



**TOWN OF PALM BEACH**  
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PLANNING, ZONING, & BUILDING DEPARTMENT  
 PZ&B Staff Memorandum: Architectural Commission

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SUBJECT: ARC-24-014 340 SEAVIEW AVE

MEETING: MARCH 27, 2024

**ARC-24-014 340 SEAVIEW AVE.** The applicant, Town of Palm Beach, has filed an application requesting Architectural Commission approval for the installation of an operable aluminum trellis on an existing porch terrace.

Applicant: Town of Palm Beach  
 Professional: Spina O'Rourke

**HISTORY:**

The Morton and Barbar Mandel Recreation Center was approved in 2017 under ARCOM application numbers (B-066-2016 & B-089-2017) with a unanimous vote. At the February ARCOM meeting the project was presented to the Commission deferred (4-3) after comments regarding the style and height of the proposed structure.

**THE PROJECT:**

The applicant has submitted plans, entitled "Mandel Recreation Center Shade Canopy", as prepared by Spina O'Rourke, date stamped by the Town March 11, 2024

Site Data			
Zoning District	R-B	Lot Size (SF)	198,118 SF
Landscape Open Space	<i>Existing: 100,253 SF Proposed: No Change</i>	Total Building Size (SF)	14,923 SF (Main Building) + Loggia 17,229 SF
Surrounding Properties / Zoning			
North	241 Seaview Ave / Palm Beach Day Academy / R-B		
South	Royal Palm Way / C-OPI		
East	241 Seaview Avenue / Palm Beach Day Academy / C-OPI		
West	239 Cocoanut Way / Palm Beach Public Elementary School / R-B		

**STAFF ANALYSIS**

The Town of Palm Beach is requesting installation of a trellis on the south elevation of the building of the Mandel Recreation Center to shade the existing terrace. The Town engaged the original design professional from the construction of the Recreation Center to submit plans for the addition of the trellis. The proposed work will match the existing trellis on the West side of the gymnasium.

The Recreation Center serves the residents of Palm Beach as well as the two adjacent schools (Palm Beach Public and Palm Beach Day Academy). The southern terrace overlooks the sports field and has a high level of sun exposure. The Town seeks to install the shade structure to provide more adequate shelter from the sun and with an operable feature can also allow for light to come in. The trellis matches the existing trellis located on the west side of the gymnasium in both design and color.

Town of Palm Beach staff and design professionals have had discussions following the February ARCOM deferral. Modifications have been made to reflect comments of the commissioners as well as the Recreation Advisory Commission and Friends of Recreation Board. The trellis has been lowered to align with the roof, additionally bougainvillea will be planted to grow up the trellis. Friends of Recreation board voted unanimously for the installation of the trellis and gifted the Town a \$25,000 grant to complete the package.

Staff is in full support of the Town’s application as presented.



**CONCLUSION:**

This application is presented to the Commission to consider whether all the criteria in Sec. 18-205 have been met. Approval of the project will require one (1) motion to be made:

- (1) for the overall design of the project in accordance with Sec. 18-205 criteria.

WRB: JGM: SCP