

# TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: April 14, 2021

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To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager

From: Wayne Bergman, Director of Planning, Zoning & Building

Re: Landmark Designation of 137 Kings Road

Date: March 31, 2021

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## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the designation status be remanded back to the Landmarks Preservation Commission, with directions to reschedule the designation hearing for the November 17, 2021 Landmarks Preservation Commission meeting, with notice provided to the owners of the renewed designation hearing.

## **LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

At the Public Hearing for Designation held January 20, 2021 meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, the Commission voted (7-0) to recommend to the Town Council that the above mentioned property be designated as a landmark. In accordance with Section 54-164(a)(11) of Chapter 54 of the Town of Palm Beach Code of Ordinances, the Town Council shall hold a public hearing within ninety (90) days of the final decision of the Landmarks Commission to consider ratification of the Commission's recommendation.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The property meets the following criteria for designation as a landmark of the Town of Palm Beach:

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| Sec. 54-161 (1) | Exemplifies or reflects the broad cultural, political, economic or social history of the nation, state, county or town; and,   |
| Sec. 54-161 (3) | Embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type or is a specimen inherently valuable for the study of a period, style, method of construction or use of indigenous materials or craftsmanship, and, |

Sec. 54-161 (4) Is representative of the notable work of a master builder, designer or architect whose individual ability has been recognized or who influenced his age.

### **OWNER CONSENT**

The property owners, Eric and Lucinda Stonestrom, have not sent any recent correspondence to the Town regarding the landmarking of their home. However, their neighbors James and Angie McNamara, at 127 Kings Road, indicated in their email to Emily Stillings, that the Stonestroms have not allowed anyone in their home during the pandemic due to health circumstances but indicated that they, too, did not wish for their home to be landmarked at this time. At the February Landmarks meeting, staff suggested that a motion for reconsideration could be made by one of the Commissioners on the prevailing side of the designation, to rescind the earlier motion to designate the property, and to schedule another designation hearing in the Fall of 2021, at which time the owners could attend the meeting and provide their objections on the record. However, no motion was made by the Commission.

### **TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW**

Please be advised that the Town Attorney has reviewed Resolution No. 035-2021 relating to 137 Kings Road and has approved it as to legal form and sufficiency.

Attachments

cc: Murphy Stillings, LLC