

XI. DESIGNATION HEARINGS

1. ITEM 1: 225 SOUTH COUNTY ROAD

Owner: Sphinx Properties, LLC

Mses. Brooker, Coleman, and Mr. Ives disclosed ex-parte communications.

Janet Murphy, MurphyStillings, LLC, testified to the architecture and history of the Dutch Colonial Revival-style residence. Ms. Murphy pointed out the design features of the residence. Ms. Murphy testified that the residence 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. Mittner provided confirmation.

Ms. Murphy spoke favorably of the home.

A motion was made by Mr. Ives and was seconded by Ms. Albarran to make the designation report for 225 S. County Road part of the record. The motion was carried unanimously, 7-0.

Ms. Patterson called for public comment.

Aimee Sunny of the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach thanked the homeowners for their stewardship and for supporting the designation.

Ms. Fairfax thought it was rare for the town to see such an intact and prominent house and thought it was a prime example of how architecture is valued in Palm Beach. She was thrilled that the owners volunteered their home for landmarking and concurred that the home met the criteria outlined by the consultants.

Mr. Ives confirmed that the home met the criteria and postulated a replacement on the prominent corner.

A motion was made by Ms. Fairfax and was seconded by Mr. Ives to recommend 225 S. County Road 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 acknowledgment that the owners of the home support the designation. The motion was carried unanimously, 7-0.