street?
- 5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: La Salle --
- 6 MS. SPAIN: No, that street is not designated.
- 7 MR. PARSLEY: What's going to happen to the
- 8 lot, do you know?
- 9 MS. SPAIN: No idea.
- 10 MR. PARSLEY: Ready for parking.
- 11 MS. SPAIN: I don't know.
- MR. RODRIGUEZ: It's a lot larger now that the
- 13 building is gone.
- MS. SPAIN: It does look larger, doesn't it?
- MR. PARSLEY: Are we going to see Ponce
- 16 Park --
- 17 MS. SPAIN: Ponce Circle Park, that's not
- 18 designated either.
- 19 MR. SILVA: When we designated the plan,
- 20 right --
- 21 MS. SPAIN: The city plan, if there is an
- application to alter in any way the road around,
- then that would come to you.
- MR. PARSLEY: Not the inside of the park?
- 25 MS. SPAIN: No. I don't think that would come

- 1 to you.
- 2 MR. PARSLEY: The stone wall there is not by
- 3 distinction?
- 4 MS. SPAIN: We'd have to look at that. If
- 5 they want to demolish it, I don't know the answer
- 6 to that. I don't think that was done in the 20s.
- 7 I don't think that's historic, but I would have to
- 8 look at it.
- 9 I mean, I would have to say, we require the
- 10 City to go through the same procedures, so if they
- 11 want to do a demolition on something, they bring it
- 12 to staff so...
- MR. RODRIGUEZ: I have a question; this has
- been bugging me a lot. All these fountains that
- are historic that have been repaired and upgraded,
- 16 hardly ever is there one that's working. Sometimes
- one works on one side of the street, the other
- 18 doesn't work. It's very difficult to see the
- 19 fountains, like at Granada and Coral Way or --
- 20 MR. FULLERTON: Alhambra Circle.
- 21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Where is it?
- MR. FULLERTON: Granada and Alhambra too.
- 23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And Alhambra, right.
- Is there a reason for that? Is there a
- 25 problem with the functioning of the mechanisms?

1 MS. KAUTZ: No. So what happens, they were

- 2 made recirculating so the leaves fall in them and
- 3 the pump stops, so then the fountains stops.
- 4 The city commission just approved I think a
- 5 negotiation for a company, specifically a pool
- 6 company, to go and --
- 7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: To clean.
- 8 MS. KAUTZ: -- clean and handle all the
- 9 fountains on a weekly basis on a rotation, so that
- 10 should start -- they should start all coming on
- 11 line.
- 12 MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.
- MS. SPAIN: Thank you all.
- MR. CHAIRMAN: I'll move for adjournment.
- 15 MR. SILVA: Actually, before we break, since
- 16 we have this -- is there any way we can streamline
- 17 that whole "I visited the site and it doesn't
- 18 affect my --
- MS. SUAREZ: We can figure out a way to
- 20 streamline it.
- 21 MR. SILVA: Maybe we can just do a statement
- 22 and kind of raise our hands if we did it and --
- MS. SUAREZ: We can talk about it before next
- 24 week's meeting.
- MR. FULLERTON: I have something else.

- 1 The constant difficulty in making
- 2 presentations on this television set. It's a good
- 3 set, I know, but the applicants or the presenter
- 4 doesn't know how to use the thing.
- 5 MS. SPAIN: What's really --
- 6 MR. FULLERTON: The way to use the point on
- 7 the --
- 8 MS. SPAIN: -- and I'm going to vent, before
- 9 they purchased these new ones I asked to just
- 10 please allow a pointer to work on them.
- 11 MR. FULLERTON: Yeah.
- MS. SPAIN: So apparently there's a screen
- that you can put on them that will allow a pointer
- 14 to work and they've purchased that, the IT
- 15 department.
- So it's a constant aggravation for us because
- we have to keep saying on the bottom left and
- 18 midway through.
- MS. KAUTZ: It's also to stand with your back
- 20 to --
- 21 MS. SPAIN: I mean, you can see it here. It's
- the only one I can see because my eyes are so bad.
- MR. FULLERTON: The other part of that is,
- 24 maybe it's my eyesight, but some of those plans are
- 25 unreadable. They're so light, the lines, I have

- 1 difficulty reading them.
- MS. SPAIN: So do I.
- 3 MR. FULLERTON: And I'm not sure if it's the
- 4 quality of the presentation that you're given or if
- 5 something -- like those elevations that we saw last
- 6 tonight from Luis, those were very readable.
- 7 MR. PARSLEY: Who's creating the powerpoint
- 8 and PDF?
- 9 MS. KAUTZ: The applicant.
- 10 MS. SPAIN: The applicant creates the
- 11 PowerPoint and we've asked them to limit the number
- of elevations on a page because it used to come
- in -- and you pointed that out a while ago that it
- would come in with four elevations on one page, and
- then you know, on these tiny little pages you
- 16 couldn't see anything.
- 17 MR. FULLERTON: And it would be nice if they
- 18 had -- and many of them do, have the origin and
- 19 the --
- 20 MS. SPAIN: Yes, we've asked them to do that
- 21 now.
- MR. FULLERTON: Yeah. So anything we can do
- 23 to make that clear, more clearer.
- MS. SPAIN: I appreciate that.
- 25 MR. FULLERTON: That makes a lot of sense.

Page 99 MS. BACHE-WIIG: But they come in with the 1 2 Board of Architects' set, so maybe those -- I mean, 3 it's already kind of late. MS. SPAIN: We actually have talked at length 4 with the Board of Architects staff so that it 5 starts from day one that it's formatted right and 6 7 certain architects do it without any issue and others don't. So it's just a constant thing. 8 MR. FULLERTON: Line weights are everything in 9 10 drawings so you can understand what they are. 11 every line is the weight --12 MS. SPAIN: It's very difficult to read. 13 MR. FULLERTON: Motion to --MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion to adjourn? 14 15 All those in favor, please say aye. 16 (ALL): Aye. 17 MR. CHAIRMAN: All those against? 18 We're adjourned. Thank you. 19 (The proceedings adjourned at 5:59 p.m.)

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