

HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM

Resource Address: 852 Collins Ave Miami Beach Florida 33139 USA
County: Miami-Dade
Historic name: Wallack Apartments
Present name:
Local place name:
Visible from public right of way: Yes
Ownership:
Owner/Address:
Land unit size: 7,000 SQ FT
Site/Setting:



Wallack Apartments east elevation (view when facing west on Collins Avenue)

Lat/Long: 25.7790906052054500, -80.1321527911744600 [WGS84]

UTM: Zone 17R, 587016.0040 mE, 2851506.5111 mN

Township/Range/Section: 54S / 42E / 03

Parcel No. 02-4203-004-0440

Historical Information

Historic Function: Domestic: Multiple Dwelling	Current Function: Domestic: Multiple Dwelling
Construction Date: ca. 1930-1939 , documented 1936*	Architect: Henry Hohausser
Original or Significant Owners: Estate of Lena Williamson (original)	Builder: J. Albert
Significant Date/Period:	Developer:
Areas of Significance: Architecture Community Planning and Development	

Architectural Information

Category: building, domestic building	Style: Art Deco	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additions (1944) <input type="checkbox"/> Alterations <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Other Ancillary structures:
Structural: Concrete Block Stucco	Exterior Material(s): stucco, Decorative Tile	
Stories: 3, Bays:	Roof Material: replacement	
Form or Plan: apartment/multi-unit complex, rectangular	Roof Type: Flat with parapet	
Foundation: Reinforced Concrete	Windows: replacement aluminum Jalacy	
General condition: Good	Chimney(s):	
Basement:	Porch:	

Historical Summary:

Status (Current Listing or Designation)

National: indiv. district landmrk.
 State/Province: indiv. district landmrk.
 Local: indiv. district landmrk.
 Miami Beach Architectural District, 1979

Ocean Drive/Collins Avenue District, 1986

Evaluation (Preparer's Assessment of Eligibility)

Recommendation

Individually eligible
 Eligible as contributing resource
 Not eligible / non-contributing
 Not determined

Level of potential eligibility

National
 State
 Local

Landmark potential

National
 State
 Local



Wallack Apartments north elevation



Wallack Apartments primary facade along Collins Avenue



Detailed view of the east elevation of the Wallack Apartments



Primary entryway on the north elevation of the Wallack Apartments

Description/Remarks

This is a 3-story domestic building in the Art Deco style built in 1936. The building is rectangular in plan. The structural system is concrete block stucco. The foundation is reinforced concrete. Exterior walls are stucco and decorative tile. Unique tile ornamentation below the fluted pilaster on the east elevation. The building has a flat with parapet roof. Windows are replacement aluminum jalacy. Jalacy windows dominate the first and second floor level windows; Windows at the third floor level are single-hung sash windows. No porch. Primary entryway is on the north elevation of the building (very unique for the neighborhood); Double door flanked on either side by fluted pilasters that extend from the ground level to the same height as the door; A larger framing design around the door consists of fluted pilasters of the same height on either end and round porthole relief carving above each of the two outside pilasters; An eyebrow rounded at the corners sits directly above this framing design. There is a single-story addition. Addition of roof over third floor balcony (Albert Anis, architect). Asymmetrical Collins Avenue facade; Symmetrical north elevation; Horizontal striping at cornice of third floor level and between windows at first, second and third floor levels on north elevation; Slightly stepped ziggurat roofline on north elevation (where primary entryway is); Decorative eyebrows; Verticality emphasized in fluted pilaster on east elevation; Corner balcony with pipe rail on northeast corner of third floor level; Corner windows; Unique multi-colored tile design on the east elevation

Date source: Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser Other sources: Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser City of Miami Beach Planning Department records Miami Design Preservation...

Survey and Recorder		
Project: Ocean Drive-Collins Avenue Historic District (Local)	Sequence/Key no.:	Survey Date: 1/29/2013
Prepared By: Melinda Agron	Report Title/Name: Re-survey of the district	Previous Surveys:
Inventoried: 07/30/2012 3:48:40 pm Last updated: 06/21/2017 12:52:29 pm by /	Level of Survey: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reconnaissance <input type="checkbox"/> Intensive	Additional Research Recommended? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Sources (continued)

... League records