




**CITY OF PALM SPRINGS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING SERVICES**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** February 2, 2011  
**To:** Planning Commission  
**From:** Craig A. Ewing, AICP, Director of Planning Services   
**Subject:** Architectural Advisory Committee: Establishment of Process and Schedule for Reviewing Candidates and Making Appointments

At your meeting of November 3, 2010, the Commission reviewed a proposed schedule for appointments to the AAC as staff prepared to advertise for new candidates. As previously noted, staff recommends that the Commission consider appointments to the AAC based on the following schedule:

<i>Current Appointment</i>	<i>Code-required Position</i>	<i>Term Exp.</i>	<i>Status</i>
Michael King	CA Licensed Architect	12-31-2010	Termed Out
Lance O'Donnell	CA Licensed Architect	12-31-2010	"
Christopher Sahlin	Technical Member	12-31-2010	"
Rob Parker	CA Landscape Architect	12-31-2011	First Term
Paul Ortega	Alternate	12-31-2011	"
Patrick McGrew	Technical Member	12-31-2012	First Term
William Kleindienst	CA Licensed Architect	12-31-2012	"
	Design Professional		
Donald Wexler	Alternate	12-31-2011	First Term
Ana Marie Escalante-Lentz	Alternate	12-31-2012	"

Attached are the applications received to date, including applications on file for sitting Committee members who are eligible for re-appointment. (Mr. Kerr's application is not attached, but will be forwarded to the Commission early next week.) We have notified all candidates that they will be asked to meet with the Commission on February 2, 2011, according to the following schedule:

Rob Parker	2:15
Paul Ortega	2:30
Patrick McGrew	2:45
William Kleindienst	3:00
Donald Wexler	3:15
Ana Marie Escalante-Lentz	3:30
William Fauber	3:45
Gary Fredricks	4:00
Susan Secoy Jensen	4:15
Pierre-Andre Monney	4:45
Randy Purnel	5:00
Gary Kerr	5:15

As you can see, only fifteen minutes is allotted to each candidate. Staff recommends that the Commission focus on a set of questions that is asked of all candidates to provide a "level playing field". Here are five suggested questions:

1. What in your background would make you especially suited to serve on the Architectural Advisory Committee
2. What are the main architecture / design challenges facing the City today?
3. What do you think are the most important values that should be held by a member of the Committee?
4. Committee members will often have divergent viewpoints on any one project. In such cases, how would you make sure that an applicant receives clear direction from the Committee?
5. The Committee's work involves giving an applicant comment, advice and criticism. How do you make sure that your remarks are delivered with respect for the applicant and his / her efforts?

**Attachments:**

Applications for AAC membership from: Parker, Ortega, McGrew, Kleindienst, Wexler, Escalante-Lentz, Fauber, Fredricks, Jensen, Monney, Purnel and Kerr (Kerr to be submitted under separate cover).



City of Palm Springs  
Commission/Board Application

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3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon  
Palm Springs, CA 92262  
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FAX (760) 322-8332

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All applicants must be residents and registered voters in the City of Palm Springs. The City Council will consider the information and the following factors in the selection process: background, education, and experience to demonstrate knowledge and sound judgment; social, ethnic and cultural diversity in commission membership and attendance at commission meetings prior to being interviewed.

Name of Commission/Board Applying For: Architectural Advisory Committee

Name: Rob Parker  
Home Address: 71329 San Geronimo Road  
City, State, Zip: Rancho Mirage CA 92270  
Home Telephone: cell 619.549.9571 Work Tel: 760.568-3624  
Email Address: Rob@RGA-PD.com

Length of Residence in Palm Springs: 0 Registered Voter in P. S? NO

Occupation: Landscape Architect

Employer: RGA landscape Architects Inc

List the most recent meetings of the Commission you have attended:

Local Reference (Name and Telephone): Chris Mills WWCOT 320-1709

Education:  
BLA SUNY ESF 1988

Describe your knowledge of the functions and regulations of the Commission:  
I was a member of the AAC in the past and understand the function of the commission is to review development + architectural/landscape plans for conformance with city requirements aesthetics and appropriateness for Desert conditions.

