

Owner **CASHAY REALTY CORP.** Mailing Address
 Lot 40, 41, 42 Block 1 Subdivision **SECOND OCEAN FRONT** Address 6565 Collins ave
 General Contractor **J. B. Ford** Bond No. 3718 **3211-07-040**
 Architect **Henry Hohausner** E.L. Perkins 2/2/4 Engineer **Richard A. Relsham**
 Zoning Regulations: Use RE Area 5 Lot Size 225 x 230
 Building Size: Front 187' Depth 153' Height 130' Stories 8 56 Cabanas Pool
 Certificate of Occupancy No. 981 (Dec. 24, 1948) Use **HOTEL** 250 rooms, Dining Room, Swimming
 Type of Construction #1 C B S Foundation Concrete Piling Roof Flat Date Nov. 18, 1947

Plumbing Contractor # 25962 Paulson Plumbing Co: # Sewer Connection 1" 2-5" Date Dec. 4, 1947
 # Temporary Closet 1" Date Mar. 16, 1948
 Plumbing Contractor # 26352 Markowitz Brothers
 Water Closets 271 Bath Tubs 250 Floor Drains 24 Drop Sinks 15
 Lavatories 273 Showers 15 Grease Traps 3 Stand Pipes 4
 Urinals 3 Sinks 10 Drinking Fountains 3 Rain Leaders 4
 Gas Stoves 16 Gas Heaters Rough Approved T. A. O'Neill Date Oct. 26, 1948
 Gas Radiators Gas Turn On Approved T. A. O'Neill Date Dec. 24, 1948
 Septic Tank Contractor Tank Size Date
 Oil Burner Contractor # 27573 Fla. Fuel Oil Company - 2 Tank Size (1) 4,000 gals. Date Dec. 1, 1948
 (1) 550 gals.
 Sprinkler System

Electrical Contractor
 Switch Range Motors Address
 OUTLETS Light HEATERS Water Fans Temporary Service
 Receptacles Space
 6015 Unity Electric-March 20, 1948
 Partial Permit- \$100.00 Refrigerators
 Irons
 Electrical Contractor
 No. FIXTURES
 FINAL APPROVED BY Woodmansee Date of Service December 24, 1948
 Alterations or Repairs Over # 25451 Lowry Electric 10 light outlets, 1 motor, 1 equipment service-
 Dec. 12, 1947

ALTERATIONS & ADDITIONS

Building Permits # 32622 Extend (26" x 10" & 16" x 8") duct from existing duct to serve five new
 basement stores - Joweine Air Conditioning \$ 160... May 22, 1950
 # 32641 Remodeling storage room into 5 stores- Glass from stores on lobby floor
 used in these new stores-Henry Hohausner, arch: Owner \$ 1,000.. May 24, 1950
 # 32754 Remodeling for 6 bath rooms - Henry Hohausner, arch: Owner \$ 4,000.. June 7, 1950
 # 39781 Painting, outside- Elmar Rasmat, contr. \$ 8,000.... Oct. 15, 1952
 # 58171 Cornell Roofing Co: Reroof north section of building - \$900 - Dec. 29, 1958
 # 441 Harris Bldg. Corp: Construct dumbwaiter shaft from basement to 1st floor (5' x 7') - 7/18/60 - \$2000 - Elias Assoc., Engrs
 # 257 Eastern Elevator: 2 stop automatic elevator capacity 2,000 lbs 10 HP motor - \$6500 - Oct. 18, 1960
 # 330 Clifton Lightsey: Reinforce concrete roof slabs between main bldg. & dining deck; 7' x 62', 10' x 30' -
 10/22/64
 Plumbing Permits # 06600-Owner-General maintenance-\$5000-12-10-74
 # 30164 Smith Bros: 6 Water closets, 6 Lavatories, 6 Bath tubs, July 25, 1950
 # 30246 Smith Bros: 3 water closets, 3 Lavatories, 2 urinals, 1 floor drain- August 7, '50
 # 34851 Pitsch & Morgen: 1 Sink, 1 Grease Trap, 1 Floor Drain, 2 Safe Waste Drains,
 1 Gas Booster, 1 Griddle: May 11, 1953 ok Rothman 10-16-53
 # 50512-Yell for Pennell- general repairs-1-14-74
 # 54530-S & B plumbing- water piping-1-19-77
 Building Permit 04092-Owner-Repair work-\$4500-9-19-73-2-5-76
 BUILDING PERMIT 08562-Premise Permit- \$150.00 fee

