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PLANNING, ZONING, & BUILDING DEPARTMENT PZ&B Staff Memorandum: Architectural Commission

Director PZ&B

SUBJECT: ARC-24-0096 150 WORTH AVE

MEETING: DECEMBER 20, 2024, ARCOM

ARC-24-0096 150 WORTH AVE—THE ESPLANADE. The applicant, Wilson 150 Worth LLC, has filed an application requesting Architectural Commission review and approval for updated paving, updated railings, removal of the main central staircase, and the addition of a water feature for the Esplanade.

Applicant: 150 Worth LLC

Architecture/Landscape/Design: Environment Design Group

HISTORY:

The Site Plan (the Esplanade building) was approved in 05/9/78, pursuant to #2-7B. In 1991 the Town of Palm Beach commissioned the planning firm Adley Brisson Engman to develop design guidelines to protect and enhance the Avenue's unique character, i.e. the Worth Avenue Design Guidelines. Modifications to the Worth Avenue Design Guidelines occurred in 1998, to allow, through special allowances, arcades to be built over sidewalks in the C-WA district.

The case was deferred from the November 22, 2024, ARCOM hearing for further refinement of details and information.

THE PROJECT:

The applicant has submitted revised plans, entitled "The Esplanade 150 Worth Avenue Palm Beach" as prepared by **Environment Design Group**, dated December 4, 2024.

The following scope of work is proposed:

- Replace floor pavers.
- Replace railings on ground and second floor.
- Add pots and landscaping.

Site Data			
Zoning District	C-WA	Future Land Use	COMMERCIAL
Year built	1979 1998 Arcade addition	Architect	Lawrence Group Architects

STAFF ANALYSIS

The applicant is proposing to refresh the interior courtyard of the Esplanade shopping area. This includes a change in paver material. The proposed materials are limestone in agrande burn, cast stone and travertine in ivory creme. This would include installation of additional drainage areas concealed with drain covers.

PAVER AND LANDSCAPE UPGRADES

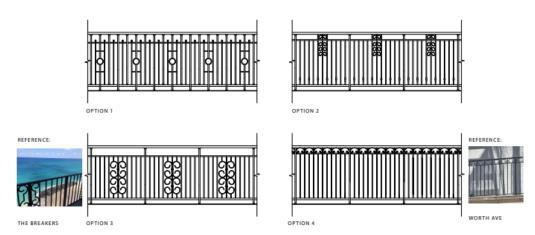




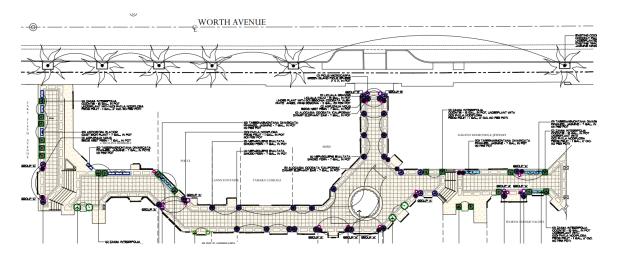
EXISTING CONDITION

The second most visible change will be a new railing pattern that is visually lighter and vertically straight instead of bowed. The applicant is bringing forth several options for ARCOM to consider:

INTERIOR STOREFRONT RAILING OPTIONS | HERITAGE LUXE



Finally, groupings of plants in staggered pot heights will be added throughout the plaza. None impede pedestrian flow. The plant materials include Bamboo Palm, Licuala Palm, Pinwheel Jasmine, Sword Fern, Coontie and Frog Fruit resulting in 35.5% of the shrubs being native and 92.3% of the groundcover being native.



The elements proposed seem to be consistent with the Worth Avenue Design Guidelines and the architectural elements of the Esplande at large.

CONCLUSION:

Approval of the project will require one (1) separate motion to be made by the Architectural Commission:

(1) for the overall design of the project in accordance with <u>Sec. 18-205</u> criteria, subject to any imposed conditions, and

WRB: JGM: FHM