

#### Architectural Review Board STAFF REPORT PLANNING & ZONING DIVISION July 18, 2018

**ARB Number**: 18-057 (ARB 18-009)

**Project Name:** Winding Oaks of Palm Beach Polo Alternative Design

for Privacy Wall

Owner: Winding Oaks Homeowners Association

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Agent: Marty Miller

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**PCN:** 73-41-44-14-41-001-0010

**Existing Zoning**: Planned Unit Development (PUD)

**Future Land** 

**Use Designation**: Residential C

**Project Manager**: Kelly Ferraiolo, Senior Planner

#### **REQUEST**

Marty Miller, agent, on behalf of the Winding Oaks Homeowners Association, owners, is requesting Architectural Review Board (ARB) approval of an alternative design standard to install 203 linear feet of an eight (8) foot high CBS privacy wall.

#### **LOCATION AND VICINITY:**

Winding Oaks is located within the southeast portion of Palm Beach Polo Homeowners Association adjacent to the C-23 canal and Pierson Road.



#### **BACKGROUND:**

Winding Oaks subdivision is made up of 18 single family residences. The Homeowners Association is seeking approval of a privacy wall that exceeds the maximum allowed wall height requirement by two (2) feet. The HOA applied for a building permit (BP# 18-1947) to install the privacy wall (Exhibit A – Proposed Wall) but was returned by zoning as the additional height requires ARB approval.

## **STAFF ANALYSIS:**

Per Section 6.6.4.E.6. of Wellington's Land Development Regulations (LDR), walls shall not be more than six feet in height. Alternatives to Development Standards may be allowed by the ARB for buildings and structures that do not meet the minimum development standards if the request meets certain criteria. The criteria are as follows:

Special Conditions and circumstance which are peculiar to the land, structure or building involved: The Winding Oaks neighborhood abuts the C-23 Canal, Pierson Road and the commerce park. The proposed CBS wall will

provide additional screening and buffering between the homeowners and the often congested roadway, the industrial park and overhead powerlines.

The approval of alternative development standards will be consistent with the general intent and purpose of these regulations and will not be injurious to the neighborhood or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare: The additional height will not be detrimental to the public welfare, will increase screening for the residents and possibly buffer any sound from the adjacent roadway so homeowners can enjoy their property. Currently, there is an existing Ficus and Surinam Cherry hedge. The deteriorating Ficus hedge will be removed and 203 linear feet of the proposed eight (8) foot high wall will be installed in its place. There currently is an existing eight (8) foot privacy wall located on the adjacent 2929 Winding Oaks Lane constructed in 2005. The proposed wall will be in alignment with the existing wall, will be painted white and will also have a climbing bougainvillea along the south side facing C-23 canal/Pierson Road as shown below.



Image 1: 2929 Winding Oaks Lane Existing Wall



Image 2: West Approach along Pierson Road



Image 3: Deteriorating Ficus Hedge along Pierson Road



Image 4: View from Winding Oaks Lane

The approval of alternative development standards, if granted, is the minimum alternative that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building or structure: The proposed request is the minimum alternative needed to accomplish the esthetic look, privacy and security the Homeowners Association is attempting to achieve.

Winding Oaks subdivision is located along the southern boundary of the Wellington PUD. The PUD was originally approved in 1973. At that time, no perimeter landscape buffer was required. However, when a development makes significant changes, it must meet the requirements of the current code. The proposed wall is to be installed along the entire length of the southern boundary of the development on the property that is owned by the HOA. Per Section 6.8.2. of Wellington's LDR, a perimeter PUD landscape buffer is required to consist of a mixture of trees and shrubs within the buffer. The area the wall is proposed to be installed is extremely limited. The property consists of a 25 foot Acme Improvement District on the southern portion of the property and a six (6) foot Water and Sewer Easement on the northern portion of the property as shown in

Exhibit A, leaving only approximately seven (7) feet for the installation of the buffer as required by code. The intent of the buffer is to screen the view from other uses and right of ways abutting the PUD. The installation of an eight (8) foot CBS wall with a climbing bougainvillea hedge is an agreeable alternative that meets the intent of the code.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of Petition 18-057 (ARB 18-009) to allow Winding Oaks Homeowners Association to install 203 linear feet of eight (8) feet tall CBS privacy wall located at 2900 Winding Oaks Lane with the following conditions:

- 1. A building permit shall be obtained prior to construction of the wall.
- 2. Utility Easement Consent Forms from all utility agencies and a Hold Harmless Form shall be submitted with the Building Permit as the wall will be located within a utility easement.
- 3. The wall shall be landscaped as shown in Exhibit A Proposed Wall.
- 4. The wall shall be maintained as required by Section 6.6.4.L of Wellington's LDR.

## **Exhibit A – Proposed Wall**

# New Site Wall

# 2900 Winding Oaks Lane - Parcel B

Palm Beach Polo

Wellington, Florida 33414

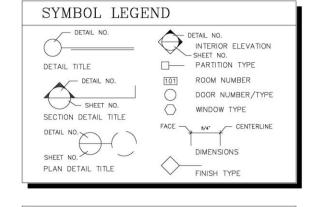
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#### MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS

### GENERAL NOTES

- All concealed wood to be fire retardant treated wood pro-

### **ABBREVIATIONS**

## DRAWING LIST

COVER SHEET TRELLIS PLAN & ELEVATIONS



#### PROJECT DETAILS

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PROJECT USE - COMMERCIAL OCCUPANCY - BUSINESS, GROUP B ALTERATION LEVEL II CONSTRUCTION TYPE - IB UNPROTECTED, SPRINKLED

SPECIFIC NOTES: CONSTRUCTION OF REPLACEMENT TRELLIS AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS









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