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Committee to study Royal Poinciana Way

WHAT THEY SAID

Comments of residents who addressed the Town Council at Wednesday's meeting on the proposed zoning overlay for Royal Poinciana Way:

'Change is not a dirty word. Money is not a dirty word. [Property owners] can't afford to upgrade their properties under the limits of the current zoning code.'

LES EVANS

Attorney and town resident who owns property on Royal Poinciana Way

'It's not about being against something new. It's about being happy with the town as it is now, and not seeing it as blighted.'

ALEXANDER IVES

Executive director of the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach, which opposes the overlay

'Do zoning changes to improve the street without changing the comprehensive plan. People want to know why a gas station is allowed

to sit empty, as ugly as it is.'

ALLEN WYETT

Former Town Councilman

'The street is rundown and shabby ... We're afraid if you don't act the street will continue to go downhill.'

NED BARNES

President of the Palm Beach Civic Association, which favors zoning reform, but with less density than proposed by the Testa family and zoning board

'Preservation can be the most valuable kind of redevelopment. Let's not be so quick to take out the wrecking ball.'

BOBBY LINDSAY BUCK

Resident and Shore Protection Board member

'We are proud of the town. We are not proud of the north side of Royal

Poinciana Way.'

LOUIS PRYOR

Resident and former co-chairman and CEO of the Civic Association

'Your role is to be the protector of the town and its covenants, not the disablers.'

AUDREY BENDER

Resident

'Town residents want to protect our investment in the town which, for some of us, is substantial.'

SUSAN MARKIN

Former Town Councilwoman and unsuccessful mayoral candidate

'91 percent of ... taxes are paid by residential properties. We don't want this.'

WILLIAM COOLEY

Resident, former landmarks commissioner