



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Office of the Town Manager

May 14, 2019

Dr. Timothy A. Parsons, Ph.D., RPA
Division Director and State Historic Preservation Officer
Florida Division of Historical Resources
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Dear Dr. Parsons:

On behalf of the Town of Palm Beach, thank you for your office's continued efforts to inspire a love of history through preservation and education across the great State of Florida. As you know, the Town of Palm Beach shares in the preservation and education ethos via its Landmarks Preservation Program that accomplishes the protection, enhancement, and perpetuation of properties and districts that represent the Town's cultural, social, economic, political, and architectural history.

Thank you for your letter dated May 2, 2019, regarding our proposed improvements to the Fountain at Memorial Park. We understand your position, but we respectfully disagree with your office's denial of our request and would like to have our proposal reconsidered, per the instructions outlined in the enclosed email from Alissa Slade Lotane dated May 2, 2019. As part of this reconsideration, we would appreciate an in-person meeting with you and your staff at your office in Tallahassee to discuss the proposal per our original letter to you dated April 3, 2019. As previously stated, the Town closely consulted the Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings for new additions to historic buildings (structures). The approved, evolved design for the addition of stairs to the Mizner Memorial Fountain respects and fulfills the following Standard for Rehabilitation: "New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment."

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In advance, thank you for your continued support of our Town's architectural and historical integrity. We look forward to working with you and your team in this reconsideration process. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



Kirk Blouin
Town Manager

Enclosures

cc: Town of Palm Beach Town Council
Town of Palm Beach Landmarks Preservation Commission
Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager
Paul Brazil, Director of Public Works
Josh Martin, Director of Planning, Zoning, and Building