Please outline your Background, Work Experience, and Civic Involvement:

Registered Landscape Architect State of CA 5219

Member and consulting landscape architect to the following HOA Architectural Advisory Committees.

- Mirada, Rancho Mirage
- Bighorn Country Club, Palm Desert
- The Tradition, La Quinta
- The Hideaway, La Quinta
- Andalusia @ Coral Mountain, La Quinta

RBA is also the consulting landscape architect to the City of Indian Wells - and has done work for Palm Springs, Palm Desert + Rancho Mirage.

What specific attitudes, skills, expertise and cultural diversity do you think you have to enhance the work of the Board or Commission:

One of my best attributes is being able to see both sides of a development or architectural issue and reach a compromise solution that meets the needs/goals of both the City and the developer./Architect.

What specific issues or problems face the board or commission. Do you have any suggestions to address those issues or problems.

It has been my personal experience that the Design review process is often drawn out and comments seem arbitrary and often are not constructive to reaching the goal of having an approved project.

**SUBMIT APPLICATION BY****DATE: 05-20-2007**

**CITY OF PALM SPRINGS  
BOARD/COMMISSION APPLICATION FORM**

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Name of Board or Commission

on which you would like to serve? ■ Name: ■ Address: ■ Zip: 

Registered Voter?

■ Home Phone:  Office Phone: Length of Residence in Palm Springs: Email Address: Employer: Occupation: 

Local Reference:

Name: Phone: 

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**FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

*Resident & registered voter in Palm Springs  
Background, education, experience to demonstrate knowledge and sound judgment  
Social, Ethnic and cultural diversity in commission membership  
Attendance at commission meetings prior to interview*

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH  
(Do not attach additional materials)**

## Education:

Stanford University, B.A., International Relations, 1984 Johns Hopkins University, School for Advanced International Studies, M.A., International Relations and Economics, 1989 courses at College of the Desert, Living Desert University and UC Riverside Extension in ornamental horticulture, desert gardening and landscape design

## Background/Work Experience/Civic Involvement

MCI Telecommunications, business manager to global accounts sales vice president, San Francisco, 1990-1998. Prenax, Inc., CFO, San Francisco, 1999-2002. Worked at Palo Verde Garden Center (retail nursery of The Living Desert) in sales and as program coordinator for Living Desert University (adult education arm of The Living Desert), in 2003. Started my own landscape design business, Desert Garden Center, LLC (located in Uptown Heritage District of Palm Springs), in 2003; primary focus is on residential landscapes using desert plant materials. Co-founder (2005) and current chairman of the Desert Horticultural Society of the Coachella Valley, with the mission statement "...to promote the use of desert appropriate plants in an attractive, environmentally sustainable landscape."

## Describe your knowledge of the functions, regulations and procedures of the commission which you would like to serve.

The role of the Architectural Advisory Committee is to review the architectural and design submission made for commercial projects and multi-unit housing developments, and advise the applicants, the Planning Commission and the City Council as to the submission's ability to integrate with, as well as enhance, the City's existing architecture and design base.

## What specific attitudes, skills and expertise do you think you have to enhance the work of the commission?

I have a deep knowledge of, and experience with, the type of plants and other landscape materials that thrive in our environmental conditions and that enhance the natural beauty that already surrounds us. I have a long list of landscape design projects completed in the area, that includes projects large and small with a number of different conditions, settings and requirements.

## What specific issues or problems face the board/commission? Do you have any suggestions to address those issues or problems?

Balancing good design with growth; ensuring that future projects will "fit" while minimizing obstacles that prevent them from proceeding.

## Additional qualifications for the Rent Control Commission are:

- a) applicant may not be a landlord or tenant subject to the rent control ordinance;*
- b) must submit a verified statement as to present holdings and interests in real property in the City.*

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DATE: 03-13-2009

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**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**  
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## Education:

Bachelor of Architecture, University of Oklahoma, 1965.

