

Monday March 14, 2022

A letter to ARCOM and the Town of Palm Beach Council,

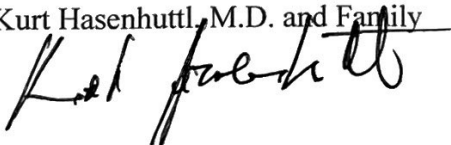
With this letter to ARCOM, I am trying to express my experience of living on Sandpiper Drive for the past 55 years. When my late wife and I built our home at 280 Sandpiper Drive in 1967, we consulted an architect who asked us to consider the style and build of the three pre-existing houses on Sandpiper at that time. We took the other homes into consideration and with the guidance of our architect, added another one-story house to our street. From when the first house was built on Sandpiper until 2015, only single-story houses were permitted and built. It was not only until 2014-2015, following the teardown of 257 Sandpiper, that a monstrous two-story house was presented to be built. It took 5 sessions of ARCOM and 6 months of debate to convince the architect to reduce the design to a one-story house, which was then honestly carried out by the architect. Since 2015, multiple homes have been renovated or built on Sandpiper, all of which have remained one-story homes, therefore maintaining the aesthetic and homogeneity of Sandpiper Drive.

Fast-forward to 2022, we are facing this two-story dilemma and disruption of Sandpiper's aesthetic once again. The new owners of 250 Sandpiper Drive, which was built as a one-story home with a large attic space over the garage in 1988, would like to expand the home to a two-story home. I myself, as well as other residents of Sandpiper Drive, oppose the proposal of renovating 250 Sandpiper to contain a full out two-story area, as this would add a new monstrosity to our previously untouched street.

Sandpiper Drive is one of the last remaining streets in Palm Beach that only contains one-story homes. This precedent has turned Sandpiper Drive into a time-capsule, incorporating what Palm Beach used to look like with the older one-story homes and where Palm Beach architecture is going with the addition of new one-story homes. 250 Sandpiper Drive's new appearance would disrupt the time-capsule we call home and overturn the precedent of only one-story homes on this street. I fear that if 250's proposal was to be accepted, Sandpiper would become the next street on Palm Beach to become overrun with monstrosities and therefore lack homogeneity and the traditional Palm Beach beauty.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
All my best,

Kurt Hasenhuttl, M.D. and Family

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kurt Hasenhuttl', written over a horizontal line.