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Subject: ARC-21-040 (ZON-21-006) 164 Seaspray Avenue
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Dear Mr. Rivera,

We write with respect to the ARCOM committee meeting scheduled for February 23, 2022 to review a proposed plan for 164 Seaspray Avenue.

We are Palm Beach residents and live across the street at 145 Seaspray Avenue. We chose to live on Seaspray Avenue because we have always loved the unique Palm Beach charm of the "Sea Streets." It is vital to protect and preserve this irreplaceable charm.

Our disappointment with the proposed plan: We believe the proposed plan at 164 Seaspray is jarringly inconsistent with the traditional beauty of the Sea Streets (and our block in particular). The proposed plan is unimaginative and unauthentic, *especially on its most important north side facing Seaspray Avenue*. The facade facing Seaspray Avenue is little more than a modernistic "box" (see photo below) that bears no relation to the traditional charm of the homes on Seaspray's ocean block. It would be a poor replacement for the 100-year old home recently demolished on this lot.

A simple, historically authentic suggestion: The aesthetics of the proposed house would be improved *enormously* if the north (street-facing) elevation were revised to restore the original 100-year old, one-story front porch. The original porch is clearly visible in the aerial photographs of the "existing building photographs" (see below) on page 10 of 62 of the proposed plans (see photos below). If you wish, we would be happy to share some additional photographs of Seaspray Avenue (obtained from the Palm Beach Historical Society) that show the original porch at 164 Seaspray.

The original porch provided useful coastal living space and gave the house charm and real Palm Beach character. The porch can be easily, inexpensively restored and has the obvious merit of historical authenticity.

Thank you for your consideration and your commitment to preserving the beauty of Palm Beach. We ask that you kindly circulate this note to the Architectural Commission (ARCOM) and Town Council.

Respectfully yours,

David and Kelly Williams

Aerial Photos of Original Front Porch: