

I. DESIGNATION HEARINGS

Item 8: 256 Orange Grove Road

Owner: Allen and Peggy Tomlinson

Call for disclosure of ex parte communication: There were no ex parte communications heard at this time.

Mr. Silvin asked for confirmation on proof of publication. Ms. Churney provided confirmation.

Emily Stillings, MurphyStillings, LLC, testified to the architecture and history for this Mid-Century Modern style home. Ms. Stillings pointed out the design features of this building. Ms. Stillings testified that the building met the following criteria for designation as a landmark:

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 of 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.

Motion made by Ms. Damgard and second by Ms. Patterson to make the designation report for 256 Orange Grove Road part of the record. Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

Mr. Silvin called for any public comment on the designation.

Alan Tomlinson, owner, stated he opposed to the landmark designation and provided the reasons he was opposed. He discussed the architecture of the home and added details on why he did not believe his home met the standard of a landmarked home.

Ms. Stillings restated that she felt this home was a very good representation of a Mid-Century Modern home, the architect was under represented and felt it was worthy of designation.

Aimee Sunny, Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach, thought that it was important to recognize and preserve all types of homes to tell the whole story of Palm Beach. Specifically, she thought this home was important to help preserve the character in the north end of the island.

Mr. Segraves inquired if the owner knew the finished floor elevation. Mr. Tomlinson responded. Mr. Segraves knew the architect of the home. He thought there were merits of the home and thought it may be beneficial to have a protection on the home, such as a landmark designation or a historically significant building designation.

Ms. Moran thought the home was important, especially since it would be the only Landmarked Mid-Century Modern home, which was stated to be under represented.

Motion made by Ms. Coleman and second by Ms. Patterson to recommend 256 Orange Grove Road to the Town Council for designation as a Landmark of the Town of Palm Beach based on criteria 1, 3 and 4 in Section 54-161. Motion carried 6-1, with Ms. Albarran opposed.