

Spectacular view attracts buyers to \$4.75M Big Sand Lake home

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Good bones and a spectacular view of the I-Drive entertainment district helped land a buyer for this 22-year-old estate on Big Sand Lake. (Photo by VTR Image)



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A home with a killer view just sold a record price for the Phillips Landing neighborhood.

The home on Southern Breeze Drive sits on a 4.29-acre point on Big Sand Lake.

“The unique thing about that house was the peninsula. When you stood in the backyard, you had a 180-degree lake view because there were no houses on either side of you,” explained listing agent Chris Christensen with Compass Florida.

From that backyard, you can see The Orlando Eye on International Drive.

“It’s kind of cool because you feel like you’re in this gated community, very private and very quiet. But then right across the lake is total chaos and rides and everything else,” he said. “You’re far enough away you don’t hear it, but you can definitely see it.”

The 8,015-square-foot home recently sold for \$4.75 million.

“That was the highest sale price ever on Big Sand Lake,” Christensen told GrowthSpotter.

Built in 2003, the home was the epitome of high-end Mediterranean style with a private 160-foot long driveway with a fountain.

“People were more into [that style] at that point in time and the homeowner really liked that style. It was very intricate, [with] marble floors and tons of detail with heavy and darker wood colors,” Christensen said, adding things like the marble floors, granite countertops, and faux finishes were top-of-the line in the early 2000s.

“I think they stayed pretty true to the style of the home because the exterior the home is very Mediterranean as well,” he said. “When you pull up to the house you definitely are impressed.”

Public records show those original owners to be Shamim Kahn and her late husband Mohammed Khan.

“It was a really cool house and had really nice, high ceilings, the beams and lots of detail there,” Christensen explained. “But nowadays, the more modern houses are a much more simple design aesthetic inside and technically less expensive to build than this house would be.”

The good bones caught the eye of buyers Amit Pandey and Ambica Soni, both medical doctors who already lived in the guard-gated neighborhood.

“This house is the biggest, nicest house in the community, and I think the biggest thing that attracted [the buyers] was just the view,” Christensen said, adding they’re planning to update the home’s interior.

“What we’re seeing is the people that are buying the Mediterranean homes are making them more into a modern Mediterranean style, where they go with lighter colors to try to brighten things up [and] put in some of the more modern style,” he said, acknowledging he did not represent the buyers but knows they had contractors at the property.

Ann Varkey with RE/MAX Select Group represented the buyers.

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