



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

The **Miami Springs Historic Preservation Board** met at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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 \*arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Also Present:

Board Secretary, Juan D. Garcia  
Councilwoman Rosy Buckner

### **2) Approval of Minutes: January 20, 2016 Regular Meeting**

Minutes of the January 20, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

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

\*Board member Shonberger arrived at this time.

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

- a) **Resolution No. HP 2016-01 – A Resolution of the Miami Springs Historic Preservation Board Accepting and Approving the Designation Report for the Roy S. Geiger/ First Marine Aviation Force Monument; Designating the Subject Property As A Local Historic Site Under the “Special Category of Designation”; Specifying Authorization For Designation. Providing An Effective Date**

Chair Garton read the resolution by title.

**Vice Chair Phillips moved to adopt the resolution to Historically Designate the Roy S. Geiger/ First Marine Aviation Force Monument. Board member Hill seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote.**

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

Discussion ensued as to what is missing for the designation of the Michael House to be completed.

Board member Watson requested that the Board put this item on hold until the next meeting to allow the Board to review the Miami-Dade County Mayor's Commission guidelines.

**Board member Watson made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Vice Chair Phillips seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on voice vote. This item was tabled for the next meeting.**

**c) Review and discuss the 2nd letter in the Designation Process**

Board Secretary Garcia provided the Board with the three (3) letters (attached) that have been approved by Council to use for the Historical Designation process. He explained the purpose of each letter and when each is sent to the property owners.

Vice Chair Phillips would like to add contact information to all three letters in case the property owner has any questions.

**Vice Chair Phillips moved to add "If you have any questions or concerns please contact the City Clerk's Office." to all three letters that are sent to property owners in the Historical Designations process. Board members Shonberger seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on voice vote.**

**4) New Business:**

**a) Discussion on Historically Designating Curtiss Parkway and the "Circle".**

Chair Garton asked members of the audience if they would like to speak.

Kathie Marquez, of 401 Hunting Lodge Drive, read a letter supporting the Historical Designation of Curtiss Parkway and the Circle. The letter included historical facts of why and when Curtiss Parkway and the Circle were created. In addition to supporting the designation of Curtiss Parkway and the Circle, Mrs. Marquez would like for the Board to consider designating Hunting Lodge Drive as well.

Chair Garton ask Mrs. Marquez if it was possible to have a copy of the letter that was read as it contained important historical facts that can be helpful to the Board.

Amy Shelman, of 1020 Quail Avenue, addressed the Board and supported the historical designation of Curtiss Parkway and the Circle. Mrs. Shelman added that she could have lived anywhere in Miami-Dade County but chose Miami Springs because of its historical nature, and would like to help preserve it.

Donna Hernandez, of 769 Pincrest Drive, addressed the board and spoke in favor of historically designating Curtiss Parkway and the Circle.

Board member Shonberger thanked all the residents for attending the meeting. She continued by saying that after speaking with an engineer at Florida Department of Transportation in regards to the Florida Scenic Highway Program, the designation process normally takes about two years to complete. Board member Shonberger added that even if the road is designated as a Scenic Highway that it does would not prevent any construction on the roads. Board member Shonberger did some research and found FDOT's Five Year Transportation Improvement Plan and could not find any proof that Curtiss Parkway is being threatened.

Board member Watson passed out a folder to the Board with information of program criteria from the Florida Scenic Highway Program website and a complete listing of all the designated roads in the State of Florida (attached). He commented that all this information is very helpful in considering the designation of Curtis Parkway and the Circle, but it also is very clear that by historically designating the road it does not prevent construction from taking place.

The Board discussed the possibility of historically designating Curtiss Parkway and the Circle.

**Vice Chair Phillips motioned to begin the process of Historically Designating Curtiss Parkway and the Circle, with the addition of looking into the feasibility of designating Hunting Lodge Drive as well. Board member Shonberger seconded the motion, which passed 5-0 on voice vote.**

#### **b) Curtiss Mansion Report**

Vice Chair Phillips reported to the Board that the Curtis Mansion is preparing to host the Smithsonian "Water and Waterways" exhibit beginning on September 3rd through October 22nd. The Mansion will be the host for one of the six sites selected for the Smithsonian exhibit, and the only one taking place in South Florida. The opening of the exhibit will take place during the weekend of the City's 90th Birthday Celebration. The event will also include a craft beer night at the mansion.

#### **c) Reports from Board Members**

##### **i. Update from the Miami-Dade County Mayor's Commission guidelines for Historical Preservation**

Vice Chair Phillips reported information that was discussed at the most recent Miami-Dade County Mayor's Commission. She mentioned that she has sent a copy of the ordinance that is being put together by the Mayor's Commission to Board Secretary Garcia for him to share with the Board. Vice Chair Phillips would like the Board to review the documents and offer any comments they may have. She will provide an update for the Board at their next meeting.

**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:**

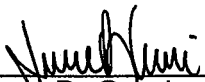
The following items are to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of May 18, 2016.

- Designation of the Michael House – 27 Hunting Lodge Drive
- Update from the Miami-Dade County Mayor’s Commission guidelines for Historic Preservation.
- Begin the process of Historically Designating Curtiss Parkway and the “Circle.”

**6) Adjourn**

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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 Juan D. Garcia  
 Board Secretary

Adopted by the Board on  
this 18 day of May, 2016.

  
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 Sydney R. Garton, Chair

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