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CITY OF CORAL GABLES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

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## PARTICIPANTS:

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MR. CHAIRMAN: Welcome to the regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Coral Gables Historic Preservation Board. We are residents of Coral Gables and are charged with the preservation and protection of historic or architecturally worthy buildings, structures, sites, neighborhoods and artifacts which impart a distinct historical heritage of the City.

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Five members of the Board constitute a quorum and five affirmative votes are necessary for the adoption of any motion.

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1 consideration this afternoon.

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Presentations made to this board are subject to the City's false claim ordinance, Chapter 39 of the City of Coral Gables City Code.

I now officially call the City of Coral Gables Historic Preservation Board meeting of February 21st, 2019 to order. The time is 4:05.

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Today present are Mr. Alejandro Silva, Ms. Alicia G. Bach-Wiig, Mr. Albert Menendez, Mr. Raul Rodriguez, Mr. John Fullerton, Mr. Bruce Ehrenhaft, Mr. Parsley, that's it.

The notice regarding ex parte communication says please be advised that this board is a quasi-judicial board and that the items on the agenda are quasi-judicial in nature, which requires board members to disclose all ex parte communications.

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Okay, moving on to the first item. This is case file LHD 2019-001 and COA (SP) 2019-002. Consideration of the local historic designation of the property at 1210 Sevilla Avenue, legally described as Lot 12, Block 8, Coral Gables Country club Section Part One, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, at Page 108 of the Public records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant is also requesting the issuance of an Accelerated Special Certificate of Appropriateness and design approval for additions and alterations to the residence and detached auxiliary structure and sitework. For the record, Ms. Bache-Wiig, has joined the meeting.

MS. KAUTZ: I need to give credit to Elizabeth who wrote this report, so I'm representing it on her behalf. This is the property in the 1940's. As you can see, we'll discuss later on, the front porch is altered at this point. It was an early alteration to the property. Located in Country Club Section One, north of the Baltimore Hotel, east of Saint Teresa's Church and west of the Desoto Fountain. This application came recommendation from the Board of Architects based

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1 on alterations being proposed by the residents.
2 Applied for significant determination in December 3 2018. We issued a letter saying the property was

As I mentioned, there are also designations as a Coral Gables Cottage. To qualify, the property must be one story in height, be zoned single family residential, have a frontage of 65 feet or less, include a single-family dwelling prior to 1940, include a dwelling of twelve identifying features, and we'll discuss those later on, and must also be designated as a local historical landmark.

So, 1210 Sevilla Avenue was permitted in 1925 prior to the incorporation of the City, is a 1595. The architect for the property was Leo Weisfeld.

Coral Gables' developmental history is divided broadly into three major historical periods. The initial planning and development/Florida Land Boom ( Prior to the Hurricane of 1926). The aftermath of the 1926 Hurrican/Great Depression and New Deal/Wartime Activity (1927-1944) and the Post-World War II and Modern periods (1945-1963).

This property was designed and built during the City's Boom years and is indicative of the type of architecture that was the founding premise of Coral Gables during this period.

So, when the Gables was being planned, Founder George Merrick had very specific ideas about how the City should look and feel. His vision was for

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1 a cohesively-designed Mediterranean-inspired city.
2 He felt that this type of architecture harmonized
3 best with South Florida's climate and lifestyle.
4 Towards this, during the City's initial period 5 development, buildings often had a combination of 6 elements commonly used in Spanish, Moorish, and

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8 Italian architecture. The combination became known as the Mediterranean Revival. Merrick dedicated numerous portions of Coral Gables to lots and homes that could be affordable by the middle class. Affordable homes for the middle class. He had his architects design finely detailed Mediterranean Revival style homes on smaller lots on a smaller scale. He demonstrated that these homes would still have the quality of construction as larger houses found throughout the City. These smaller homes would later be classified as Coral Gables Cottages.

And again, built in 1925, prior to the incorporation of the City, this home is an example of one of those more modest residences. In December of 1923, the Country Club Section One was platted in the area bounded by Red Road, Sevilla Avenue, Granada Boulevard and Anastasia Avenue. In 1924, George Merrick announced his partnership with

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1 John McEntee Bowman for the $\$ 10$ million project 2 that would include a 400 -room hotel and a country 3 club, a service building and championship golf 4 course, polo fields, tennis courts and an enormous swimming pool. This complex was to be built along the southern section of the Country Club Section One. You can see where all of the boulevards and streets were designed to where the Biltmore Hotel is.

