

## **PALM BEACH CIVIC ASSOCIATION SURVEY**

### **Post Office For Sale - Survey Comments**

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#### **4. If the Town of Palm Beach purchases the Main Post Office, what should the town do with the property?**

Should it cease being a postal facility, it should be considered for use as a public library. Charlottesville, Virginia, my birthplace, converted its main post office into its main library, thus preserving a historical building while transforming it into a town-serving structure.

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Whatever happens and whoever owns the building we must have the post office for this end of town as there is very limited parking at the other post office.

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Without an obvious purpose

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seems like a wasted purchase

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Although \$5,000,000 sounds large, it is worth it considering some of the other expenditures that have been and will be made.

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If the Post Office is sold, there is no parking readily available at the other town P.O. That is critical. forcing all to use the other P.O. would be a mess.

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What a shock to find that our historical building is not owned by us... How could our politicians let that go till it was worth \$5M ???

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Certainly an oversight of massive proportions.

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Who set the price of \$5M and who is willing to pay it?

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there isn't parking at the other post office

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The US postal service should close the other post office and retain the main Palm Beach Post Office.

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Rent back to Post Office if they want it, otherwise, use for town offices if appropriate, otherwise, rent to another business.

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Use part of the space for the Post Office since they want to downsize, and use the other majority space for a number of opportunities: medical facility, restaurant, town offices, etc. It can be a multi-use space!

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Be advised, with this facility gone you lose the office of Postmaster of Palm Beach. In the past, it was a political job, now it is just a management promotion. It is a cost cutting measure, and no longer a political office, or a Postmaster in touch with the local community.

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The Main Post Office is one of the historical and charming buildings of Palm Beach. Moreover, it is very useful! Replacing it by anything other than a Post Office would be an enormous loss.

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It is a beautiful building denoting the architectural style of old Palm Beach, & worth preserving it for future generations.

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What about closing the OTHER post office which has no architectural significance and keep this one going as is?

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We need this post office. What can we all do to save it?

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Perhaps later sell to another party for more than five million dollars. The Town can profit from the purchase and later sale of the property.

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Consider all of above options including negotiating a favorable price for the city to purchase the site.

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The town should do the economic thing which can include any of the above items, keeping in mind the nature / structure of the building and its location. I am not opposed to renting it back to the post office, but will that make economic sense for the Town of Palm Beach?

The Post Office Building is an architectural gem of its period, which can be viewed by anyone entering free, a true asset to the town of Palm Beach, which should be retained by the Town of Palm Beach as part of its heritage, especially note the wall murals, the circular counters with period lamps, window "headings".....the last vestige of a bygone era in U.S. postal history.

I THINK IT SHOULD STAY A POST OFFICE FOREVER...

get a 40+ year lease

This building is one of the very few buildings with ties back to early Palm Beach - it's great that it is our post office where everyone is able to enjoy the history of our great town - so often I see new-comers staring up at the murals and commenting how personal our post office is. I love going there on a regular basis - my children both live in Europe and I'm sending packages very often. Hopefully, we won't have to lose this special building to the "highest bidder" as has often been the case.

how can the town spend more money that it doesn't have in the bank??? raising taxes again in not an option.

NO POST OFFICE.NO GAS STATION! THESE ARE TOWN SERVING BUSINESSES THAT SHOULD NOT BE REMOVED.HOW CAN WE HOLD MUNDER AND HIS RPPLAZA PROJECT TO BE TOWN SERVING IF WE ARE REMOVING TWO OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ONES.

we all want PB to never change

Town has more important things to do that making it's resources too thin.

The impact of having only 1 post office on the island will be huge! Our residents already hate standing in line waiting for service! The lines at the South PO would be immense, service would suffer and the aggrevation level would increase - which would be taken out on the PO employees.

Don't know enough [about the building] to make a truly intelligent answer.

**5. If the Town of Palm Beach DOES NOT purchase the Main Post Office at Royal Poinciana Way and the Post Office sells the property, what type of business or use should go into the property?**

It is already a museum....why sell?

I answered as I did only because we do not have an urgent care facility on the island, not because I think such a facility would be self sustaining. We do not need another bank or museum or restaurant under any circumstance.

Greenway switch

Traffic circle

Breakers gate

To let this happen at all is a disgrace. A museum would be the only way to save face and save Palm Beach from its inevitable spiral downwards.

A bank or medical clinic are about the only business that could work in that building which is landmarked and on the Nat'l Register.

Could be a multi-use space to include a smaller retail post office space. Then any of the above could utilize the remaining space.

