ARCOM approves second residence for Frisbees  

The new homes sit next to each other on Indian Road.

By Anette Kopf

After receiving approval last month for a new two-story house at 219 Indian Road, the Frisbee family now has the go-ahead for a two-story residence on their adjacent property.

On Wednesday, the Architectural Commission approved designs for a 11,990-square-foot single-family house on Indian Road.

Architect Roger Gosselin eliminated the need for continuous ventilation by reducing the size and overall height of the house. It is designed with a covered garage and entrance gate in the front, and a main two-story house in the center with a guest house to the west connected by an open-angled garage.

"The intent was to create a more informal, pedestrian-friendly house," he said. "It's a very interesting site and I hope we've found an interesting solution.

Commissioner Robert Vela liked the project.

"I think it's a fresh solution in regard to your approach to the courtyard," he said. "I think it's a great project and I think the landscape design is going to be a good job of enhancing it.

Commissioner Ann Vanneck commented on the lack of differentiation between the two properties, but approved the project overall.

A couple of other commissioners also commented on the connection between the two houses and what that means for the neighborhood.

"We were originally approached that if a family compounds," said Commissioner Henry Humes. "I think the feeling that has changed is what I know of how it's in the LLC (limited liability company) and what (other homes) the neighborhood has to look at here.

Town Attorney John Randolph offered commission members that it's not their job to worry about preserving or whether a house is "open space." You're here to just look at the architecture," he said.

Contemporary houses

The commission also approved designs for two modern residences, one near the Palm Beach County Club and the other near Siwanoy Cove.

On Thursday, the commission adopted the plans for a contemporary house on Indian Road. The home, listed at $12,950,000, features a two-story home with a open space creating a two-story home at 685 Lake Circle.

Architects changed the overhangs and pergola to white wood to bring the house under wooden and aluminum to the house.

Commissioners liked the design and neighbors support the project as well.

"Thank you for addressing all our concerns," said Commissioner. "I think it's terrific.

Commissioners also approved the designs for a two-story contemporary house on an ocean-to-lake lot at 690 S. Ocean Blvd. that's valued at $12,950,000.

Architect Christopher Stone said the house is designed to accommodate the lifestyle of a young family, which includes entertaining and a large contemporary art collection. The house also features a two-story master bedroom.

"I think it's exciting that a young family is interested in being part of our community and making something that is consistent with their lifestyle," said Commissioner Ann Vanneck. "I think it's a very dynamic and exciting residence.

Other commissioners also applauded the "modern and simple" design as a welcome addition to the town.

A couple of commissioners were not as excited.

"This is the reaction when I saw this it doesn't feel like a house or a residence to me. It's a small hotel or an airport," Humes said. "It's much more fitting in Coral Gables or Fort Lauderdale than Palm Beach.

Commissioner Richard Sammon was also concerned about the style and scale of the house.

Other projects

The commission also:

- Approved a new two-story residence at 240 Angler Ave.
- Approved exterior renovations at the Ambassadors Deluxe Apartments, 2730 S. Ocean Blvd.
- Approved stucco renovations at 204 Worth Ave.
- Approved a new two-story, twostory house at 176 S. S. Avenue
- Approved alterations at 129 Woodside Road.
- Deferred four-unit, two-story townhouse building at 211 S. S. Avenue.
- Deferred William Cosby's new two-story house at 266 Fairway Rd.

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