As the aerial photograph, there were only a few homes built in the 1920's in this section. Due to the hurricane and downturn in the economy thereafter. You can see large spots of land not built upon, but the Biltmore down below in the bottom of the screen. The Post-War prosperity that followed the lean years created an optimism which resigned throughout the 1950 's, resulting in an unprecedented building boom. The City followed national trends in terms of numbers and style, and you can see by the late 1940 's, this area was getting to be fully built out. The area which single family neighborhood, and is now with the exception of a few lots, completely built out. The architect for 1210, was the Leon Weisfeld, were both based in Chicago. In October 1925, permits

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1 for this property on Sevilla, as well as the 2 adjacent homes at 2802 and 2806 Columbus. 2802 is 3 on the right of this slide, the historic landmark 4 is in 2001. 2806 is on the bottom left. So this 5 team was responsible for building out the southeast 6 corner of Sevilla Avenue and Columbus Boulevard. detached garage, and was originally designed with the servants' quarters at the rear. The one-story residence is built over a crawl-space and is rectilinear in plan. The home was originally permitted as a two-bedroom, one bath home with a sleeping porch at its southeast corner, a screened porch at the northeast and a porte-cochere along its west facade. Looking at the historic

1 photographs, which are in your package, the 2 existing home, it is clear the has been maintained. 3 The home retained its massing and the majority of 4 its character-defining features and there have been 5 no additions to the home. Alterations to note: You can see throughout this series on the screen, the enclosing of the front screen porch area, as noted earlier, done quite earlier on. The enclosing porte-cochere for a garage, conversion of the detached garage as a living space, reduction and infilling of windows on some of the secondary facades. The addition on the west and the rear of the facades, modification of the front stoop and the rear stoop, as well as interior alterations.

So, in order to become a Coral Gables Cottage, the property has to have 12, 18 different features as a choice selection. This one meets 11 of them. Those being stucco finish, combination of roof type, projecting bay on front elevation, decorative and/or predominant chimney, masonry arches on front elevation, decorative wing walls, barrel tile roof, varied height between projecting and recessed portions of the front elevation, vents grouped as decorative accents, varied height between projecting and recessed portions of the front

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1 elevation, vents grouped as decorative accents, 2 cast ornament applied to front elevation, vents 3 grouped as decorative accents, cast ornament applied to front elevation, being returned to an open car porte -- cochere.

So once that is done, it will meet the twelve. There are different features that I mentioned, this is the front, north facing facade, the right is the front entry, the side entrance, and enclosed porch here on the right, it does have garage doors and the ring walls and barrel tile, they are all on display here. This is sort of the east side of the front facade, rafter tails, cast detail of the front facade.

I will note that it is extremely hard to get photos of the two side elevations of this house, due to vegetation and proximity to the side property lines.

This is the porte-cochere, going top row, left to right, this is the exterior on the west side of the house, and towards the back of the west side, you can see where the existing sills are, so we know where it has been infilled. The third picture is the rear of the porte-cochere, facing south. Interior shot showing the windows, you see on the

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far left, and then the bottom row are interior and so we wanted you to note that the steps that went up to French doors into the porte-cochere still remain and the outlines of the door and window are still visible in the wall.

And this is the side the facade, the two on the left are the west facade. Middle picture, you can see where the window, original window was changed into sliding glass doors. The decorative vents on the left picture are visible, too, still, then the right picture is the east facade, which is impossible to photograph.

This is the south facade, looking east to west. The sliding glassed doors replaced and previous windows, where you see the sills, the original opening, as is the door location. Again, this is detached from rear to east side to the front, which is the north side.

So, you can see there have been a few character-defining changes, features. We find with the alteration, putting the porte-cochere back, it will qualify as a Coral Gables Cottage.

Permitted in 1925, the single-family residence, is an example of the, style, reading, permitted in 1925, the opportunities for residence

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1 in various income levels, modest in size,
2 structures, that shaped the new city in the early 3 1920s.

You all need to vote on the designation portion first.

MR. MENENDEZ: Is there anyone in the audience who wants to speak for or against this item? You don't have to. Seeing no one, I will close the public hearing. Open to the Board's comments, or questions, this is only a designation at this point.

MS. BACHE-WIIG: I think this clearly meets the criteria for designation, so I would be in support. I would like to make a motion, then, please.

I would like to make a motion to approve.
MS. THOMPSON: I move.
MS. BACHE-WIIG: Thank you.
I move to approve the designation before us for 2010 Sevilla Avenue. Thank you.

MR. MENENDEZ: I second.
MR. SILVA: I have a motion and a second. Can you call the roll, please?

MS. THOMPSON: Yes.
MR. FULLERTON: Yes.

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MR. MENENDEZ: Yes.
MS. BACHE-WIIG: Yes.
MR. PARSLEY: Yes.
MR. EHRENHAFT: Yes.
MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
MR. SILVA: Yes. Thank you. We are now designated.

MS. KAUTZ: Moving on.
MR. EHRENHAFT: Can we separately state for the designation as A cottage in addition to --

MS. KAUTZ: No, we handle that
administratively and that will happen after everything is done.

This is consideration of an appropriateness for decisions and residence and detached auxiliary structure and sitework. Again, the Coral Gables designation, will be returning the -- we have initial pre-approval, final page of the report.

I'm the designer of the for this property. On the left side, you can see the existing site plan, where we have two structures, and to the right, you can see, we are just adding a small addition to connect the interior spaces, between these two structures. And as stone there, we are just adding this small body and taking out the enclosure of the

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1 existing garage to turn it to a porte-cochere or 2 carport, as it was originally. Here is our floor 3 plan. The green area is the small addition, that 4 was a family room. Then the yellow one is a deck, 5 a wood deck, with a pergola, which is shown in elevation, from the north elevation from the street. And this is the rear elevation, the south elevation, where you can see our pergola and proposed deck. The west elevation where that shows the new porte-cochere, will be according to the original plans of the house. Then our small addition. I don't know if $I$ can -- the addition, is the one that has the square window in the middle of the house, and it is very appropriate to scale the dimensions of the structure.