Electrical Permits # 31837 Flamingo Electric: 14 switch outlets, 11 receptacles, 25 light outlets,
 25 fixtures - 1 center of distribution- July 25, 1950
 Koenigsberg: # 33319 RCA Service Co. Inc: 1 television antenna, Feb. 5, 1951
 # 39485 Astor Elec Serv: 1 Switch Outlet, 4 Receptacles, 2 Appliance Outlets, 2 Motors, 1H
 May 25, 1953
 # 39970 Astor Electric: 1 Motor, July 23, 1953 - OK, Meginniss, 11-23-53
 # 43479 Astor Electric.. 5 switch outlets, 3 centers of distribution, 1 motor.. replacing
 existing equipment, revised permit: November 23, 1954
 # 48743 Astor Electric Service, Inc: 1 center of distribution, 1 meter change, 31 motors-
 11-27-56 Meginniss Oct. 15, 1956
 58860 Electric Construction Inc. 6-range outlets; 3 appliance Outlets; 2 Centers of Distributions 10/8/62
 51436 Elec Construction: fire damage - 9/17/64
 51468 Elec. Construction: 1 meter change - 9/24/64
 # 72350-Ocean Electric- fire alarm system 39 horns 37 pull 1 master station; max
 1 annunciator; 1 backup battery-6-19-75

ALTERATIONS & ADDITIONS

Building Permits # 26907 Sea Wall- approx. 300 ft.- Eosary Foundation Co.- \$ 15,000: March 30, 1948
 # 27177 2 signs (flat wall signs) - see plan of signs on hotel plan- Claude Neon
 \$ 1,200... May 5, 1948
 # 27337 GROYNES (see permit #26907 4/30/48) - George E. Bunnell-\$6,000: 5/25/48
 # 27454 Addition of Air Conditioning - H. Hohausner, arch: Hill-York, contractor-
 \$ 110,000: June 3, 1948
 # 25796 Addition of Four(4) elevators 2,500 lbs. cap. - Westinghouse, contractor:
 Henry Hohausner, architect: \$ 100,000: June 8, 1948
 # 20131 One dumb waiter - 290 lbs. capacity - The Shevard Elevator Company ---
 Associated Elevator & Supply Co., contr. \$ 2,300... Dec. 16, 1948
 # 30099 Two roof signs -480 sq. ft.-Claude Southern Corp: \$ 3,000... June 6, 1949
 # 04186-Owner-Premise Permit-\$150-10-2-73
 Plumbing Permits:

Electrical Permits # 26244 Claude Neon: 53 neon transformers- May 5, 1948
 # 26378 Fla. Power & Light Co: transformer Vault - May 27, 1948
 # 28142 Hill York: 12 motors, 16 centers of distribution - Jan. 21, 1949
 # 28359 Hill York Corp: 90 Switch outlets, 11 Motors, 25 Centers of distribution, 3/3/49
 # 28962 Claude Southern Neon: 10 neon transformers - June 14, 1949
 # 29306 Flamingo Electric: 1 75-KVA Light plant, August 5, 1949-Final OK-Woodmansee 8/17
 # 30456 Claude Southern Corp: 1 neon transformer - Dec. 20, 1949
 # 59062 Jones Elec: install 2 telephones - 11/20/62
 # 59198 Jones Elec: 3 telephone booths - 1/4/63
 # 59513 Angler Elec: 1 cent. dist. replaced - 4/19/63

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Building Permits: #73009 Acme Supply Co.: Replacing sheet metal on bridge; roof repairs - \$4700 - 11/20/64
 # 62699 International Elec. Cont. Inc.: Hurricane damage - 9/14/65
 # 80418 Hill York Service Co. Replacing 1-100 Ton Forced Draft Cooling Tower \$5000.00 6/6/68
 # 84064 - A.C. Gonzales - Exterior Cleaning & painting \$2,280.00 4/21/70
 # 85142 - Orkin Exterminating - Tent Fumigation \$986.00 9/26/70
 # 1822 - Hill York Service - 1 E 80 cooling towers 11/10/71
 # 01274 - Vichot Painting Co.: pressure clean and paint - \$6,900.00 - June 20, 1972
 # 2568-Alfred Goldberg- 2 100 hp steam boilers-\$10000-5-2-73
 # 9979-Yell for Pennell-Repairs to gas lines-6-13-73