## Background/Work Experience/Civic Involvement

I am currently a licensed architect (semi-retired) who has practiced in California since 1965. In addition to that work, for 14 years, under four Mayoral administrations, I served as Chair of San Francisco's Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board. Based upon that civic involvement, I have extensive experience in the conduct of public hearings, and have learned first-hand how best to mediate disputes between competing interests, while being mindful of the interests of the city.

## Describe your knowledge of the functions, regulations and procedures of the commission which you would like to serve.

I have read the background materials available on the city website, and the relevant sections of the Municipal Code regarding the AAC. Additionally, I have observed and/or participated in several of their hearings. I also have a good comprehension of how the Committee interfaces with the Planning Commission, and a reasonable working knowledge of both the Brown Act and Robert's Rules of Order which might be helpful in the conduct of public meetings.

## What specific attitudes, skills and expertise do you think you have to enhance the work of the commission?

In my years as Chair the San Francisco Landmark Board, I also served as on the Design Review Committee of that Board whose function was to offer advice and guidance to project sponsors when faced with changes to historic resources, or when developing new structures with an historic setting. Often, project sponsors were simply unaware of simple guidelines that, once applied, could speed their project through the process while minimizing or resolving conflict. I believe that this experience would add an important element to the AAC's review process.

## What specific issues or problems face the board/commission? Do you have any suggestions to address those issues or problems?

In late 2008 I was active with an ad-hoc committee of concerned citizens who have met with the Director of Planning and the President of the Planning Commission to discuss and hopefully resolve some issues that the community has raised with how the AAC functions. Issues discussed focused on how to encourage meaningful public input; the conduct meetings in compliance with the Brown Act; improvements to the City Website concerning the keeping and posting of Agendas and Minutes and the development of AAC by-laws that would define and facilitate the election of officers, term limits, conflict of interest resolution. As voiced by at least one member of the AAC, I think the city would benefit from televised hearings of the AAC, and would work towards seeing if that could be accomplished.

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■ Home Phone:  Office Phone:

Length of Residence in Palm Springs:

Email Address:

Employer:

Occupation:

Local Reference:

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**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**  
(Do not attach additional materials)

Education:

University of Arizona, College of Architecture, BArch.

Background/Work Experience/Civic Involvement

Architect Former elected official • Community Involvement o Founding President Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Desert o PS Boys & Girls Club, Past Board Member o Desert Hospital, 21 Club o Desert Hospital, Construction Sub-Committee o Palm Springs Events Partnership o United Way of the Desert, Past Palm Springs Chairman • Schools o PSHS Senior Class Homecoming Float coordinator (18 years) o PSHS Graduation Ceremony Designer o PSHS CREATE Restructuring Committee o PSHS Campus Design Committee o PSHS Palm Springs High School Inter-Racial Study Group o PSUSD • "Meet of Champions" track meet announcer • Library o Palm Springs Library Board of Trustees, Past President o Riverside County Library Task Force, Past Chairman o White House Conference on Library and Information Services, California State Chairman 1991 • Parades: Founder o Festival of Lights Parade 1992 o Palm Springs Homecoming Parade 1993 o Palm Springs Veterans Day Parade 1997

Describe your knowledge of the functions, regulations and procedures of the commission which you would like to serve.

As a local Architect I have designed project that have been governed by the city's Codes and Planning Regulations. I also wrote or revised many of the codes as the Mayor.

What specific attitudes, skills and expertise do you think you have to enhance the work of the commission?

I was born in a meetings and have been in one ever since. Decorum and protocol is essential to running an effective meeting. come on...give me a chance.

What specific issues or problems face the board/commission? Do you have any suggestions to address those issues or problems?

All too often the AAC members feel as though their own importance outweighs the work of the body. We are representatives of the City of Palm Springs and should reflect the priorities of the City Council for the betterment of our city.