Then the west elevation that shows all of the proposed deck and pergola, it is the only location on this view, and the small addition in-between the two existing structures. This is our view of the front of the house where the porte-cochere, it is almost the same existing, but improve it, with the

1 Chicago bricks and pavers, with the design of 2 different patterns of pavers. And that is it. It 3 is very, very small alterations on the house.

MR. SILVA: Thank you.
Kara, do you want to take us through -- to clarify, we are not looking at the pergola or the pool as far as?

MS. KAUTZ: You are. It will come back after it is flushed out and designed. If there's an issue with any of it, say so, if not, once the design of the pool comes in, sometimes that stuff gets changed. It is probably going to be easier to look at your drawings in your packet, before and after, then looking at the screen.

MR. SILVA: Point us to the right drawings, so we can be on the same page.

MS. KAUTZ: So, for the first two, we designated the house as is, and don't make them do anything. There are suggestions to remove the tile coping on the front parapet. Page A3. Front elevations. So along, it is actually not shown in this rendering, it is along the top, the upper parapet, there's a coping that exists there now. It exists now, but it is not an original feature. The suggestion is to remove it. Then the second

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1 one, since the former front porch is going to be 2 utilized as a foyer, not a room, that the owner 3 consider reinstating it as seen in the 1940's photograph all of the way to floor. Rather than leaving them as higher windows, it is a suggestion.

THE DESIGNER: We couldn't do this because the house is a very small house, very small space. It would make these windows, you will lose space, in the foyer of the house, we couldn't do it. MS. KAUTZ: They are not conditions, it is just a suggestion. Our conditions for approval would be to, if you look at A1, the site plan? The driveway is getting widened and angled, sort of both sides into the front stoop, even though it is a side-entry stoop, not a front-entry stoop, so we want the driveway to remain just a straight-on normal driveway that would go with a house of this size and not add that much paving to what is already a small side yard. On the west --

MR. PARSLEY: You would not change the way the steps were into the entry area?

MS. KAUTZ: Well, the steps are a side entry. There's a wind wall on the front, so that little sort of extension, goes to a wind wall, which doesn't make sense.

MR. PARSLEY: I agree.
MS. KAUTZ: On the west facade, which is on sheet A4. The sliding glass doors that are being removed, there is a tree --

THE DESIGNER: There are two windows but one of them is --

MS. KAUTZ: Right, the new one is the square window, which is fine. It is a different base and size. The other one was proposed to go to the floor, we are asking them to put back the size of the original opening, which is already done.

MR. PARSLEY: Excellent. Thank you.
MS. KAUTZ: On the rear facade, which is A3, to remain keeping with the nature of the cottage, leading out from the kitchen, should be reduced, perhaps to a pair of French doors. It just seems as if they are awfully wide for a cottage, to have that much door and glass. Maybe it is a pair of French doors with side lights, would be more in keeping with the time period of the house. On that same page, the front window, on the front stoop, which is I think, the muntin configurations which was originally there.

MR. PARSLEY: You are good. Done.
MS. KAUTZ: On the east facade, which is left

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1 elevations. Single-hung windows that are being 2 proposed in the existing openings on A5, it is the owo on the right-hand side. Ihe muntins should be two on the right-hand side. The muntins should be removed, the original house didn't have them on those windows. We are asking for the muntins to be eliminated.

Let's see. Throughout where they are removing vents, we are asking for an infill to be put a small recess, this applies to the back door on the rear facade, the openings on the east and west side of the attached garage. It is already there. Yes, yup, you left the sills, excellent.

The new window openings should be distinguished from the original openings, having no sills or slightly different sills, which you took care of already, also.

Window and door muntins should be profile. We will review the sharp grind to the front door, the staff will take care of that.

All of the existing sills should be drawn on the plans and elevations marked as to remain.

Same with the wind walls and a couple of the existing first proposed drawings, the winds walls disappeared, even though they are shown here, they don't show on the elevations.

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The original chimney stack, exterior steps and porch are to remain. The steps are noted on the plans to remain, but not drawn.

Wind walls, the same thing. A separate COA is required for the pool deck and pergola and the deck. That is it.

MR. SILVA: Thank you. So by my count here, you are in agreement with all of them, with the exception of suggestion No. 2?

THE DESIGNER: Yes.
MR. SILVA: Which was a suggestion?
MS. KAUTZ: Correct.
MR. SILVA: Condition No. 3, you take exception to --

THE DESIGNER: The driveway.
MR. SILVA: The kitchen doors?
MS. KAUTZ: Yes. Do you have a problem making it a pair of French doors and side lights?

THE DESIGNER: The thing is, you see the living area, the dining and kitchen, is one single space. We are interested in to get light on this place, and the open view. When you enter the house, you will see all of the way to the garden. So that is why we would like to keep this, in spite of instead of the French doors.