I think that the town should use their best efforts to persuade the U.S. Postal Service to stay at their Palm Beach location. It's an asset to our community.

An Information center for tourists and residents, offering a "relaxation area" would allow visitors and Palm Beachers to come and contemplate the beautiful interior of the building, while it would have a "promoting" effect for Palm Beach.

We need the post office. Close another post office near Worth Avenue.

It should stay a post office. If the town can't buy it, would it be possible for an individual to buy the building and rent it to the post office on a long term lease?

There seems like so much take-away in this town serving section of our beloved town. First the gas station and now the post office. Hope our low-rise, landmarked buildings won't be next. I used to say with pride that I could walk to everything I need.

We must save our town serving Post Office.

Thank you for your help.

Whatever is consistent with the space/visual appearance of the building. Palm Beach must be willing to see change happen in our town. Just cause the building has been a post office, does not mean that it should ALWAYS be a post office. The town codes can protect us against inappropriate use/visual changes. We need to allow the town to grow and stay modern. We should not put ourselves in a time capsule and resist change just because it is change. Well considered "change" can be for the better.

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For present and future generations to "feel" the historical significance of the U.S. Post Office.

we need something there to aid packaging and mailing capability. How about a privately-run us post office?

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why would the public have any right to what business a land owner finds as a tenant???

It has rear parking but any use should not add parking woes t the aea

Enough banks & restaurants

gas station? or more important to keep it as a post office.

We are already well served by the above four suggestions above and do need a Post Office at this end of Palm Beach. There always seem to be plenty of customers using the services in this P.O.

or museum or maybe restaurant

The Urgent Care Medical Clinic, must be for residents and workers of the Island only, with the work permits and proven health insurance or workers compensation provided when work permits had been granted, otherwise crossing the bridge and using that Urgent care center to receive free care will cause more problem and adversely could effect our quality of life in town of Palm Beach.

Business on the island is already suffering. The PO is an historical building w/a lot of potential. It would be a wonderful restaurant w/a historical perspective but would hate the building to get damaged in any kind of way. If it was sold/leased as a business it would definite have to be something w/a draw.

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**THE BREAKERS SHOULD PURCHASE IT AND DO WHATEVER THEY WANT WITH IT BUT NOT FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES**

A bank or some small offices would probably not upset the traffic flow in that area. It's a rather awkward spot for traffic and parking.

since it is in the center of old Palm Beach, it should be a gathering place for people to just simply enjoy themselves - it is a 'walk to' location so the parking issues should not enter the conversation. [explain why there is reserved parking by permit only on this property at the moment - not very deomocratic...]

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The building is in such a prominent location that signage would be a problem and might be very offensive!

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If the building isn't landmarked it should be.

I hate the idea of some stupid bank or random retail shop moving in there because the spot has such high visibility. As for a clinic, does the island really need one? It's not like we're offering free services to the homeless. Or, here's a thought: turn it into a theater and make all the crazy theater people upset about the Poinciana Plaza happy. Gainesville, FL's Hippodrome (a really cool theater in the downtown area) was once a federal courthouse. Now it shows plays and independent films

It should remain a Post Office. How can that little sub station on Peruvian handle all the needs of the Town. They are backed when only three or four people are in line with one person trying to mail ten packages from a local store.

The customers would be out-the-door if we only have one Post Office in Town. I have never heard of Post Offices closing during difficult times. The next thing will be the closing of Peruvian and we will have to go to the Main Post Office.

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Anything but medical care which again implies that we would sponsor a business venture which is not our function, In addition, adequate care is easily available.

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I don't really care. Let the private marketplace take care of this.

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Medical is the worst idea, because it would be cut up into little boxes for the patient treating rooms. We don't need more banks. A Museum would be best, but it's a bit small for that. We should get the post office to agree to lease it back and figure out a price that the rent just covers the debt service and expenses. Not real big rent growth, but certain. Agree to close the other post office near Worth Avenue, if we have to close one of them.

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how would the average citizen know?

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It is none of the towns the associations business who buys or what they do with it. If the purchaser commits to the present covenants of the town then they should be allowed to do with it as they like. The town gets involved in areas that it doesn't belong in and this is one of them.

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Urgent Care clinic wrong for the most prominent corner in town. Sends a negative message. There should be an urgent care clinic, but not here as a centerpiece. This is the gateway to town. Big picture - Town should do all possible to keep the PO there.

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Whoever would pay \$5 million for that s.f. would have to have a business that could amortize that kind of cost. This is a market place question.

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The property has a perfect configuration of a bank.

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Any businesses or other entity that would benefit the community and visitors is fine.

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Whatever business would make it economically viable.