

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Regarding the National Endowment for the Humanities' Section 106 Review of Florida International University's CasaCuba: A Leading Center to Foster Global Understanding and Collaboration on Cuban and Cuban American Affairs**

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded Florida International University a Challenge Infrastructure and Building Capacity Grant (CHA-264405) to establish CasaCuba: A Leading Center to Foster Global Understanding and Collaboration on Cuban and Cuban American Affairs. NEH is an independent grant-making agency of the United States government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities. This public notice is issued as part of NEH's responsibilities under 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the regulations which implement Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended, 16 U.S.C. § 470. NEH, a funding agency, is required by regulation to identify and assess the effects of any proposed actions on historic properties. If any proposed action will have an adverse effect on historic resources, NEH works with the appropriate parties to seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects. Additionally, the Section 106 regulations require NEH to consider the views of the public on preservation issues when making final decisions that affect historic properties.

In its grant application, Florida International University, proposes to use the grant for the design and to oversee construction of a premier humanities center approximately 50,000 square feet in size, to be located on the main campus at 16th St and 107th Avenue, Miami, Florida, 33165. The site is located on the east side of the Modesto A. Maidique Campus and may include the construction of a courtyard, gardens, and limited parking facilities. The roadway and service drives will also be reconstructed as required. The project area is approximately 2.36 acres in size and located to the west of SW 107th Avenue between SW 16th Street and SW 17th Street. The site has been previously disturbed and is currently vacant.

On April 20, 2020, the Florida State Historic Preservation Officer, Timothy A. Parsons, Ph.D. advised that the proposed undertaking would likely have no adverse effect. NEH has determined that the project will have "No Adverse Effect" pursuant to 36 CFR 800.5. If there are any significant changes in scope or unanticipated effects on the property subsequent to completion of the Section 106 review, the Florida International University shall stop work on the project and will immediately notify the NEH Federal Preservation Officer, in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.13(b). As required by Section 106, NEH is providing the public with information about this project, as well as an opportunity to comment on any knowledge of, or concerns with, historic properties in the proposed project area, and issues relating to the project's potential effects on historic properties. Comments may be submitted to the NEH by e-mail to [FPO@neh.gov](mailto:FPO@neh.gov). The deadline for submitting comments is Monday, June 22, 2020,