MS. THOMPSON: I'm not understanding.
MR. RODRIGUEZ: He wants to keep the windows like this, she's suggesting double doors. MS. KAUTZ: We can achieve the same width, I think, with a center double doors and side lights, as opposed to having a pair of French doors that are off centered? Does that make sense? You will get the same opening. It is just the doors will be here with glass on both sides.

THE DESIGNER: Okay.
MR. SILVA: Triple configuration is foreign to the typography. Keeping the same opening, but the idea is to have double doors?

MR. MENENDEZ: Double doors centered with side lights on either side.

THE DESIGNER: Okay, good. MR. SILVA: Item 1, you are in disagreement with, the driveway?

THE DESIGNER: It is a partial disagreement, because we originally made some changes. It is different here than the one that you have. We did it a little bit (indicating). MS. KAUTZ: Yes.

I don't understand this, though (indicating). THE DESIGNER: This thing is because we have

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1 two steps here and we want the people to be able 2 to --

MS. KAUTZ: There's a wind wall here in the of your step, so that is why we decided to bring it out.

THE DESIGNER: Look at this (indicating). There's a rendering that is better to look at, maybe, to see. It is just a small space for the people to get down.

MR. SILVA: Kara is suggesting to eliminate it completely, but at the very least, eliminate it to the front of that wind wall.

MS. KAUTZ: I would try to keep, at that continuation of the step that goes in front of the wind wall, the wind wall should be like a retainer, and the step should guide into it, so it acts as a retainer. Does that make sense? Like you can go into the side with it, whatever that is. It should define that space, not go in front of it.

MR. PARSLEY: The 45 degree angle doesn't relate to anything else on the site. It is okay to jock it, have a niche to identify the front, but I would do it with a 90-degree space, not an angular space like that.

MS. KAUTZ: Are you okay with that?

THE DESIGNER: Yes.
MR. EHRENHAFT: Are you suggesting the right-hand quadrant of the driveway be brought in? MS. KAUTZ: Yes.

MR. EHRENHAFT: There's a supporting wall at the right front.

MS. KAUTZ: If you look at the plan that was given to you versus -- can you go back to the site plan? They changed the site plan on here, it is pushed back over.

MR. EHRENHAFT: Okay, I see. This is different.

MR. PARSLEY: You extended the right side, is what he's asking. So keep it ten feet, when you get nearer to the front porch, then enlarge it, so you have two sides to enter into that porch area with the driveway. Ten feet is narrow. A car is eight feet. You would have to walk onto the grass as you get out.

THE DESIGNER: If you see on this picture, you see on the right side, the approach, it doesn't match the existing driveway.

MS. KAUTZ: It is true. It doesn't line up in the survey, to change the approach, would be a nightmare. So he's trying to adjust internally.

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THE DESIGNER: That is why they are moving to the right.

MS. THOMPSON: And presently, the driveway finish -- I walked around that property, I walked around the block, and the driveway finish looks like flat concrete painted?

THE DESIGNER: Yes, now.
MS. THOMPSON: You are changing it to brick pavers?

THE DESIGNER: Yes, we are going to put pavers.

MS. THOMPSON: Okay.
MS. KAUTZ: With the site plan they have shown here with the modification to the angle to the entry, I'm okay with the driveway.

MR. SILVA: I have a question on the front porch windows. Typically, when we see those, we don't put in the muntins, since we are not bringing back the original opening.

MS. KAUTZ: I know. We talked about that. We ended up being okay with the muntins, only because they are not -- it is a different configuration. As long as the one that is underneath the awning now, as much as what was originally there, we are okay. We had the same discussion.

MS. THOMPSON: Are we discussing yet? I don't want to miss the discussion. I walked all over this property.

The problem that you all had with the three doors in the back, the three doors and the two doors, is that specifically a historic thing?

MS. KAUTZ: Yes.
MS. THOMPSON: Because form following function, I think that the three doors at that point are fine. I think they make sense, because it opens up the kitchen to that beautiful patio.

MS. KAUTZ: You can have your opinion, that is fine. From our point of view, like where the sliding glass doors are, we let people put French doors in before, you saw the last meeting. But the three equal-sized openings is not something that they would have had in the 1920's. That is why we said, you can get the same opening, if you do a pair of French doors with side lights, which is a much more manageable feeling for this house. You get the same go effect.

MS. THOMPSON: Okay.
MR. MENENDEZ: It is not part of the original typology.

MR. PARSLEY: The back patio, I hate the

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1 railings that you have. I don't think the railings 2 are doing anything but chopping up an already-small 3 space. If there's a way to do continuous steps, if 4 you look at page 3A, if those were continuous steps along the back, instead of a railing, then you are not, as you are looking from the kitchen, the two doors/three doors centered, you would have a railing come down the steps, so you choose, but you don't have the barrier in front of you. And the other thing, I would look at the proportions of that space the pagoda looks small. I don't know if you are using it as a dining area or sitting area, if ten-by-ten, it is a little small to lay out the furniture. Then the walkway, that goes all of the way across, at ten feet, too big for a walkway, so only a walkway, you can go to eight feet there and take a bigger pagoda.

