Bulk of Mizner architectural awards won by Palm Beach firms, projects

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Firms and projects with Palm Beach connections won the majority of the architecture, landscape and design honors during this month’s 2023 Addison Mizner Awards dinner in the Coral Ballroom of The Colony Hotel.

The 11th annual juried competition was sponsored by the Florida Chapter of the Institute of Classical Architecture & Art.

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Church Mouse gets new stone lions to replace two that were lost in crash

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In Palm Beach, it takes two lions to protect a mouse. In this case, stone lions. And this is no ordinary mouse, but the Church Mouse, the thrift store that has protected the south end of the building and finally coming to the front door and its casing, a chunk of the building near the front door and the landscaping outside — were destroyed when a 54-year-old Tennessee woman lost control of her SUV about 4 a.m. Oct. 4.

Video from a surveillance camera on the back of the facility at 340 Seaview Ave. were contracted are among the changes coming to the Seaview Tennis Center this summer.

Details of the planned changes for the facility at 340 Seaview Ave. were announced during the Recreation Advisory Board’s meeting April 16 by Recreation Department Assistant Director Rance Gaede. Renovations, which include rezoning the center’s courts, replacing its 60-foot fencing, installing new benches and replacing the center’s awnings, are set to begin in June.

“When we get ready to reopen, hopefully the first of August, you’ll be looking at a predominately new tennis facility for you to utilize,” Gaede said.

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unequaled. “The town was mad at us. It was a disaster,” Sanchez said, before adding that the owners have since forgiven him and his design team. “We still have a key, and the staff of FGS is allowed to stay there” on the estate.

FGS Design also won the award for best architectural folly” for another project in the Bahamas — a small structure with a Mediterranean-style arch by a swimming pool at an estate in New Providence.

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The design of a new Mediterranean-style house on South Ocean Boulevard in Palm Beach won architect Kristin Kellogg of Smith Kellogg Architecture was named the best new residential project under 5,000 square feet and includes poolside cabana.

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