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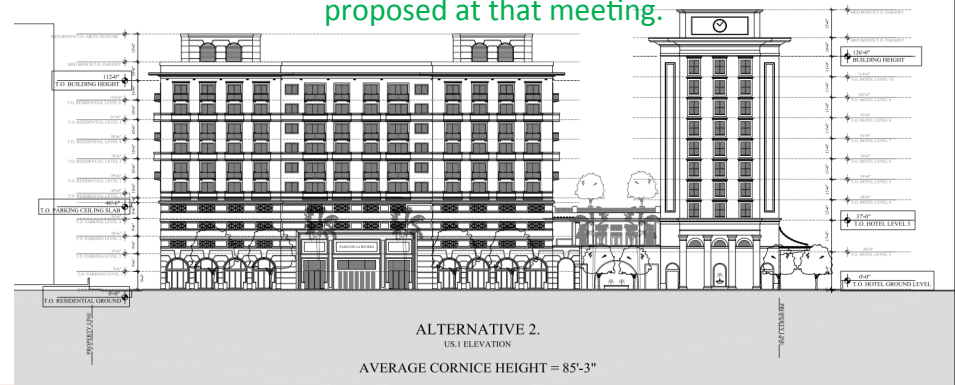
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Paseo de la Riviera OK'ed 4-1

From October 2014 until December 11, 2015, the Paseo de la Riviera (Paseo) has generated twenty meetings and reviews.

The Second Reading ended in a plan incorporating modifications from both the Applicant and the affected neighbors but it took two days of meetings to get there.

Second Reading, which started on December 8, 2015, at 4 pm was to end at 9 pm. However, a quick vote was taken and the meeting was extended until after 10 pm. At about 10:30 pm, discussion and a vote ensued at which point the meeting was continued until 8 am on Friday, December 11, 2015.
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Gables Good Government Committee supports issues and causes that preserve and improve the quality of life in Coral Gables and promotes the effective and efficient management of its government.

Miracle Mile Streetscape due to begin early 2016

According to City documents, which can be found on-line, the goal of the project is to enhance the economic vitality of the downtown district by transforming the City's main street, Miracle Mile, to provide a cohesive, pedestrian-friendly experience with garden areas, outdoor dining, improved lighting, wayfinding, public art and more. The plan also includes improvements to

Giralda Avenue to the north. The design phase has been led by the award-winning architecture and urban design firm Coopers Robertson & Partners with input from the project Steering Committee and the public.

To stay informed please go to the city's website, WWW.CoralGables.Com/PublicWorks/Streetscape Project or see website of WWW.CoopersRobertson.Com.

MIRACLE MILE STREETScape



Proposed plan for Giralda Avenue



WHITE WAY LIGHTS PROJECT MOVES ON!

The second step in the project to restore the "White Way" light poles along Segovia Blvd. has been accomplished. October's meeting of the Coral Gables Historic Preservation Board provided unanimous approval of the recommendation made by the **Historic Preservation Association of Coral Gables (HPACG)**, for the placement of an historic marker explaining the significance of the lights. On December 8, 2015, the full City Commission approved the recommendation. In the picture, President Carbonell and Vice-President Maranos of HPACG share the good news.

The proposed location of the marker is yet to be finalized. However, Karelia Carbonell, President of the HPACG, indicates that an ideal position may be on the grounds of the Coral Gables Library near where a few of the lights reside. It was noted that this location is also close to Riviera Drive, which is one of the few remaining streets which hosts any of the original lights. Restoring and maintaining the original light bases will go on throughout 2016.

NOTICE! RECYCLE EVENT



A city-wide electronics re-cycling event will take place on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016, from 9am to noon.

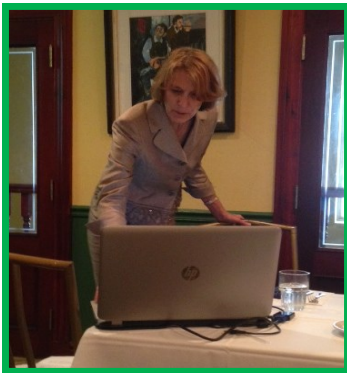
Look for the big truck in the parking lot beside City Hall at 405 Biltmore Way. Anything that has a plug or uses batteries will be accepted. Drop off your used or unwanted electronics for free, such as monitors, computers, printers, telephones, answering machines, video devices and more.

This event is brought to you by the Coral Gables Sustainability Advisory Board. For more information, contact **305-460-5008**.