I would have continuous steps and get rid of the railings.

MS. KAUTZ: Along the south side of that deck, do continuing steps on the back of the deck, along the whole back of the deck, so you don't have a railing?

THE DESIGNER: Okay. MR. FULLERTON: Take the pergola all of the

1 way back to the window wall.

MR. SILVA: The way I'm reading the survey and familiar plan, you are not required, probably makes sense.

MR. PARSLEY: You can do some drop-off, but not having the railing that does that to your view.

MS. KAUTZ: Good suggestion.
MR. SILVA: I think your suggestion is a good one.

MR. PARSLEY: I would lay out furniture, and then have the space work to the furniture. You can't do too much with it, but $I$ don't think you did the best that you could with it right now.

THE DESIGNER: Thank you.
MS. THOMPSON: The new master bedroom that is taking over the -- that back house cottage part, I'm just curious, you have like two closets where the old master bedroom had a big walk-in closet. Usually master bedrooms have walk-in closets. I question this, because it seemed odd to me, with the layout of the house, that the master bedroom would have those closets.

THE DESIGNER: The master bedroom in the small structure?

MS. THOMPSON: I am curious as to why you did

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1 that.

THE DESIGNER: It is a matter of the location of the furniture. My idea was to put a bed in front of the door and the door in the center line of the area. We have some trees there, and we can take in a walk-in closet, we needed the space.

MS. KAUTZ: Typically, we don't design interiors.

It is not typically something that the Board -- unless it is something that horribly affects the exterior.

MS. THOMPSON: We also talk about it. We always talk about it.

THE DESIGNER: It would take more space.
MS. THOMPSON: Okay.
It was just a curiosity of mine, because when I walked the property, there's a lock box on the gate that is going back to the cottage, and usually, lock boxes indicate that you go in and out, and someone has the code to go in and out. That screamed rental space to me, and this is a LLC, the owners, so it was just kind of like disconcerting to me, and when $I$ saw the closets for the master bedroom, that didn't make any sense to me at all, so that is why I questioned it. I'm not

1 trying to redesign the space, even though I 2 probably could.

3 MR. PARSLEY: One more comment about the proposed front facade, 3A2, we look through the carport, there's a little square window. Somehow, it doesn't quite line up with the center line of that opening. When $I$ look on the plan view, it looks like it is trying to. I was wondering, is that just a graphic thing, because you got that fountain?

MS. KAUTZ: Oh, yes. That is going to both MR. PARSLEY: The other little thing, maybe it is a way to solve it, is we design it from the interior looking out from the family room, where the window is, so if there's a little extension of the existing wall in the kitchen, because as you are walking from the kitchen to the family room, on one side, you have this little niche, where it says '2.0,' is that a change? That X there, where the change is?

THE DESIGNER: Yes. Well, this is a matter of the structure. We needed to consult with a structural engine nearby, because $I$ don't know it will be necessary to reinforce this column or corner, so this is a provision that will lead to

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1 build something in this.

MR. PARSLEY: On the opposite side of the opening, extend the wall six inches, eight inches, then that helps the family room wall, that window would be symmetrical from the inside to the outside.

THE DESIGNER: It is a matter of a line.
MS. KAUTZ: It would be odd if it was slightly off center from the carport, it would.

THE DESIGNER: This is a line that comes from the street.

MS. KAUTZ: That needs to go slightly that way, line up.

MR. SILVA: Any other comments from the Board? Questions or comments?

Anyone from the public that wishes to speak for or against this item?

Seeing none, I will close the public hearing and open up for any possible motions or further discussion.

MR. PARSLEY: I'll make a motion for approval with staff suggestions, No. 1, included, and staff recommendations $1-12$, and in addition to removing the 45 degree angle of the pedestrian walkway going to the front porch, and centering the family room

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1 window with the carport center line.

MR. FULLERTON: I second that.
MR. PARSLEY: I meant 1-14.
MR. SILVA: We have a motion and a second.
Did you get that? Okay, call the roll.
THE CLERK: Mr. Ehrenhaft?
MR. EHRENHAFT: Yes.
THE CLERK: Mr. Menendez?
MR. MENENDEZ: Yes.
THE CLERK: Mr. Parsley?
MR. PARSLEY: Yes.
THE CLERK: Ms. Bache-Wiig?
MS. BACHE-WIIG: Yes.
THE CLERK: Mr. Fullerton?
MR. FULLERTON: Yes.
THE CLERK: Mr. Rodriguez.
MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
THE CLERK: Ms. Thompson?
MS. THOMPSON: Yes, and I think they can still keep the three doors.

THE CLERK: Mr. Silva?
MR. SILVA: Yes.
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1 Avenue, a Local Historic Landmark, legally
2 described as lots 13, 14, and 15, Block 27, Coral
3 Gables Coconut Grove Section 1, according to the Plat Book 14, in page 25 of the public records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The applicant is requesting design approval for the reconstruction of the historic residence with additions. This item was continued from the Historic Preservation Board meeting of February 21, 2019.

