



City of Miami Springs, Florida
Historic Preservation Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.
Miami Springs Adult Community Center
101 Apache Street, Miami Springs, FL

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M.

Present: Chair Dr. James Watson
Vice Chair Ken Wilde
Board Member Juan Calvo
Board Member Vivian Isla-Rey
Board Member Melinda McNichols.

Also Present: Board Secretary Janai Pomales
Former Board Secretary Sandra Duarte

2. Public Comments

Chair Watson opened the floor for public comments. No comments were made at this time.

3. Approval of Minutes:

a. November 13, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the November 13, 2025 Regular Meeting. Following discussion regarding minor clarifications, the Board expressed consensus that the minutes should be finalized as revised and brought forward for approval.

A motion was made by Board Member McNichols to approve the minutes, seconded by Chair Watson. All remaining Board Members voted in consensus, motion carried.

4. Old Business

a. Historic Designation: 567 Hunting Lodge Drive

The Board continued discussion regarding the proposed historic designation of the property located at 567 Hunting Lodge Drive. Supplemental historical research, including

information gathered from archival records and property data, was reviewed. Members discussed the inclusion of historically significant context within the designation report and considered whether references to former residents met the threshold of historical significance. Discussion focused on Elizabeth Brickell, former wife of James Brickell, who resided at the property during the 1960s. The Board reached consensus that inclusion of a concise and carefully worded reference to her residency would enhance the historical narrative while maintaining consistency with prior designation reports. Staff were directed to revise the report accordingly and return it for further consideration.

A motion was made by Board Member Wilde to approve the Historical Designation of 567 Hunting Lodge Drive, seconded by Chair Watson. The majority of the Board voted in consensus, motion carried.

b. Recognition of Homes Reaching 100-Year Anniversary

The Board discussed recognition of homes reaching the 100-year anniversary within the City of Miami Springs as part of ongoing centennial initiatives. Members acknowledged that original property abstracts are not always accessible and discussed the use of City records and Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser data as reliable sources for verification of construction dates. The Board expressed general agreement that recognition efforts may proceed based on available documentation. Staff were directed to begin outreach to eligible homeowners regarding participation in the recognition program.

c. Historical Marker Process

The Board reviewed progress related to historical marker applications for the Clune-Stadnik Building, Curtiss Mansion, Parker Vertical Lift Bridge, Pony Swing Bridge, Fairhavens Rehab, and the Golf Course. Updates were provided regarding research, draft text preparation, and sequencing of applications. Members discussed potential locations, review procedures, and next steps necessary to move the applications forward. Continued coordination between staff and Board members was encouraged to ensure completion of materials for future submission.

A motion was made by Board Member McNichols to approve the edits made to the historical marker application, seconded by Board Member Wilde. All remaining Board Members voted in consensus, motion carries.

5. New Business

None.

6. Update from Board Members and preparation of the agenda for the next meeting:

Board members provided general updates and discussed items to be included on a future agenda. The date of the next regular meeting is set for Thursday, February 26, 2026.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Janai Pomaes, Board Secretary

Adopted by the Board on this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Dr. James Watson, Chair

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