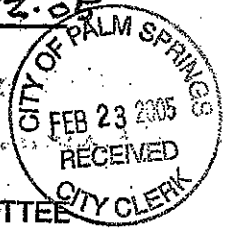
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Please submit application  
no later than 4 p.m.  
Friday, February 25, 2005

DATE 2-22-05

**CITY OF PALM SPRINGS  
BOARD/COMMISSION APPLICATION FORM**



Name of Board or Commission  
on which you would like to serve: ARCHITECTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(ONE APPLICATION PER BOARD/COMMISSION, LIMIT 2)

NAME: <u>DONALD A. WEXLER, FAIA</u>			
HOME ADDRESS: <u>1320 PRIMAVERA DR. E. PALM SPRINGS</u> ZIP: <u>92264</u>			
TELEPHONE		REGISTERED VOTER (CITY CLERK TO VERIFY)	
Home: <u>322-2344</u>	Office:	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Length of Residence in Palm Springs: <u>52 yrs.</u>			
Occupation & Employer: <u>ARCHITECT</u> (or Former, if Retired)			
Local Reference: NAME <u>TOM KIELEY II</u> TELEPHONE <u>327-9160</u>			
Regarding the commission you are applying for, list dates of its most recent meetings you have attended			

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- (1) See Note below re Landscape Architect Residence/Voter Requirement

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BACKGROUND/WORK EXPERIENCE/CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: ARCHITECT FOR 54 yrs.  
DESIGNED: ORIGINAL P.S. AIRPORT 1969, P.S. PAVILION AND  
COMMUNITY CENTER 1975, P.S. POLICE DEPARTMENT AND  
JAIL 1985, P.S. CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN STUDY 1982

(Over)

(1) Not Required Per Palm Springs City Council Resolution #21172 dated January 5, 2005 for the position of Landscape Architect

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(LAWSON JUSTICE CENTER) 1995

PROPOSED COMMUNITY CONVENTION AND  
CULTURAL CENTER FOR CITY OF P.L. (IN ASSOCIATION  
WITH CHARLE LUCKMAN ASSOC.). PRELIMINARY DESIGNING  
COMPLETED 1969

describe your knowledge of the functions, regulations and procedures of the commission which you would like to serve.

HAVE SERVED ON ARCHITECTURAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE FOR PALM SPRINGS, RANCHO MIRAGE  
& THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

MEMBER OF DOWNTOWN URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

What specific attitudes, skills and expertise do you think you have to enhance the work of the commission?

EXPERIENCE AS AN ARCHITECT FOR OVER 50 YEARS

What specific issues or problems face the board/commission? Do you have any suggestions to address those issues or problems?

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YES	I am qualified, and my statement is attached (Form 700 Schedule A-2 and/or B)
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(2) See Note below re Form 700

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	DRIVERS LICENCE
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OPTIONAL

(2) Form 700 to be completed and submitted after appointment

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]  
Email Address: WEXLERDON@AOL.COM  
Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESUME**

**DONALD A. WEXLER, A.I.A.**

Firm Name: DONALD A. WEXLER ASSOCIATES  
A California Corporation  
Donald A. Wexler, President

Firm Address: 199 South Civic Drive  
Suite 10, Professional Park  
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Telephone: (760) 320-1709

Fax: (760) 320-9336

Incorporated: January 1969

**Professional/Civic Organizations**

American Institute of Architects

Charter Member of Inland Chapter of California Council of American Institute  
of Architects

Charter Member of Solar Energy Development Institute, Palm Springs, California

Architectural and Environmental Review Board, City of Rancho Mirage, California

Energy Commission, City of Palm Springs, California

Architectural Advisory Committee, City of Palm Springs, California

Joint City/County Design Review Committee (City/County of Riverside)

**Education**

University of Minnesota Bachelor of Architecture 1950

**Registered Architect Licenses**

State of California C#1538 1952

State of Arizona #4852 1960

**Architectural Practice and Associates**

1953 – 1962	Practiced in partnership with R.A. Harrison as Wexler & Harrison, Architects
1963 – 1968	Practiced as an individual as Donald A. Wexler, Architect
1969 – Present	Incorporated as Donald A. Wexler Associates, A California Corporation Donald A. Wexler, President

**RETIRED 2003**

**Recent Awards**

Award of Excellence in Design with Masonry from the Masonry Institute for Indio Juvenile Hall Detention and Treatment Center, Indio, California

Golden Palm Awards (one for Design; the second for Energy Conservation) for the Desert Water Agency, Palm Springs, California

Honor Award for Outstanding Use of Masonry from the Masonry Institute for the Bank of Palm Springs, Palm Springs, California

Award of Honor for Creative Use of Concrete for the Union Oil Station, Palm Springs, California

Architectural Record Award of Excellence for house design for development house in Palm Springs, California

Honor Award from California Desert Chapter of AIA for:

Hope Square Professional Centre  
Rancho Mirage, California – 1987

California Federal Savings & Loan  
Palm Desert, California – 1987

Palm Springs Police Department & Jail Facility  
Palm Springs, California – 1987

And numerous other recognition awards.