MS. SPAIN: In your package, you have the original design that you all reviewed, and then you also have the proposed design when the architect was addressing your comments. We'll turn this over to the architect.

MR. DEBOWSKY: Good afternoon. Nice to see you all again. Stuart Debowsky, Debowsky Design Group, here representing Dr. Nasio, my client. I'm here to speak about the reconstruction of $a$ historic home that was removed about seven or eight months ago, because of the state that it was in, and most importantly, I'm here as a neighbor of yours and a neighbor of this property to speak about what our plans are to improve the property.

So, the site at this moment is empty. The house that was built by Mr. Frank Woods was removed

1 last August. You can see the location. It is in 2 the neighborhood between Ponce and Le Jeune, just 3 north of Coral Gables High School. The original 4 home photograph from the designation report is the upper photo. The state of the home, when we found it, and when my client purchased it is below, you can see some of the modifications of it happened over the years. Most significantly, the removal of the focal window in the front to a more simplified form. Again, just to piggyback off of the last presentation, it is of the same architectural style. It is a cottage product that was popular at the time and noted at the time.

This is the demolition of that structure. I guess staff took these photos as it was coming down this past August. It was done with permits, I should point out. When my client purchased the home, the central roof, flat roof portion was completely demolished, and it had caved in before he purchased it. I believe he purchased it with the intent of removing the house just before it was designated "Historic." When he came before the City with a project prior to engaging our firm, the home was then designated "Historic" by this board for its significance to the architect and

1 consequently, the designation carries forward.

So this is the historic photo that you just saw. It is obviously our inspiration for the beginning of the project, in condition of us removing the home from the site, was to rebuild this portion. As you will see in a moment, our new project conceives the front street elevations to be identical. We have gone through measures to document the home before it came down to make sure that we are being true to the actual historic structure; more so, than what was there most recently.

A bit hard to see, but again very modest home, two bedrooms, one bath. That is the home that was originally constructed. Subsequent to that there was a small addition made in the 1950's to the back of the home, you will see in photos in a moment.

Original facade. This is from the City's documents. Original side facade. (Indicating) and the rear (indicating). Is opposite side where you are looking into that carport that we are rebuilding, you will see that in a moment, as well.

This is what the home looked like most recently. Fairly benign from the street, unaware of the construction happening behind that gable

1 there, so as you kind of come around the house, you 2 can see the condition that it was in. The jalousie 3 windows are not in the greatest shape. The fascia, et cetera, the original front door. That beautiful window in the front was replaced with this, brought it to sill height and from I'm guessing the 1960's or 1070 's, at this point. The condition of the side, the original front porch, more documentation photos.

As you come around the house, you see the carport, straight on. As we move towards the back of the house, you can start to see the 1950's addition that it was, the front portion. If you sort of squint there, that is me standing in the carport shooting in the living room, and you can see daylight and trees there, that is the main body of the house was essentially gone. The rear. And this is the photo actually from the designation report, the only person brave enough to go inside to take the photo, that is what we have there. That is what it looked like. (Indicating) So, these are some architectural photos. I shared these with you the last time that $I$ was here. This is a walking tour, two, three blocks in every direction, to show what is in the context of the

1 neighborhood is. There are a few two-story homes, 2 there are a few of this era, some more contemporary 3 homes. I just took these for flavor, so it gives 4 us the neighborhood.

That brings us to our project. This Board had a couple of concerns and I believe we addressed them all; first one being to restore the driveway approach to bring it straight into the carport. Where the curb sits at the present, we modified that since the last time we were together.

The other comment made was objection to the three-car garage or the look of a three-car garage. The solution we have to present you here, it actually remains as a three-car garage, but with two bays. The third bay close to the street, has a residential look/feel. You will see that in a moment. The floor plans, the large body, upper left is the garage. The home has been rebuilt to meet the historic look on the front. Carport replaced in the same spot, the front room, foyer, etcetera. The downstairs, it is meant to still be a modest home, roughly 3200 square feet. Hall bath downstairs. My client is aging a bit, wanted to make sure he had a bedroom/bathroom suite downstairs, in case he decided not to use the

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1 upstairs at some point.

We have a living room, dining room, kitchen that face the back of the property, as well. As you come upstairs, he has two young children, we created bedrooms for them, and a master bedroom suite.

So in the end, the house is a four bedroom, three-and-a-half bath. Front elevation of the house, you can see, the rebuilding of the historic, with our two-story addition tucked behind it. As we come to the side, this is probably the largest difference you saw, the third garage bay, the door is removed. It is just windows. Rear of the home, the homeowner is a car enthusiast and wanted a lift inside of the last garage bay. We think we have done that in a clever way to hide that as a tall one story off of the back and the windows are up high and allows natural light to come in without the bad guys knowing what, if anything is inside, I guess. Rear kitchen and master bedroom face the back. Then, this is the other side, small kitchen, you see toward the front, left side of the screen, the rebuilding of the historic portion.

