



**Submission of Sworn Public Comment for
Public Hearings
Legislative and Quasi-Judicial**

*The asterisk denotes a required field in order for the comments to be submitted
for consideration.*

Your name*

Prefix: First Name: Jacob

Last Name: Berg

Your address*

Street Address: 615 S. Indian River Drive

City: Fort Pierce

Meeting Date*

February 22, 2021

Agenda Item*

Certificate of Appropriateness 21-03

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TESTIMONY/COMMENTS*

Please see attached comments as the space provided here is insufficient.

I swear or affirm, under oath, that the statement herein is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Signature

Members of the Fort Pierce Historic Preservation Board, my name is Jacob Berg and I am an owner of property at 615 S. Indian River Drive, which is adjacent to 602 S. Indian River Drive. I regret that I am unable to attend this meeting in person due to the short notice and health concerns associated with the COVID 19 pandemic. Please consider my below objections to the certificate of appropriateness application 21-03 presently before you.

1. The proposed new residence is to be built on the east side of Indian River Drive, a state designated scenic highway. Permitting the proposed residence will substantially impair the ability to view the Indian River by all. Impairing the view takes away the primary historical feature of the Drive (the view) and cuts against the stated purpose of designating the Drive as a scenic highway in the first place.
2. Permitting the proposed residence on the east side of the Drive sets a bad precedent, essentially laying the groundwork to permit all owners of land up and down the drive to bulkhead, fill, and construct new homes on the east side of the road in a manner which obstructs the view. If the current application is approved, many more applications will be forthcoming.
3. The proposed residence will obstruct my view. My house is located on the west side of the Drive with only two properties between mine and the one at issue. In order to reclaim my unobstructed view of the Indian River, I would have to consider developing the portion of my property on the east side of the Drive. This concern applies to all home owners up and down the Drive.
4. I do not believe that adequate notice of the hearing on this application was provided. The issues at hand are serious and require the board's utmost attention and consideration. A mere 10 days' notice is insufficient to allow all stakeholders to learn of the meeting and make arrangements to attend.
5. The limited liability company applying for this approval has been administratively dissolved since September 2020 and is therefore not authorized to conduct business in this state.