PLUMBING PERMITS

44977 Southern Drilling: 1 - 6" supply well, a.c. - 10/18/65
 # 45321 Morgen Plumbing Co.: 100 lavatories, reset only - 5/17/66
 # 45716 Peoples Gas System: 3 gas ranges; 2 broilers - 1/4/67
 # 46947 Sully Rapkin Replace filter room equipment 12/13/68.
 # 49091-Economy Plumbers-1 Repair Utility Water-4-19-72
 # 49810-Yell for Pennell- 264 sink, residence-3-28-73 ok 10/4/73 AS
 # 49957-Peoples Gas- 1 nat. meter set-6-1-73
 Electrical Permits: #62138 International Elec. Cont.: 1 meter change - 4/6/65
 # 64776 M. B. Electrical Exhib. Services: repair air cond. starter - 6/15/67
 # 69446 - Astor Elec. - 1 Temp. Wiring - \$10.00 2/10/72
 # 69941-Ocean Electric Co.- 6 Range outlets; 6 refrigerator outlets; 6 appliance outlets; 8-30-72
 # 70191-Ocean Electric Co.- Repairs-12-11-72
 # 70449-Ocean Electric- 265 appliance outlets; 264 range; 264 refrigerator; 3-27-73
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CITY'S EX # 10
 RECD IN EVIDENCE: OCT 14 1975
 J. Alan Sweet
 JUDGE

Owner **SHERRY FRONTENAC** 21025
 Lot 40-41-42 Block 1
 General Contractor
 Architect
 Zoning Regulations: Use Area
 Building Size: Front Depth
 Certificate of Occupancy No.
 Type of Construction Foundation Roof Date

Permit No. 26121-27454 Cost
 Address 6565 COLLINS
 Bond No.
 Engineer 3211-07-040
 Lot Size
 Height
 Use Stories

PLUMBING Contractor
 Water Closets
 Lavatories
 Bath Tubs
 Showers
 Urinals
 Sinks
 Dish Washing Machine
 Laundry Trays
 Laundry Washing Machines
 Drinking Fountains
 Floor Drains
 Grease Traps
 Safe Wastes
 AIR CONDITIONING Contractor
 SEPTIC TANK Contractor
 OIL BURNER Contractor
 SPRINKLER Contractor

Swimming Pool Traps
 Steam or Hot Water Boilers
 ROUGH APPROVAL
 FINAL APPROVAL
 GAS Contractor
 Gas Ranges
 Gas Water Heaters
 Gas Space Heaters
 Gas Refrigerators
 Gas Steam Tables
 Gas Broilers
 Down Spouts
 Wells
 Gas Frylators
 Gas Pressing Machine
 Gas Vents for Stove
 GAS Rough APPROVAL
 GAS FINAL APPROVAL

ELECTRICAL Contractor
 OUTLETS Switches Lights Receptacles
 HEATERS Water Space
 FIXTURES
 Ranges Irons Refrigerators Fans Motors Appliances
 Electrical Contractor
 Date
 Temporary Service
 Neon Transformers
 Sign Outlets
 Meter Change
 Centers of Distributions
 Service Violations
 Date
 FINAL APPROVAL
 By Date

ALTERATIONS OR REPAIRS

Building Permits:
 #12504-GOLF COURSE ROOFING-RE-ROOF 25 sqs-\$1500-12-29-77
 #13571-Manuel Valdez-Paint-patch waterproof-\$30,000-5-11-78
 #14145-Action Septic-Soakage pit-\$6500-11-8-78
 #MO4630 Hill York Replacement Cooling Tower 4-17-80
 #19164 Independent Ent. Int'l Inc/demolition of existing pedestrian bridge & repairs of openings in building/\$5,000
 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING, NOVEMBER 6, 1981 FILE NO. 1445 NORMANDY ISLE BRIDGE CLUB - APPEAL FROM AN ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION Applicant requests approval to operate a private Bridge Club as an accessory use in a hotel by appealing the interpretation of The Code Enforcement Director that such use is not a permitted accessory use in an RM-100 multiple family district. ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION REVERSED.
 MO5693 3/23/82 Hill York Sales & Serv - cooling tower replacement evaluation of existing tower in same location 6,000.
 #30439 - 6-2-87 - Owner - Paint Exterior - \$7,500,00

Plumbing Permits:

#56318-S & R Plumbing- pool filter replace-8-2-78
 #56498-Felix Fera-replace risers-9-28-78
 #58176 - S & R. Plumbing - piping return 2/14/80
 #58477 Triangle Fire Equipment fire control system 5-22-80
 #58531 - Peoples Gas - 1 meter set gas 6/6/80
 6/18/80 gas test #58565 S & R Plumbing
 6/11/81 - #59558 - Acme Gas Corp. - 1 piping for SPA only, 100 LB. CYLS gas, 1 gas piping - \$10.00

Electrical Permits:

BUILDING PERMITS: #M9718 - Owner - Fire dampers - 1-19-88

ELECTRICAL PERMITS: #BE891512 - Peoples Electric - Fire alarm and smoke detectors and devices - 8-11-89



