

Landmarks Preservation Commission - Annual Report 2019

The Commission held 12 regularly scheduled meetings in 2019, and had an average attendance rate of 90% with a total of 12 absences for the year (6 excused, and 6 unexcused).

The Commission reviewed 27 Certificates of Appropriateness, including C.O.A.'s for The Carriage House, The Colony Hotel, Duck's Nest, Bradley Park Hotel, St. Edward's Catholic Church and 3 Pelican Lane.

Ten (10) new properties were placed "under consideration" for landmarking by the Commission during 2019. The Commission was able to conduct nine new designation hearings prior to the end of the year. Five (5) properties at – 911 N. Ocean Boulevard, 124 Clarke Avenue, 244 Nightingale Trail, 334 Australian Avenue and The Reef Condominiums – were landmarked according to the Town's program. Two properties – 475 North County Road and 211 Dunbar Road – were reviewed by the Commission, and found not to meet the designation criteria for landmarking, and were therefore not forwarded to Town Council. One additional property (145 Seaspray Avenue) was reviewed and recommended for landmark designation by the Commission, but was ultimately not designated by Town Council.

The Commission conducted 8 informal reviews of zoning applications for recommendation to the Town Council.

On behalf of the Commission, staff conducted 134 approvals of minor projects and revisions, which was a .07% increase from the previous year.

Staff conducted Member Orientation Meetings to review procedures and inform new members of ordinances, policies and procedural matters that they will encounter in future meetings.

Three (3) tax abatement projects were reviewed by the Commission during the year. Three (3) tax abatements were ratified by the Town Council and forwarded to Palm Beach County and the Tax Appraiser's office for implementation – The Breakers, 142 Seaspray Avenue and 8 South Lake Trail.

The Commission also actively worked on the following issues:

- 1) Participated in a discussion regarding Zoning Code Reform;
- 2) Toured the Town to view FEMA issues;
- 3) Participated in discussion of historic districts and participated in Historic District Symposium; and
- 4) Continued with the completion of ethics training for new and older members as mandated by the Town and County.

Commissioners remain enthusiastic and engaged in their volunteer service to the Town, and look forward to the continued preservation of our heritage.