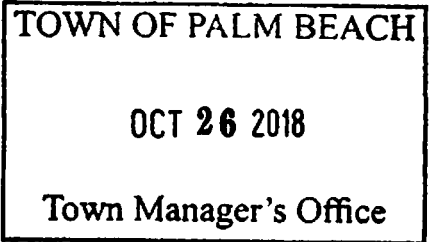


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Mayor Gail L. Coniglio
Members of The Town Council
The Landmarks Preservation Commission
360 South County Road
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Dear Mayor and Town Council Members:

I received a letter dated October 15, 2018 by John Eubanks to the Landmarks Preservation Commission. I concur in his remarks, including the quotes of my prior testimony to the Town Council in October of 2014.

As a Fellow AIA architect who has been a member of both ARCOM and Landmarks for many years, I strongly support the addition of the steps on the south side of the Mizner fountain. They are tastefully designed and will serve to activate the south side of Memorial Park. I just as strongly oppose the placement of parallel parking around the park. The issues are aesthetics and safety. In my professional opinion as an architect for over 50 years, parked cars will visually serve to wall off the fountain and park. This is why in all my travels I have never seen such parking around a monument or park.

I also have several safety concerns. Parallel parking will require a car to completely stop and back up in a through lane of traffic in which cars are traveling 25 miles an hour or more, thereby blocking traffic and creating a potential accident. The proposed lane shift will only place cars even closer together and make the matter worse. There is also the issue of children or other passengers exiting the passenger side of a car into fast moving traffic. As I have said before, after parking at the town hall years ago I had my door taken off by a car whose driver was not paying attention. It could have been much worse if I had been getting out of the car.

As a result, I would urge the Town Council to separate the issue of the fountain steps and the parallel parking into two votes. Vote yes to the steps and vote no to the parallel parking. Thank you.

