



CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

The Miami Springs Historic Preservation Board met at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m.

1) Call to Order/Roll Call

Present: Chair Sydney Garton
Vice Chair Jo Ellen Phillips
Charles M. Hill
Yvonne Shonberger*

*Arrived at 6:56 p.m.

Absent: Dr. James Watson

Also Present: Council Liaison Michael Windrem
Deputy City Clerk Suzanne Hitaffer

2) Approval of Minutes: August 20, 2014 Regular Meeting

Minutes of the August 20, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

Vice Chair Phillips moved to approve and Chair Garton seconded the motion, which carried 3-0 on voice vote. Board member Shonberger was absent at this time.

3) Old Business:

Chair Garton referred to the Board's previous request for funds to purchase a plaque for the H. O. Goodlett House in the amount of \$385.00 that Council was going to consider during the budget process.

Board member Hill moved to request that Council approve funds for a designation plaque for the H.O. Goodlett House. Vice Chair Phillips seconded the motion which carried 3-0 on voice vote. Board member Shonberger was absent at this time.

a. Discussion Regarding the Designation of the Miami Springs Elementary School

Chair Garton stated that Principal Sally Hutchings contacted School Board officials to obtain their approval for the historic designation of the school and since she did not receive a response, she is going to forward the request again. Chair Garton offered to follow up with Principal Hutchings in a few weeks to see if she obtains approval.

b. Discussion Regarding the Designation of the General Geiger Memorial Monument

Councilman Windrem reported on Council's discussion and their decision not to approve the designation of the General Geiger Memorial Monument that is located on City property and falls under the jurisdiction of the Board of Parks and Parkways. He said that the monument is already protected and should not be a priority for historic designation.

Chair Garton stated that the impact of the designation report for the monument could be amended so that it would be the same as the Golf Course and any changes to the structure would not require a Certificate of Appropriateness.

*Board member Shonberger arrived at this time.

Councilman Windrem reiterated that because the monument is situated on property owned by the City of Miami Springs, it is unnecessary for the Historic Preservation Board to protect it by historic designation and it falls under the purview of another City board.

Councilman Windrem offered to consult with the City Attorney to obtain an opinion about a "hybrid" designation for the monument, the same as the Golf Course. He also reported that he would be visiting the new location of the Miami Springs Historical Museum to see what progress has been made on the renovation of the building.

Vice Chair Phillips reported that a meeting was held at the Mansion with Dr. Anthony Atwood from the Miami Military Museum and Board of Parks and Parkways Chairman Eric Richey to discuss ways to bring military on-board in order to raise funds for the renovation of the Geiger Memorial.

Board member Hill moved to table discussion on the Geiger Memorial designation until the April meeting. Vice Chair Phillips seconded the motion, which carried 4-0 on voice vote.

Vice Chair Phillips made a motion to move forward with the designation of the Michael House at 27 Hunting Lodge Drive. Board member Hill seconded the motion which carried 4-0 on voice vote.

4) New Business:

a. Curtiss Mansion Report

Vice Chair Phillips announced that the Curtiss Mansion received the WeddingWire "Couples Choice" award for being in the top 5% of the nation's wedding venues which is based on the reviews of couples who were married there.

Vice Chair Phillips reported on upcoming events and programs held at the Mansion, including the Curtiss Explorers and the participation of the All Angels Academy students who are researching the "Unsung Heroes" and making presentations on their findings.

b. Reports from Board Members

Board member Shonberger reported that the Miami Springs Historical Society would meet at the Senior Center on Thursday, February 5, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. when the Army Corp of Engineers will speak on the Everglades. A Bingo fundraiser is planned for April at Grace Lutheran Church to raise funds for the Miami Springs Historical Museum.

c. Information/Reports from Board Liaison from City Council

Councilman Windrem presented his report earlier during the meeting.

5) Preparation of the Agenda for the Next Board Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The agenda will include discussion on the proposed designation of Miami Springs Elementary School, the Geiger Memorial and the Michael House.

6) Adjourn

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Suzanne Hitaffer
Board Secretary

Adopted by the Board on
this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Sydney Garton, Chair

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