Board of Directors

George C. Kakouris
Chair

Eduardo Hernandez, Esq.
Vice-Chair

Zeke Guilford, Esq.
Treasurer

Jeannett Slesnick
Secretary

Susan Wills Amat

Rhonda B. McNeal

Arva Moore Parks

Shelley Daniel Rutherford

Kara Kautz
Historical Resources Director
City of Coral Gables

Director of Operations
Christine Rupp

Coral Gables Museum Corp.
PO Box 141687
Coral Gables, FL 33114
Phone: 305-910-3996

e-mail:
info@coralgablesmuseum.org

www.coralgablesmuseum.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 8, 2008
Contact: Christine Rupp
chris@coralgablesmuseum.org
305-910-3996

CORAL GABLES MUSEUM ARCHITECT TO BE ELECTED TRUSTEE OF NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Coral Gables Museum architect, Jorge Hernandez will be elected to serve on the prestigious National Trust for Historic Preservation Board of Trustees at the Annual Membership Meeting of the organization on October 22nd in Tulsa Oklahoma. Hernandez, principal of Coral Gables-based Jorge L. Hernandez Architect, PA, is also a professor of architecture at the University of Miami and a staunch preservationist.

He was born in Havana Cuba in 1956 and immigrated to Miami in 1962. Receiving a BA in architecture from the University of Miami in 1980 and an MA in Architecture from the University of Virginia, he returned to UM to teach in 1987.

Jorge feels strongly that, just as an architect should be responsible for the physical shaping of community, he should also participate in shaping the ideological structure of a community. It was this philosophy, and his appreciation for the vision of Coral Gables founder and developer George Merrick, that cemented his firm as the architect of choice for the Coral Gables Museum project.

Since his return to Coral Gables in 1987, Jorge has served on numerous local, state boards, and agencies. He was the Chair for the State of Florida Historic Preservation Advisory Council, Vice-chair of the Florida Historical Commission and was a Trustee of the Florida Trust. Most recently, he is championing the designation and preservation of civil rights, women's rights, and Hispanic monuments and sites in Florida. He is married to Alina Palacios-Hernandez and has three children: Alexander, Carolina, and Christopher. They reside in Coral Gables.