

IX. DESIGNATION HEARINGS

2. **304 S County Rd (304-306 S County Rd)**

Owner: Thomas Campaniello

Call for disclosure of ex parte communication: Disclosure by Ms. Metzger.

Emily Stillings, MurphyStillings, LLC, testified to the architecture and history for this Art Deco style commercial structure. 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.

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

Motion made by Ms. Moran and seconded by Ms. Albarran to make the designation report for 304 S County Rd (304-306 S County Rd) part of the record. Motion carried unanimously, 7-0

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

David McPherson, representing the owner Thomas Campaniello, objected to the designation. He provided the reasons for the owner's objections.

Ms. Fairfax told the representative that the owner could join the façade easement program, which would provide a federal tax break to the owner. She briefly explained the program.

Aimee Sunny, Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach, stated that the buildings met both criteria as stated by Ms. Stillings. She thought the buildings had wonderful art deco features and indicated that the buildings met the walkable fabric of the downtown area, as well as the changing cultural trends. Ms. Sunny reminded the Commission that landmarked buildings would allow for additions and provided her support for the designation.

Ms. Moran did not believe the buildings were a good representation of the art deco style. She did not support the designation.

Ms. Albarran liked the buildings and liked how the design was split between

two buildings. She thought the buildings were elegant and supported the designation.

Motion made by Ms. Coleman and second by Ms. Albarran to recommend 304 S County Rd (304-306 S County Rd) to the Town Council for designation as a Landmark of the Town of Palm Beach based on criteria 1 and 3 in Section 54-161, and with the acknowledgement of owner opposition. Motion carried 6-1, with Ms. Moran dissenting.