



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#13-1204

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: November 19, 2013

TITLE: Resolution approving Historic Landmark Designation – Cormona
Apartments – 329 and 333 N. Birch Road – HPB Case 8H13

Recommendation

It is recommended the City Commission adopt a resolution approving Historic Landmark Designation for the property and buildings located at 329 and 333 N. Birch Road, Fort Lauderdale.

Background

On May 6, 2013, the Historic Preservation Board (“HPB”) recommended by a vote of 9-0 that the City Commission approve historic landmark designation for the property and buildings known as Cormona Apartments, located at 329 and 333 N. Birch Road. For more information, please see the May 6, 2013, HPB minutes attached as **Exhibit 1**.

The application presented to the HPB was to designate the entire site and existing buildings as a historic landmark pursuant the Section 47-24.11.B of the Unified Land Development Regulations (“ULDR”), attached as **Exhibit 2**. In the City Historic Preservation Consultant’s memorandum, Ms. Rathbun concluded that the Cormona Apartments met the criteria for designation because they are the work of a significant South Florida Architect, Russell Thorn Pancoast, whose work has influenced the development of the City. For more information, please refer to the Consultant’s memorandum attached as **Exhibit 3**.

Pursuant to Section 47-24.11.B.5, ULDR, the Commission shall hold a public hearing to consider the application, the record and recommendation of the HPB review and shall hear public comment and determine whether proposed application meets criteria found in Section 47-24.11.B, ULDR. If the Commission determines the proposed designation meets the criteria, the Commission shall approve the historic landmark designation by adopting a resolution accordingly. If the Commission determines that the proposed designation does not meet criteria for designation, the Commission shall deny designation.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

1. This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the **Neighborhood Enhancement Cylinder of Excellence**, specifically advancing:
 - **Goal 6:** Be an inclusive community made up of distinct, complementary, and diverse neighborhoods.
2. This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: *We Are Community*

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – May 6, 2013 HPB Minutes

Exhibit 2 – HPB 8H13 Application

Exhibit 3 – Consultant Memorandum

Exhibit 4 – Resolution Historic Designation - Approving

Exhibit 5 – Resolution Historic Designation – Denying

Prepared by: Linda Mia Franco, AICP, Principal Planner, HPB Liaison
Department Director: Greg Brewton, Sustainable Development