A couple of color renderings, to share with you, to give you a tour of the house to see how we

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1 are rebuilding the structure from the street
2 elevation. Again, meant to be reminiscent of what 3 was there. Some slight modern differentiations, 4 things like rough stucco on the older home with a the sills to the rear, on the rear portion in the center portion have been removed to differentiate. We still try to go connect the new space with the older architecture. This is the rear. And there's also a suggestion for some privacy, the garage portion, as well, to create that bay across the front, as well. We did a quick little, from before. This one is meant for context, I showed this the last time. I should point out, by the way, because the carport was added to the calculations, the whole house had to get a little smaller, to accommodate that. We are in compliance, just a little smaller to make up for the carport. I had this drawing in context, so you can see how the house would sit on the street. And this is just something that we did, as well, where we superimposed our new project on top of the historic photo, so you can see how it would sit. We don't have the software to have this play, we did an animation to have you walk it. I'll leave

1 it on a pretty shot, we can talk.

MR. SILVA: Thank you.
MR. Debowsky: Thank you.
MR. SILVA: Is there anyone from the public who wants to speak for or against the site? Kara or Donna, do you have a staff report on this?

MS. SPAIN: Typically, we don't do staff reports. If it is something you have seen and asked him to address certain issues.

MR. SILVA: Very good. So we will open up for comments. I remember the last time, a lot of the discussion centered on what happened and how it happened. There was a lot of discussion about the three-garage base, and they have done something to address that. Let's open for discussion.

MR. FULLERTON: Question, one thing, on your Elevation 2, I see it is the elevation with the three garage doors. You have a rendering of that page? Looks like the first bay, in which the drawing I'm looking at, has a garage door on it, and that one has two windows.

MS. SPAIN: We included and it is confusing, we included the drawings from the floors.

MR. EHRENHAFT: So, the biggest change that I see from the November drawings is that in

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1 accomodation to the discussions that we had, then 2 the bottom of the facade on the right is no longer a garage door, but windows. I note that the on A21, the center bay, which is now the second garage door on the right is labeled "garage." You are, although you are giving the facade with windows, that space on the on the right where you removed the garage door is labeled "utility."

MR. DEBOWSKY: Correct.
MR. EHRENHAFT: The third bay on the left, has
no label as to function, but clearly, it is going to be used as a garage.

MR. DEBOWSKY: Yes, sir.
MR. EHRENHAFT: When you were doing your introductory comments, you said now it will be a four-car accomodation with a lift.

So one of those is taking the old what was labeled in November, labeling it as a carport. MR. DEBOWSKY: If I can clarify for you, you are looking at 2.1 , it is a ceiling plan. If you go back to 1.1, makes it easier. The entire room is all one large garage. The utility designation is there, because that is where we located the washer and dryer, but it is all -- it is meant to be one large space devoted to three cars, one of

1 which will have a lift. The lift will be in the 2 last bay furthest from the street, southern most, 3 yes.

MR. EHRENHAFT: Through the large center door, you are going to bring cars in and turn them to the right?

MR. DEBOWSKY: Specifically motorcycles, yes.
MR. EHRENHAFT: Then, you are getting an additional car parking by turning the porch into the carport.

MR. DEBOWSKY: That is the original designation of that space. We restored that as a carport.

MS. THOMPSON: How many motorcycles?
MR. DEBOWSKY: I couldn't tell you.
MS. THOMPSON: I own a Harley. Those things are loud, especially the after-market pipes on them.

MR. DEBOWSKY: I can't speak with any authority. He is a classic motorcycle guy. In the few things that $I$ have seen, I can't even speak about it, because $I$ don't understand the obsession with the cars at all. In the end, they are beautiful classic motorcycles from the 1920's and 30's. He is more than a motorcycle enthusiast.

MS. THOMPSON: I was commenting because of the noise, it is noisy for the neighbors.

MR. EHRENHAFT: I think the change, the accomodation, closing the third bay and making it windows, makes a huge difference with respect to what the neighbors will perceive.

MS. SPAIN: I think, also, the driveway is much improved.

MS. THOMPSON: Yes.
MR. SILVA: I think it is definitely an improvement.

How high is the front wall?
MR. DEBOWSKY: The main wall?
Four-foot wall. I think that was your suggestion, the client was embracing of it, because he wanted as much security as possible in the backyard.

MR. EHRENHAFT: Could you refresh our memories about accessing the porch, carport, the side tour of the street? How are you going to -- the driveway is simply going to be graded so it slopes up to it?

MR. DEBOWSKY: The last time that I was here, I was running a straight driveway on the left side of the property towards the back and staff made the

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1 correct suggestion to realign it with the carport, so it is a straight drive up in the carport. It is what it was in the historic sense.

MR. EHRENHAFT: Is the approach by the street and what? Is that all on the same level, as the entry to the carport?

MR. DEBOWSKY: Absolutely. It is all brick pavers, an improvement on what it was. We have also restored the pedestrian walk connection to the sidewalk, that is historic, as well.

MR. MENENDEZ: It looks like the footprint of the building has shrunk a little bit.

MR. DEBOWSKY: The footprint of the addition has shrunk, but the original structure is being built in the exact spot.

