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Subject: FW: East Garden Plans
Date: Monday, August 03, 2020 10:25:23 AM

Wayne,

For your information.

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Subject: Re: East Garden Plans

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Good morning Paul and other neighbors at 129/133 Hammon Avenue,
I would be happy to schedule a Zoom call with the collective owners at 129/133 Hammon Avenue at a day and time that is mutually agreeable to you all this week, so we can together discuss the current situation on Hammon Avenue. It is my sincere hope that we can come to this conversation with open eyes and open minds - truly willing to hear each other's perspectives and develop a mutually acceptable usage. The proposal made in email below is unchanged from the demands made in the letter Paul placed in my mailbox on June 10, 2020. The Colony Hotel is willing to negotiate and place reasonable limitations on how we use the East Garden for its commercial intent in an effort to be community-minded and neighborly - but for this conversation to work, you and your fellow owners must also be willing to give as well.
To that end, please send through some days/times that work for the group, and I will arrange the Zoom link.

With warmest regards from our Pink Paradise,

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On Jul 28, 2020, at 2:27 PM, Paul Wood <paul@colonyvilla.com> wrote:

Dear Sarah,

I hope you all got home safely and are staying safe and well.

The Town of Palm Beach has advised us all of the proposal to seek a special exception and extend the current Hotel exception to include the East Garden and allow you to use it for events with amplified sound and musicians. While we have not yet seen the proposed variation the town have suggested that we reach out to you personally to outline our concerns as the neighbors abutting the area as those that will be directly impacted by the proposed use. I know your attorney has made it clear that we should only communicate through her, but as you indicated in a mail to Paul Castro, it seem that you are open to having a discussion about the topic before the Town hearing.

I am therefore writing to you once again on behalf of your neighbors (all copied here) with regard to the planned use of the East Garden area. As I mentioned when we spoke, we are all pleased to see the improvements to the east garden area and fully understand your desire to make use of it. However, each of your 5 neighbors feels very strongly that any use of the garden area that involves events that use amplified sound, has live music and /or musicians will have a direct impact on our lives and homes. It will significantly disturb us as there is no barrier between the two properties, other than the fichus hedge which offers no sound protection at all. Use of amplified sound systems, live music and musicians will annoy each of us,

it will endanger our comfort, repose, peace and safety. We have already experienced this on the 2 occasions that you have held events there, when we (Unit 5) could not even hear our own television as the commercial grade speaker was less than 2.5 feet from our front door.

We all would like you to consider that when using the east garden for events you do not allow the use of amplified sound systems, have no live music or musicians and for the events to stop at 9pm. The Hotel has always used the outside space you have in the area of the pool and that has never concerned or impacted us, and we would respectfully ask that you continue with that use and limit the use of the East Garden to events that don't need the amplified sound or live music.

The Board of the Association would be more than happy to hold a call with you to discuss this further if that would be helpful.

I do hope you can understand the impact the use of garden as proposed will have on our community and we ask that you take our concerns seriously so as to ensure we continue to have good neighborly relations.

Kind Regards

Paul

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