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HISTORIC RESOURCE REPORT



September 16, 2015

Historic Resource Report
Sherry Frontenac Hotel
6565 Collins Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida 33141

Legal Description: Lots 40-42, Block 1, Amended Plat of Second Oceanfront Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book 28 at Page 28 of the public records of Miami-Dade County, Florida

Year Built: 1947

Original Architect: Henry Hohausser; a master local architect who designed many notable structures from the 1930's to the 1950's. Within the North Beach Resort Historic District, Hohausser designed the Sherry Frontenac Hotel in 1947 - Twin 9-story towers with 250 hotel guest rooms, plus basement, and 56 cabanas designed in the Post World War 2 modern streamline nautical style.

Outstanding examples of his work also include the Century, Congress, Colony, Edison, Park Central (Jose Gomez, AIA, first historic preservation project with Les Beilinson Architects, circa 1987); and Cardozo Hotels as well as Hoffman's Cafeteria.

Building Description: One of the first great post-war oceanfront hotels to be built within the North Beach Resort Historic District. *"The first post-war multi-million dollar glamour hostelry"*¹. Its interiors and distinctive signage on the front façade were designed by Paul Silverthorne. This resort was featured in the 1949 issue of Florida Architecture: *"The Sherry Frontenac was one of the largest and newest hotels on the fabulous Gold Coast of Miami Beach, is typical of elaborate tourist accommodations. The unusual plan has twin towers 9 stories high on each side of the multi-story lobby and gallery and is designed for guests who want a deluxe vacation where sun, sand, and surf claim most of their time. It's saw tooth shaped plan permits each of the rooms a corner location with maximum sunlight and ocean view ... A view from the entrance across the lobby and pool to the ocean, is enveloped as a natural part of the design of hotel."*²

The twin towers of the Sherry Frontenac give the illusion of two graceful ocean liners complete with smoke stacks, afloat side by side at the edge of the Atlantic Ocean. Originally an enclosed metal "gang plank" or sky bridge linked them at the top floor until it was removed in 1980 because the steel structure deteriorated from exposure to the elements.



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The Sherry Frontenac hotel offered their guests many amenities including an expansive elegant 2-story lobby with rich marble and stone finishes on the walls, terrazzo floors, and intricate indirect lighting which overlooks the ocean, a dining room with a mezzanine level orchestra pit, a nightclub, an Olympic size pool and private beach cabanas. Guests were greeted with a sweeping porte-cochere when they arrived at the hotel.

“From about 1945 to 1965, the widely popular Post War Modern style was frequently applied to hotels, commercial buildings, apartment houses, and single family homes throughout Miami Beach, especially in North Beach. Post War Modern style buildings generally made an extensive use of glass and poured concrete. They often mixed two or more textured surfaces together (i.e. stucco with stone, brick, or mosaic tile as well as contrasting smooth and fluted stucco surfaces). The style featured such dramatic elements as accordion-like folded plate walls, acute angles, dynamic parabolas, delta wings, sweeping curved walls, and soaring pylons. Other commonly occurring design elements and materials that were added to the architectural vocabulary of the Post War Modern style structures included: brise soleil, architectural accents with exotic themes, brick or stone faced feature areas, and cast concrete decorative panels with geometric patterns.

The large hotels in the Post War Modern style often incorporated an expansive use of glass curtain walls, cantilevered asymmetrical roofs, leaping arches, dramatic fin walls, floating planes, architectural bridges, and grand driveway entrances sheltered by elaborate carport structures. Facades were emblazoned with neon signs and logos in order to catch the eye of passing motorists. The fenestration was often highlighted with boxed, corner, or ribbon windows and continuous eyebrows. The hotels often took on exotic or futuristic forms, using architecture as advertising in an effort to outdo one another in competing for business. This new architecture celebrated the satisfaction of having made it and proudly announced that you had arrived.”³

Beth Dunlop, a former columnist for the Miami Herald and a past member of the City of Miami Beach Historic Preservation Board, captured the essence of the Post War Modern architectural movement when she wrote: *“In the decades after World War II, these were the buildings that expressed our ebullience, our energy, our faith in the future. They were catchy, kitschy, eccentric, engaging, with loads of curbside appeal- our first auto age buildings, really; not to mention space age. We were going places then - to the suburbs, to the moon - and our buildings told us so. You could see it in roofs that cantilevered daringly, in facades that swooped saucily, in towers that took off like a Buck Rogers rocket ship, in aerodynamic fins and prows that seemed to lift otherwise mundane buildings right off the ground.”*⁴

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