826 MERDIAN AVENUE

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

Reclassification of the accessory building as Non-Contributing



Rear Structure



"The simple Mission-style buildings were inspired by the early Spanish mission churches in California. Exterior walls are usually covered with stucco, although oolitic limestone is also used. The most distinctive features of the style are tiled roofs and arches. Roofs are commonly low in pitch or flat, featuring curvilinear parapets or pent roof sections. The same parapet lines are often repeated over the front porch. Parapets may be topped with simple stucco molding, or with a single row of sloping Mission tiles. Cylindrical tiles, or scuppers, drain rainwater. Windows may be sash or casement type. Arches are typical on the facade and common on other openings. The front porch sometimes extends over the carport or garage entrance to one side of the main building mass. Applied decoration is kept to a minimum."

Source: City of Miami Historic Preservation General Design Guidelines booklet – Sept. 2011

Main House





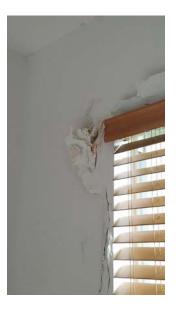


Status of existing structure







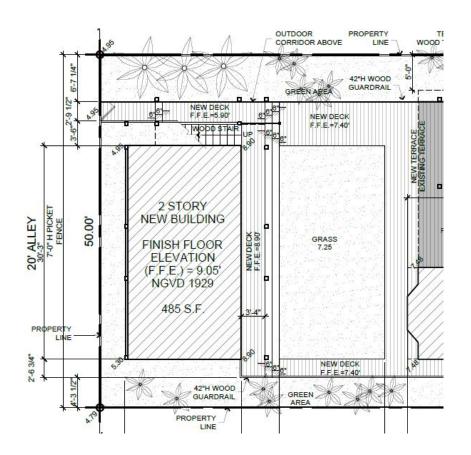


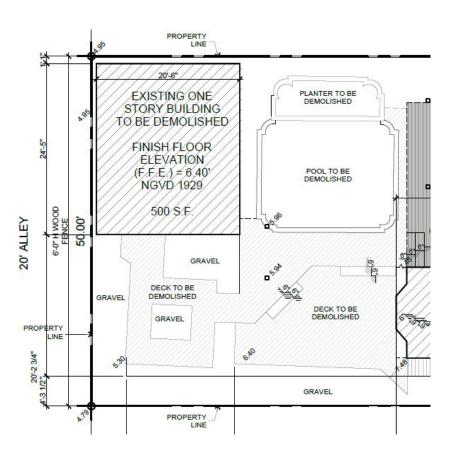




Actual condition of the so called "original garage structure". Several alterations has been performed along the years, being the most recent the one made in 2005 with approved permit from City of Miami Building Department.

Site Plan Evaluation





The proposed structure will provide greater setback than the existing, with reduced footprint and increased green and pervious areas. The proposed Site Plan also offers additional green landscape and trees that works as natural buffer with neighboring buildings and a 3'-6" green buffer to rear alley. The proposed courtyard also improves views and space use and natural access around the guest house.

General Views









Owner and Architects are committed to restore the Main House to is original condition by removing all additions made to date as the trellis car-port, overgrowth hedges, pavers and plants that block views form the street so the public can appreciate the historical value of this property and at the same time, provide the so needed living spaces and beautiful courtyard for the resident family, along with a dedicated architectural designed facade as a contribution to an alley neglected of valuable architectural elements.