

HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE CONSERVATION ENTRANCES & PLAZAS RESTORATION - THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES



Client
Reddoor Construction

Project
Entrances & Plazas of the City of Coral Gables

Architect, Year
Walter DeGarmo, Phineas Paist, and Denman Fink
1925 - 1927

Added to National Register of Historic Places
1972 & 1989

Location
Coral Gables, Florida

Project Dates
November 2016 – October 2017

Materials
Coral stone, cast stone, stucco

Services Provided
Conditions Assessment, Treatment, Construction Supervision

Conservation of historic finishes at seven plazas and entrances in Coral Gables was performed under a subcontract with Reddoor Construction, General Contractor. Balboa Plaza, Columbus Plaza, Commercial Entrance, Granada Entrance, Granada Plaza, Ponce de Leon Plaza and Segovia Plaza were examined by RLA as part of an overall role as Historic Preservation/ Conservation specialists on the project. All documentation, preparation of treatment protocols, completion of profile drawings, materials research for matching the historic finishes, and regular onsite supervision was performed by the firm. Hands-on conservation included cleaning all historic surfaces, removing vegetation and biological growth, removing black atmospheric staining, undoing previous inappropriate repairs, stabilizing cracks, filling losses, cleaning and coating exposed rebar, pinning loose elements, and repointing mortar losses.