

RE: OPPOSITION TO DESIGN OF NEW RESIDENCE at 110 Seagate

229 Onondaga Avenue

Palm Beach, Florida 33480

October 21, 2020

Dear Mr. Chairman and members of ARCOM,

We are writing to request that you deny approval for the current design of a new residence at 110 Seagate due to non-conformance with Section 18 -205 –Criteria for building permit.

We cite number six (6) of Section 18-205 under the ARCOM requirements that “the proposed building or structure is not excessively dissimilar in relation to any other existing structure... within 200 feet of the proposed site with respect to ONE OR MORE of the following features:

- a.) Height of building or height of roof
- b.) quality of architectural design
- c.) Architectural compatibility
- d.) Appearance of mass from the street...

We believe that the building proposed at 110 Seagate violates each and every section cited above.

We believe that the “box-like” structure now envisioned is more in-keeping with warehouse styles that would be appropriate for manufacturing or industrial areas. It is definitely very dissimilar to the homes in both the immediately adjacent area and the surrounding north-end neighborhood.

We urge ARCOM members to request that the architecture for 110 Seagate be remedied so that we maintain the standards set forth in the statement of findings and purpose of ARCOM. To summarize:

“The essential foundation of beauty in communities is HARMONY. It is the intent of this article to achieve a pleasant and comprehensive COHESIVENESS in community development.” This quote is taken from Division #1 of the Town Code relating to the purpose of ARCOM.

We have resided in the north end neighborhood nearby to the proposed new home for more than twenty years. Each year we see the charm and character of our north end neighborhood assailed by these undistinguished massive boxes which are out of context with the existing streetscape.

We urge you to enforce the ARCOM rules as set forth by the Town Code and request the architect “go back to the drawing board” and come up with a more HARMONIOUS design as envisioned by ARCOM.

Thank you.

W. Bradford and Susan Gary