MR. MENENDEZ: I like the solution better, it works better for the owner, I think the neighbors are going to have less to say about it, so...

MR. DEBOWSKY: Thank you.
MR. EHRENHAFT: Is the auxiliary building to the rear stands or is it demolished? There was a discussion at the last hearing about a building that was to the rear of --

MR. DEBOWSKY: There was a suggestion that we have the garages and freestanding building --

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MS. BACHE-WIIG: The historic and on the photos, I guess that trim, is it around the door, I know we touched on it.

MR. DEBOWSKY: You are spot on. We didn't pick that up. The trim work around the front door should be restored and we have -- I think you saw the one photograph, we have it well documented and I will admit, we forgot it, but we will get it back.

MS. BACHE-WIIG: Great.
The side door next to the driveway, there's no heart scape for that, just where you have the driveway, you have the two gates for the vehicle, next to it, there's a door, right, there's no heart scape for that door. Does it need one?

MR. DEBOWSKY: Going to the rendering with the low wall.

MR. PARSLEY: What sheet?
MS. BACHE-WIIG: First sheet. Site plan.
MR. DEBOWSKY: Are you referencing the gate?
MS. BACHE-WIIG: Does that need to have a heart scape?

MR. DEBOWSKY: It doesn't have to be -doesn't have to be gated. It can be fixed fencing, if you like.

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MS. BACHE-WIIG: I remember when Mr. Tory brought it up, I thought it would be more of a solid wall. It feels like there's a lot of railing now, I understand you want to have a gate.

MR. DEBOWSKY: It doesn't have to be. I think the owner is okay with entering and exiting through the auto gates. If the objection is to that not being a solid wall, there's the other side for a low wall from a historic context.

MS. BACHE-WIIG: That would be my suggestion.
MS. SPAIN: It doesn't matter to me. It would seem to me, if you wanted privacy back there, a more solid wall with a vehicular access, than a pedestrian access. I would want pedestrian access, but you can certainly work on that.

MR. DEBOWSKY: I will tell you, there's a little concern as we move forward with the amount of heart scape that is here for us, we are within the code, it is things, practical things, like the septic tank, trying to get green space in to make the septic tank work.

MS. SPAIN: That will help.
MR. DEBOWSKY: They don't have heart scape at that gate.

MS. SPAIN: If you can make the wall more

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1 solid, you can reduce the width of it -- going back 2 in there a little more, more green space, also.

MR. DEBOWSKY: A solid low wall.
MR. SILVA: The idea was to screen that, so do that, and try to squeeze that double gate as much as you can, is the idea.

MR. DEBOWSKY: There's precedent for it on the other side, that is historic, the small tree, we can emulate that.

MS. SPAIN: That would be nice.
MR. SILVA: Any other comments or suggestions or questions?

MS. THOMPSON: No.
MR. SILVA: Open for motions. I ask you all
to remember that staff did have conditions previously, so remember that when you make your motions, please, that $I$ think in order, by making these revisions he has complied with staff's conditions. Make sure you get those in there.

MR. FULLERTON: Do you have any problems with any of the conditions?

MR. DEBOWSKY: No. This was more fun than last time.

MR. FULLERTON: I'll make a motion to approve based on staff recommendations and conditions.

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MR. MENENDEZ: I'll second.
MR. SILVA: With a second, call the role please.

THE CLERK: Mr. Ehrenhaft?
MR. EHRENHAFT: Yes.
THE CLERK: Mr. Rodriguez?
MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
THE CLERK: Mr. Menendez?
MR. MENENDEZ: Yes.
THE CLERK: Ms. Thompson?
MS. THOMPSON: Yes.
THE CLERK: Mr. Fullerton?
MR. FULLERTON: Yes.
THE CLERK: Ms. Bache-Wiig?
MS. BACHE-WIIG: Yes.
THE CLERK: Mr. Parsley?
MR. PARSLEY: Yes.
THE CLERK: Mr. Silva?
MR. SILVA: Yes.
MR. DEBOWSKY: Thank you so much.
MR. SILVA: The other two items, any other items?

MS. SPAIN: We have a couple of announcements.
I received an E-mail from Brad Gillis. He is having a free historical walking tour on May 3,

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from 6-8:00 p.m. I believe it starts at the Douglas entrance. That is one.

MS. BACHE-WIIG: Who is hosting it?
MS. SPAIN: I don't know. In addition Dade Heritage Plus had its annual meeting, and they have preservation awards, and this year, Coral Gables received two preservation awards; one for the restoration of Merrick House that was recently completed after three years of being closed for restoration. If you have not been, you should go, it is quite nice.

The second award was for the bridges on Biltmore Golf Course. If you are a golfer, you have noticed the bridges, recently restored back to the originals configuration, very cool. Visit them. Also, that is at the Biltmore Hotel, in discussions and going after a special category, and schedule it for the next meeting for a match to restore that building on the golf course. I think all is good?.

MR. SILVA: Thank you. That is it. Motion for adjournment. MR. RODRIGUEZ: So moved. MR. PARSLEY: Second. MR. SILVA: Thank you all.

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