

Dear Town Council,

I apologize I am not able to attend this meeting, but I had a previously planned a trip that could not be changed.

As a lifelong resident of this town, I have always valued the history and wonderful architecture that exists here. I purchased 249 Monterey as a home to raise a family. Unfortunately, my circumstances have changed and I no longer need such a big house or property. I have attempted to find a buyer for the property with no luck this season. That leaves me with two options. I can tear the house down and get staff approval for a lot split or try to keep the original house and come to you for a variance that will allow me to try to work with the original house and save it.

My desire is to save the house, which is why I, at considerable more time and expense, have come to you with this request. It may be helpful to understand that I have a 5 year history of renovating historic homes in Palm Beach and West Palm Beach. Examples include 155 Root Trail in Palm Beach and 277 Cordova Road and 285 and 290 Barcelona Road in El Cid. It is a passion of mine and I believe I handled each renovation with care and respect, bring these homes back to life and ensuring their preservation well into the future.

At the end of the day, my project is before you today not because it has to be, but because my desire is to save and renovate this wonderful home. It was brought to my attention that there was discussion about landmarking or a deed restriction as part of this process. Although it is not something I would rule out in the future, I can not agree to that at this point as I do not have the flexibility to restrict my options and the marketability of my property at this moment in time.

Ultimately it is up to the council on how I proceed with it and will take whatever path the council deems the correct one.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Hufty Griswold', written in a cursive, stylized script.

Alex Hufty Griswold