



## DESIGNING OUR PALM BEACH

27 February, 2023

RE: Daily Charrette Summary - Commencement

Members of Town of Palm Beach Council, Town of Palm Beach Planning & Zoning Commission, Town of Palm Beach Planning, Zoning & Building Staff

Today marked the commencement of Design Our Palm Beach Week! Nearly 200 engaged Palm Beach residents turned out for what is undoubtedly *the* public event of the season. Residents showed up in advance of the start time and as the start time approached there was a line of residents out the door.

In attendance from the consulting team were 15 planning, zoning, and design professionals from ZoneCo, Yard & Co., The Corradino Group, and Fairfax & Sammons. The entire leadership team from the Town Department of Planning, Zoning, and Building was also present and integrally involved in the event. A special thank you to members of the Town Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, and ArCom who were present, and for the on-going support of those who could not attend.

The Mayor kicked off the four-day charrette with welcoming remarks. Following the Mayor, ZoneCo Lead Principal Sean Suder gave a commencement address emphasizing that this week's charrette activities was designed around the residents as stewards of and authors of the next chapter of this venerable island's present and future. Finally, charrette lead Joe Nickol of Yard & Co. spoke in detail about the events of the week and opportunities for engagement.

One half of the room was flanked by approximately 20 informational and engagement boards that focused on what we heard at the January charrette kick-off event at Town Hall and what we are addressing this week. The boards allowed residents to provide written feedback on potential solutions to issues and to indicate their support or disagreement with certain approaches. Copies of the boards will be uploaded to the project website at [www.pbzoning.org](http://www.pbzoning.org) by tomorrow.

The consultant team and Town leadership engaged with citizens until 6:00 p.m. when the charrette was adjourned for the day and the charrette team met to discuss the day's events and plans for tomorrow.



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Tomorrow will be a day packed with open house meetings, mobile workshops, design exercises, and a presentation by ZoneCo's Sean Suder titled "Mizner: The Placemaker." Tuesday's events will be held at the Mandel Recreation Center between 9 am and 6 pm. Please see [www.pbzoning.org](http://www.pbzoning.org) for a more complete schedule.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the charrette commencement a success! We look forward to seeing you tomorrow!

