



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

The **Miami Springs Historic Preservation Board** met at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 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:

Board Secretary, Juan D. Garcia

### **2) Approval of Minutes: November 18, 2015 Regular Meeting**

Minutes of the November 18, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

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

### **3) New Business:**

#### **a. Public Hearing for the Roy S. Geiger/ First Marine Aviation Force Monument**

Chair Garton opened the public hearing to anyone that wished to speak.

Marjorie Palmer of 449 Swallow Drive, requested for the Board to consider the designation of Curtiss Parkway as a historical scenic highway.

Board member Hill advised Mrs. Palmer that the public hearing was only for the Designation of the Roy S. Geiger/ First Marine Aviation Force Monument.

There were no other speakers and the public hearing was closed.

**Board member Hill moved to approve the designation report for the Roy S. Geiger/ First Marine Aviation Force Monument. Board member Shonberger seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote.**

Discussion ensued on the possibility of historically designating Curtiss Parkway and the "Circle" as a historical scenic highway.

Mrs. Palmer voiced her concern to preserve the Curtiss Parkway median as many events, such as the farmers market, use that area. Mrs. Palmer added that Curtiss Parkway has a great deal of historical value and is a key feature of the city.

**Vice Chair Phillips moved to begin the process to historically designate Curtiss Parkway and the "Circle". Board member Watson seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote.**

**b. Review and discuss the 2<sup>nd</sup> letter in the Designation Process.**

Vice Chair Phillips informed the board that she attended the Miami-Dade County Historic Preservation Board meeting and was given a guideline, created by the Mayor's Historic Preservation Panel, which discusses new procedure to designate homes. Vice Chair Phillips requested that the board put this item on hold until she reviews the guidelines because it could potentially introduce new procedures to make the process of Historical Designation better in the City of Miami Springs.

This item was tabled for the next meeting.

**c. Discuss new was to target homes for Historic Designation.**

Vice Chair Phillips continued to notify the board on the Miami-Dade County Historic Preservation Boards research that has recently taken place. She mentioned that other cities are allowing a tax break for houses that are going to be historically designated and mentioned that this could be something Miami Springs could do as well, pending the approval of City Council.

The board agreed to do individual research on what other cities are doing to grow historical designation and discuss their findings at the next board meeting.

Board member Shonberger would like to request to have Grants Writer/ Public Information Specialist, Carol Foster attend the next meeting to show the board how to do research on properties for Historic Designation.

**d. Curtiss Mansion Report**

Vice Chair Phillips reported to the Board that the Curtis Mansion will be opening the first Smithsonian "Water and Waterways" exhibit beginning on September 3<sup>rd</sup> through October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Mansion will be the host for one of the six sites selected for the Smithsonian exhibit. The opening of the exhibit will take place during the weekend of the City's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration.

Vice Chair Phillips also reported that the Curtiss Mansion has been reserved to host events such as weddings and private parties for every weekend from January through April 1<sup>st</sup>. Some of the upcoming events that are taking place at the Mansion include the Villager's Historic Hunt on February 6<sup>th</sup> and fundraising events that will raise funds to help construct the parking lot and driveway renovation.

**e. Reports from Board Members**

There were no further reports from Board Members.

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

The Board Liaison was not present.

**4) Old Business:**

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

This item was tabled for the next meeting.

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

The following items are to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of March 16, 2016.

- Update from the Miami-Dade County Mayor's Commission guidelines for Historic Preservation.
- Historic Preservation Board would like to request that Carol Foster be present at the next meeting to teach the board how to research properties for historical preservation.
- Discuss research done by individual board members of the values of historical designation.
- Begin the process of Historically Designating Curtis Parkway and the "Circle."

**6) Adjourn**

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



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Juan D. Garcia  
Board Secretary

Adopted by the Board on  
this 16 day of March, 2016.

  
Sydney R. Garon, Chair

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All other words remain unchanged.

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