

Dear Mayor Moore and Town Council Members:

Please allow me to offer a few comments relative to the discussion before you regarding possible virtual commission meetings for September.

Currently 7 of LPC's 10 commissioners are out of town. These same commissioners have almost always complied with the oath we all took to be present at our monthly meetings. In years past, I and others happily made four trips back to Palm Beach to attend Landmarks meetings because we took our commitment to you and the LPC very seriously.

Summer travel is what I signed up for, and I never voiced the slightest complaint, even when faced with delays, cancelled, or diverted flights.

This summer, however, is different due to the highly transmissible Delta variant which presents an increased level of hardship and health concern.

Please note that August's LPC virtual meeting was able to be conducted flawlessly. Applicants were able to present their cases, public comment was routine, and commissioners were all able to deliberate without serious interruption.

I know you must grapple with the larger picture of the legality of holding the quasi-judicial commissions in Town Hall or virtually. As such, I will fully support and abide by whatever decision you make. However, I beg you to allow us another month of virtual meetings given the alarming number of serious breakthrough Covid cases.

Thank you for allowing me to enter my concern in the record and to plead for another month of virtual commission meetings.

Respectfully, René Silvin, LPC Chainman