

Bradley Falco

From: Paul Castro
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 7:51 AM
To: Bradley Falco
Cc: Kelly Churney
Subject: FW: The Colony Hotel's garden use

Brad,

Please put In the electronic and hard files.

Thank you,

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From: R Lynch <rlynch37275@gmail.com>
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Dear Mayor of Palm Beach and Town Council,

In early August, I purchased unit #2 in 129 Hammon Avenue, the Ocean Colony condominium. In a meeting of the owners of the condominium in early September, it was agreed that no consensus could be reached regarding the hotel's request to use the garden next to our property, instead we each agreed to write letters expressing our individual views.

In the dialogue to date, I have found the Colony has proposed a thorough and thoughtful plan to address neighbor issues, both in sound and sight. This includes a sound check that (as I was told by my fellow owners who were on site) resulted in no ambient noise intruding on our property. They also offered to install a fence to break any visual lines and to offer a further sound buffer. We are a small condo, just 5 units, and one very vocal owner was highly influential in our internal discussions; I believe this individual has robbed the condo owners of our ability to present a united front to the hotel in order to secure a satisfactory outcome for all parties involved.

Candidly, I bought a 2-bedroom apartment immediately adjacent to The Colony. I knew this when I purchased and made that decision consciously, it's frankly one of the attributes that attracted me to this location. When I looked at an apartment in this same building last year, what's now a garden was then an active delivery driveway. I view the garden and the proposed use as a substantial improvement to the previous delivery driveway, and I am writing to support the Colony's request to use the garden on the terms that they propose.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Randy Lynch