



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

The **Miami Springs Historic Preservation Board** met at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

The following were present:

- Chair Sydney Garton
- Vice Chair Jo Ellen Phillips
- Charles M. Hill
- James Watson
- Yvonne Shonberger

Also Present: Deputy City Clerk Elora R. Sakal

### **2) Approval of Minutes: April 15, 2015 Regular Meeting**

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

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

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

Board member Hill commented that he met with City Planner Chris Heid to see if he could provide him with a legal description. The City Planner explained that there might have been a legal description when the City obtained the grant but he was mistaken. City Planner Heid stated to the Board member that because it is a public right of way there is no specific legal description. He was able to provide Board member Hill with the latitude and longitude (attached for the record).

Board member Shonberger commented that when she looked up that section on the property appraiser's website, the tax folio number was that of the golf course (attached for the record).

Chair Garton stated that the Board is not designating the property; they are only designating where the monument is.

The Board agreed to submit the designation and both the property appraiser's information that was provided by Board member Shonberger and the information that Board member Hill received from Planning and Zoning Director Heid to Council for them to determine what they would prefer for the tax folio number, legal description and any other changes they may want to make.

Chair Garton commented that the impacts section should read the following:

"This monument is being designated under a special designation category. Conforming with this category, there is no requirement for a Certificate of Appropriateness. The impact of this designation will be to recognize and honor this monument as a historic site within the boundaries of the City of Miami Springs."

**Board member Shonberger made a motion to resubmit the designation report for the Roy S. Geiger/First Marine Aviation Force monument. The resubmission is due to a change of the category of the designation to a special designation which requires no certificate of appropriateness and to submit two documents pertaining to the legal description and the tax folio number in which the Council and City Attorney may deem most appropriate. Board member Watson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on voice vote.**

**After more discussion, The Board agreed that this designation will not be submitted at this time until the Board Liaison can attend the meeting to discuss the designation.**

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

Board member Hill stated that he visited the Building Department and received some history on the property (attached for the record). If the Board agrees, he believes that it should be added to the report in which ever section the Board sees fit.

The Board agreed to include the narrative that was provided by Board member Hill into the historical context section of the designation report.

Board member Shonberger said that she received information from speaking with Paul Dotson.

The Board made revisions and additions to the significance of site section and the historical context of the designation report.

Vice Chair Phillips commented that she has attempted to reach out to the homeowners but has not heard back from them. She will continue to try and get in contact with them.

Vice Chair Phillips mentioned a topic regarding the concerns homeowners have with historic designations that was discussed at the County Historical Preservation Board with the Board. The County will begin to hold workshops to inform the homeowners.

#### **4) New Business:**

##### **a. Discussion of Liaison to Historic Preservation Board**

**By consensus, the Board would like to request the attendance of the Council Liaison Best to their next meeting to discuss the designation report of the Geiger Memorial.**

##### **b. Curtiss Mansion Report**

Vice Chair Phillips reported that she has been working on a lot of grants. She is working on an opportunity to have a program called Museum on Main Street (MOMS). She mentioned that she will need some assistance with the application process and asked the Board members for their help.

Vice Chair Phillips reported that there is a series on the History Channel called "American Geniuses" and there is a segment called "Curtiss vs. Wright". The producer of the segment contacted her and advised her of the show.

##### **c. Reports from Board Members**

Board member Shonberger reported that the Hunting Lodge is for sale. The homeowner is asking \$325,000 for the home. She is still waiting to get pictures of the home. She also stated that the Miami Springs Historical Society is holding a bingo event on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center. The School Board is changing the old windows in schools around Miami-Dade County and Coral Gables has stopped them from changing them.

Discussion ensued regarding Historic Preservation Boards across Miami-Dade County communicating with each other to learn from each other.

Vice Chair Phillips commented that the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation awarded the Curtiss Mansion the State-wide award for excellence and outstanding achievement.

##### **d. Information/Reports from Board Liaison from City Council**

The Board Liaison was not present.

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

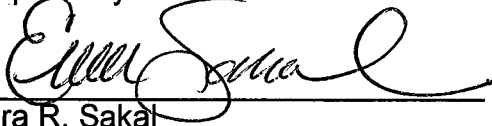
Chair Garton stated that the reconsideration on resubmission of the revised designation of the General Geiger Memorial Monument and the designation of the Michael House should be placed on the next agenda.

The Board agreed to schedule their next meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 6:30p.m.

**6) Adjourn**

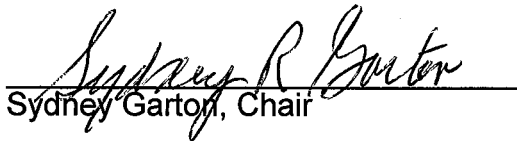
There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Elora R. Sakal  
Board Secretary

Adopted by the Board on  
this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

  
Sydney Garton, Chair

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

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J.A. MICHAEL was a business associate of GLENN CURTISS. Subsequent transfers of title began 22 years later in 1946 to JOHN A. NEWIAK and his wife MARION, in 1954 to ARCHIE EDWARDS and his wife MYRTLE, and in 1967 to SERGIO SILVA and his wife MARIA, who installed a lawn shed and concrete driveway. The Historic Preservation Board issued a letter to the SILVA residence of its intent to historically designate The MICHAEL HOUSE on Sept. 6, 1994. However, the designation process was never completed. The latest transfer of title was made by MARIA SILVA, a widow in 1996 to BLAKE MODESITT and his wife BEATRIZ, who have installed a swimming pool, spa and decking, brick sidewalks and secured the residence with accordion and roll up hurricane type shutters. The owners have each preserved the integrity and beauty of the original Pueblo-Mission architecture adorning the exterior of the residence.

Location of Marine Monument

Curtiss Parkway at Deer Run

Latitude 25.815846

Longitude -80.286365

Section 019

Township 53 S

Range 41.E

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