

I. DESIGNATION HEARINGS

5. 345 POLMER PARK ROAD

Owner: Donna Jo Acquavella

Call for disclosure of ex parte communication: Disclosure by several members. *Please note: Patrick Segraves declared a conflict of interest for this project and left the dais during the hearing.*

Janet Murphy, MurphyStillings, LLC, testified to the architecture and history for this Mansard style home. Ms. Murphy pointed out the design features of this building. Ms. Murphy 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;

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.

Ms. Patterson asked for confirmation on proof of publication. Ms. Churney provided confirmation.

Motion made by Ms. Moran and seconded by Ms. Damgard to make the designation report for 345 Polmer Park Road part of the record. Motion carried unanimously, 7-0

Ms. Patterson called for any public comment on the designation.

Peter Broberg, 220 Monterey Road, asked that the letter from the Acquavellas be placed into the record, in which they object to their home being landmarked. He argued that the home was not worth being landmarked.

Aimee Sunny, Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach, thought the home met criteria 1, 3, and 4 and thought it represented the changing styles in Palm Beach.

Mr. Moran disagreed with Mr. Broberg and thought the home was very nice.

Ms. Fairfax advocated to landmark the tea house but not the rest of the property.

Ms. Albarran was in favor of the home and learned that this would be the first Ames Bennett home to be landmarked. Ms. Albarran thought the home was wonderful and had nice proportions and symmetry.

Ms. Coleman thought the home was beautiful.

Mr. Wong agreed with Ms. Fairfax and thought the tea house was worthy of landmarking.

Motion made by Ms. Fairfax to recommend the pool house only at 345 Polmer Park 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 failed for lack of second.

Motion made by Ms. Albarran and seconded by Ms. Moran to recommend 345 Polmer Park 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. Fairfax dissenting.