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Town of Palm Beach
360 S. County Rd.
Palm Beach, FL 33480

Project: Mid-Town Beach Seawall. 0 Worth Ave Palm Beach, FL 33480

ARC-22-211

ZON-22-145

Subject: Letter of Intent (LOI)

We are submitting the attached drawings and application for the review of our project noted above. The scope of work includes the construction of a new seawall east of the existing seawall.

Please note the following:

A. LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMISSION – Sections 54-122 & 54-161

Not applicable.

B. ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW – Section 18-205

Proposed new 2,715-foot-long Mid-Town Municipal Beach seawall extending north of Royal Palm Way to south of Gulfstream Road. The existing seawall was initially constructed in the 1920's and has met its intended service life. A replacement seawall has been designed consistent with the Town Council-adopted long term Coastal Management Plan and the Level-Up Palm Beach Coastal Resilience Implementation Plan. A Coastal Construction Control Line Permit Application has been submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for this eligible coastal armoring project.

The seawall has elements that are tied to important existing structures, such as the Worth Avenue Clock Tower and the lifeguard/restroom facility. These features, and others, have been carefully considered by Town staff and the Town's consultants to enhance storm protection and resiliency for years to come with a new seawall, while maintaining the same visually unique qualities of the existing seawall.

C. ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW – Section 18-206

The existing kneewall, gates and wood stairs and ramps, will be removed and replaced in kind.

D. SPECIAL EXCEPTION – Section 134-22

Not applicable.

E. SITE PLAN REVIEW

The improvements to the seawall impose minor impacts to the existing site plan.

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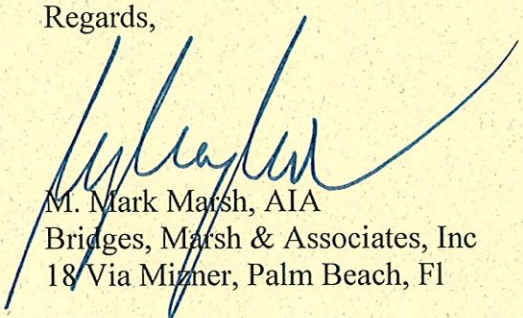
F. VARIANCE – Section 134-201

Request for a variance for a new 2'-10" thick, 4 feet high (max), 2,715 feet long seawall constructed varying 42" to 78" east of Town's bulkhead line.

1. The Special conditions and circumstances that exist are that the seawall that was initially constructed in the 1920's defined the location of the Bulkhead line and that leaves no room to provide a new seawall.
2. The special conditions and circumstances do not result from the actions of the applicant.
3. The proposed seawall improvements will have a positive impact on the neighborhood as it will achieve the intent of the Town Council-adopted long term Coastal Management Plan and the Level-Up Palm Beach Coastal Resilience Implementation Plan.
4. The proposed wall will be compatible with the neighborhood and not much different than what currently exists.
5. The distance east of bulkhead line that requires a variance is the minimum needed due to existing structural conditions.
6. N.A.
7. The grant of the variance will be in harmony with the general intent and purpose of this chapter, and such variance will not be injurious to the area involved or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.

G. OTHER - None at this time.

Regards,



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