GGG President Speaks at Coral Gables Forum



Speaking before a group of business people and other interested citizens concerned with issues and activities in Coral Gables, GGG President, Debbie Swain, spoke to the Coral Gables Forum on December 7, 2015. Addressing some of the issues related to vehic-



Pres. Swain prepares to speak at the Coral Gables Forum

ular and pedestrian traffic in a concentrated urban area such as Coral Gables, Swain, who has served on the City's Traffic Advisory Board for six years knows very well the situations which confront travelers in the city.

Mrs. Swain, along with former City Commissioner

Ralph Cabrera, and others in the community, co-founded the organization, *Bike-Walk Coral Gables*, in 2012. The group serves to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety while enhancing the enjoyment of bike riding and walking in the city.

Pointing to relevant Florida Statutes, it was noted that bicycle riders must obey all traffic rules that pertain to cars. Bicycles must go in the direction of the traffic flow, must not ride more than two abreast, though there are special circumstances where more are allowed. Bikes are allowed on sidewalks if the municipality has given approval. This is approved in Coral Gables except on Miracle Mile.

The upcoming renovation of Miracle Mile does not include provisions for bicycle paths or sidewalk access.

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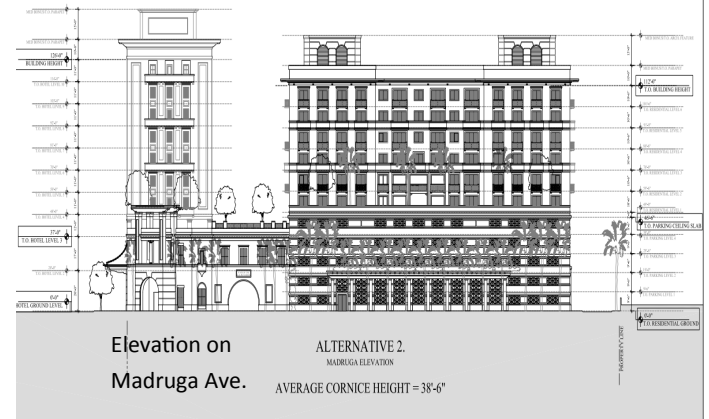
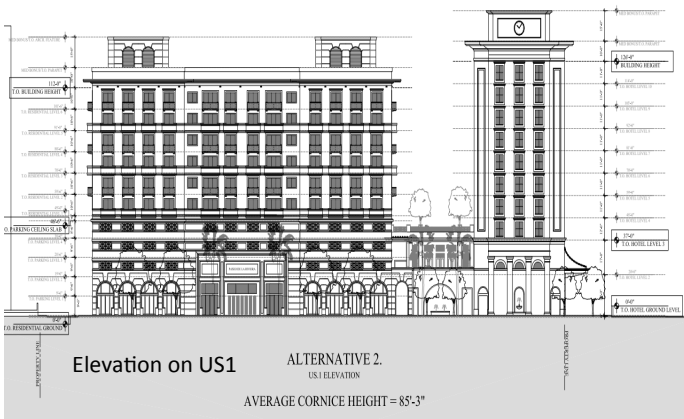
Friday morning's meeting included very technical language related not only to architecture and design issues, but to the City's zoning code, land use, planned area developments (PAD), Mixed Use Developments, shared-use parking schemes and arguments for an over all plan for the US 1 Corridor in Coral Gables.

Of the two structures, the hotel component is now at 126 feet and the residence is 112 feet. Parking will be completely contained in the interior of the of the

property. Ingress and egress is so designed as to reduce traffic flow primarily to US 1/Dixie Highway.

Eventually, for the first two of four proposals, the vote was 4-1 to provide for a land use change to mixed use from low-rise intensity, and a to remove specific site restrictions for this particular project. Commissioner Slesnick registered the nay votes. The vote on the PAD, which incorporated certain specific limitations and the ordinance which provides for a mixed use district both passed 5-0.

These drawings indicate the latest available renderings provided by Coral Gables Department of Planning and Zoning as of 12-15-2015.



These drawings are not the final renderings of the proposed project. To stay updated, go to WWW.CoralGables.Com/Planning.

GGG Board Member, Pat Morris, Joins Wells Fargo



Pat Morris has been named by Wells Fargo as the Community Affairs Officer in South Florida. He will be based in Miami. His responsibilities include the management and implementation of corporate social responsibility projects and programs

for South Florida. “Pat’s relationship building and project management skills will be a tremendous asset to the Wells Fargo team in South Florida,” said Connie Smith, Diverse Community Capital Program Manager for the financial institution.

GGG congratulates our colleague, Pat Morris.



Happy Holidays from your Gables Good Government Board of Directors

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