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For the purpose of being "on record", I feel the proposed wheelchair accessible ramp placement is NOT headed in the right direction. I am opposed to the proposed placement for all the reasons I am sure you have already heard. Perhaps this can be studied more.

Thank you

Marianna Fitz-Hugh
Portsmouth Way

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Please include Pat and me as property owners that are concerned with adding:

- New Beach Access 200 feet from existing access.
- Observation Platform with permanent seating at 16 ft.
- Disturbing dune system with ramps, platform and parking in area critically important to protecting from over wash.
- ADA access that is needed is questionable for effective use due to rise and turns.

There seems to be valid questions on how other potential answers to ADA needs were evaluated. We therefore encourage the Board to not approve this use of BHA Common Area. Feel free to share these concerns with other Board Members.

Thank you all for your service.

Dick Johnston, 919-673-6776, erj@bellsouth.net

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I am writing to express my opposition to the building of the ADA handicap beach access on lot 1319 on South Bald Head Wynd. I agree that providing a handicapped beach access is an excellent idea but, the design of the access, the large parking lot, and the placement of the access on this dune area is unacceptable. I understood that the lots in that area had been given in perpetuity to SILT. They were given to protect the natural habitat. I have watched that dune be destroyed by storms and watched it build back to the height it is now over the last 35 years we have been on the island. Why put such a large access over such a beautiful, natural area? I was shocked that the ARB would approve such building! In addition, as Bald Head has markedly grown over the last few years, placing parking on a very busy South Bald Head Wynd makes no sense. Surely there is another area with less traffic and with less dune to be traversed. The joy and beauty of the island is its natural habitat. Please do not approve this eyesore and ruin such a beautiful natural area!

Kim Clarke
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4-18-2022

To the BHA Board,

I'm writing to express my concerns about the proposed design for the ADA access proposal. I oppose the current plan. The proposed switchback design and the slope and length of the proposed ramp do not appear to be at all user-friendly, even if compliant.

Having spent a short time in a wheelchair and considerable time pushing older wheelchair users, the current design, particularly the length of the ramp, its slope, and the switchbacks, strikes me as far too complex and challenging to maneuver. The design needs to be less elaborate and more accessible. I wonder if the village consulted a physician, physical therapist, actual wheelchair user, caregiver of a wheelchair user, [nonprofit specializing in ADA beach access](#), or an ADA expert in beach access? There are [numerous considerations](#), not the least of which is the material used.

Additionally, I wonder how prudent it is to build an ADA access without a single bathroom nearby? It seems insensitive to not provide a facility.

With regard to parking, I think that a comprehensive parking study and an environmental impact study for any proposed parking lot should be conducted. I think it would ill-serve the island to build a new parking lot without a comprehensive study that looks at island-wide parking needs and environmental impact.

To be good stewards of the island, and continue to cultivate a place people want to live and visit, we must do so carefully and well-informed.

Regards,

Diane Evia-Lanevi

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