



## **CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA**

The **Miami Springs Historic Preservation Board** met at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

### **1) Call to Order/Roll Call**

The following were present:

Chair Sydney Garton  
Charles M. Hill  
James Watson  
Yvonne Shonberger

Absent:

Vice Chair JoEllen Phillips

Also Present:

Deputy City Clerk Elora R. Sakal  
Board Liaison, Vice Mayor Bob Best

### **2) Approval of Minutes: June 17, 2015 Regular Meeting**

Minutes of the June 17, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

**Board member Shonberger moved to approve the minutes as written and Board member Hill seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on voice vote.**

### **3) Old Business:**

Chair Garton recognized and thanked Vice Mayor Best for his attendance tonight.

#### **a. Reconsideration on Resubmission of the Designation of the General Geiger Memorial Monument**

Board member Shonberger commented that the changes discussed at the last meeting are not reflected on the report she has.

Board Secretary Sakal commented that she made all of the changes from the last meeting and did not send it to the Board. She only sent the Michael House designation accidentally. She will send it to the Board as soon as possible.

Board member Shonberger stated that the longitude and latitude that was provided by Board member Hills Hill needs to be included in the report.

Board member Hill commented that they are designating this monument as the Roy S. Geiger and questioned what would happen if later the name gets changed and Board member Shonberger replied that they are designating the monument as a special category. If this monument was removed or demolished for whatever reason this designation will no longer apply.

Discussion ensued regarding what the implication of designation is and what designating means in terms of property, object or structure.

Vice Mayor Best stated that he believes this monument at one time was designated or given to the Golf Course when the City of Miami owned it. It was the responsibility of a group of Marines to bring it forward and get ~~to instructed~~ it constructed and signed off on by the City of Miami. He asked the Board if they had any information relative to that.

Chair Garton said that the Board was told by the City Attorney in a letter that this was on Miami Springs' property.

Board member Shonberger commented that the Marine retirees are the ones who built the monument. When Miami Springs bought back the Golf Course, it included that area of Curtiss Parkway and Deer Run. If you look up the tax folio number on the property appraiser's website, you will see the whole area which includes both sides of Curtiss Parkway and the median.

Vice Mayor Best asked how it got there and what form did it take to make it what it is today and if there is anything that exists to qualify it and the Board could not provide a response.

Vice Mayor Best explained that there should be original documents that go along with the actual report showing the change from the City of Miami to the City of Miami Springs. He said that this is important that it be done correctly going forward and he would hate to see it not move forward due to a technicality.

Chair Sydney stated that she agrees with the Vice Mayor's comments. The Board relied on a letter that was produced by the City Attorney regarding who owns the property.

Board member Shonberger commented that if it is designated, she would like to see a plaque on the monument showing that it is designated but she is aware that it is the City's decision.

Chair Garton clarified that the letter from the City Attorney was not actually a letter but a copy of meeting minutes from the October 27, 2014 City Council meeting.

The Board agreed to include the last revision date at the bottom of the report so that they know what the latest version is.

Vice Mayor Best strongly recommended that the Board place this recommendation on the October 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to ensure that everything on the report is done correctly.

**Board member Shonberger made a motion to resubmit the Roy S. Geiger designation report to Council at their meeting of October 12, 2015 subject to the changes discussed by the Board and approved via email. Board member Watson seconded the motion which carried unanimously on voice vote.**

**b. Designation of the Michael House – 27 Hunting Lodge Drive**

Board member Shonberger added information for the architecture portion of the report (attached for the record).

Discussion ensued regarding the letter that is sent to **those whose property is being considered for designation**. The Board agreed to discuss this at their next meeting to re-word the letter to sound softer and nicer.

Board member ~~Hills~~ Hill and Board member Watson stated that they would each work on the letter and bring it back to the Board at the next meeting for discussion.

**4) New Business:**

**a. Curtiss Mansion Report**

Vice Chair Phillips was not present to give a report.

**b. Reports from Board Members**

Board member Shonberger advised the Board of the Kickoff party for the Historical Society that will take place at her home on Saturday, October 26, 2015.

**c. Information/Reports from Board Liaison from City Council**

Vice Mayor Best commented that the mind power that the Board has collectively and what they do for the City is nothing short of amazing and he thanked the Board for it. He is disappointed with the fact that the Board is meeting on a quarterly basis. He is unaware of how that happened and believes it needs some review.

Vice Mayor remembered some discussion in the past on how the meetings would take up the time of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk with regards to the minutes being duplicitous in many ways because some Boards would meet on a monthly basis and would have nothing to discuss. If the Board would allow him, he can address this issue with the appropriate people.

Board Secretary Sakal clarified that the change to quarterly meetings was done by City Administration. A letter was sent out to all of the Advisory Boards to advise them of the change. The letter stated that if a Board felt that they needed to meet more than a quarterly basis they can submit a request to the City Manager and City Clerk for approval.

**The Board requested the approval to meet on October 21, 2015 and November 18, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.**

Chair Garton asked if the plaque was ever created and installed on the Goodlett home and Board Secretary Sakal replied that she believes former Deputy Clerk Hitaffer ordered the plaque and it was installed. She will look into it and let the Board know.

**5) Preparation of the Agenda for the Next Board Meeting**

The following items are to be put on the agenda for the next meeting:

- Designation of the Michael House
- Revision of Designation Letter that is sent to those whose property is being considered

**6) Adjourn**

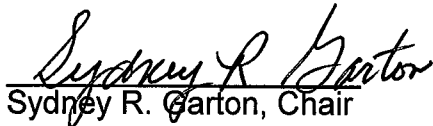
There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Elora R. Sakal  
Board Secretary

Adopted by the Board on  
this 21<sup>ST</sup> day of October, 2015.



Sydney R. Garton, Chair

Words ~~stricken through~~ have been deleted. Underscored words represent changes. All other words remain unchanged.

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