

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: February 11, 2025

TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

FROM: H. Paul Brazil, P. E., Director of Public Works

RE: Consideration of Donation for Beautification Project for 200 and 300 Blocks of Peruvian Avenue

DATE: January 28, 2025

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Town staff seeks a recommendation from Town Council on the approval of the Beautification Project which will be completed through donation of funds.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Staff received the attached presentation of a proposed Beautification Project for the 200 and 300 blocks of Peruvian Avenue from John David Corey in November, 2024. The project includes adding eight (8) traffic islands along the two (2) blocks. The traffic islands would include trees and landscaping. The intent is to beautify the area in a cost effective, targeted, and rapid manner. The presentation has been reviewed by staff which includes the Town Manager's office, Police Department, Planning, Zoning, and Building Department, Finance Department, and Public Works. Several concerns have been raised and communicated with John David Corey.

The staff concerns are identified below:

1. Elimination of parking spaces due to the location of the traffic islands both in loading zone areas and actual parking. This would also impact existing permitted valet services.
2. Visibility of mounted monitoring cameras. The Police Department is in the process of deploying cameras on existing poles along this corridor. The proposed trees would impact the effectiveness of the cameras.
3. While the proposed islands create a path for drainage behind the islands, there remains a concern for the road gradient and the ability for the runoff to get to the catch basins behind the islands from the centerline of the road.
4. Cost of long-term maintenance of the tree islands is unknown. There is also an associated lost revenue from losing parking spaces that include the placard parking program. The 200 and 300 blocks of Peruvian Avenue are some of the busiest parking areas in the Town. It is the first option for parking if Worth Avenue is full. The commercial spots are critical locations for deliveries for the Peruvian/Worth Avenue businesses.

After reviewing the comments above with Mr. Corey, he is revising his proposal to limit the beautification to the Peruvian Avenue on the east and west approaches to Hibiscus. Mr. Corey will provide a revised conceptual plan prior to the February Town Council meeting.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

The funding implications are not completely defined at this time. The cost for the design and construction is a donation.

Attachment

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