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■ Name:

■ Address:  Home: 1052 El Escudero P.S., CA 92262

■ Zip:  Registered Voter?  yes  OK

■ Home Phone:  Office Phone:

Length of Residence in Palm Springs:

Email Address:

Employer:

Occupation:

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**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**  
(Do not attach additional materials)

## Education:

Masters of Science in Architecture, California Polytechnic University Pomona Bachelors of Science in Architecture, Albert Einstein University, San Salvador, El Salvador

## Background/Work Experience/Civic Involvement

I have previously served as a member of the Palm Springs AAC from 1995 until 2000. I am the Founder of Escalante Architects, based in Palm Springs. Escalante Architects emphasizes historic preservation in all applicable projects. Recent projects include, Palm Springs Visitor Center (adaptive reuse and expansion of the former Albert Frey Tramway Gas Station), St. Theresa Preschool (Adaptive Reuse of a former convent originally designed by William F. Cody), and the conversion of the former College of the Desert Library into the "Justin & June Hilb Student Center", adaptive reuse of a partial section of a Lloyd Wright building into an optometric clinic and retail store. I was recently appointed to the Executive Committee of the AIA/C. Ms. Escalante's term as a member of the AIA Board of Directors runs through 2010. My duties at the AIA include setting policy as a member of the board, professional development, continuing education, as well as providing mentorship and leadership to emerging architects.

## Describe your knowledge of the functions, regulations and procedures of the commission which you would like to serve.

Working in Palm Springs, I have ample experience in historic preservation. I have worked on the restoration of the Orbit Inn. I appreciate and understand the works of Richard Neutra, Albert Frey, Don Wexler and E. Stewart Williams. As a student, I had the opportunity to work on the Neutra Archives at Cal Poly Pomona. As a professional, I have worked with the city's planning, building and community development staff on multiple projects. My experience also includes five years of service to the city as a member of the Architectural Advisory Commission. As a practicing architect based in the City of Palm Springs, I have presented numerous projects to the Planning Commission and City Council. I understand that the AAC serves as a technical advisory commission to the Planning Commission. I have benefitted personally and professionally from my 20 years of residency in Palm Springs.

## What specific attitudes, skills and expertise do you think you have to enhance the work of the commission?

Through my work as the Founder of Escalante Architects, I have experience in every step of the development process, including site assessment, site selection, architectural design, environmental planning, entitlement processing, permit processing, public hearing representation, construction administration, construction management, interior decoration, landscape design and construction on a range of turn key projects. Ms. Escalante was formerly an Adjunct Professor of Architecture at College of the Desert. Ana Escalante is also on the Board of Directors of Aim for the Restoration of Hope-Uganda ("AROH"). AROH provides service to orphans and widows, victims of the AIDS epidemic in Uganda, East Africa. Through my experience as an architect, I have come to believe that I have a moral obligation to serve my community. My personal philosophy is that community service is the most noble opportunity any licensed architect should pursue.

## What specific issues or problems face the board/commission? Do you have any suggestions to address those issues or problems?

Palm Springs is the "Vatican" of California Modernism, a repository of priceless architectural works from the 20th century. Palm Springs is recognized around the world for its many mid-century architectural masterpieces, as well as some of the most important examples of early 20th Century Spanish architecture. The history, climate and economic conditions of the time created opportunities for young architects to engage in the creation of a new paradigm in architecture. Downtown economic revitalization is a key issues facing the City. The City can provide a range of incentives to assist business in locating in the city's core. I would like to have the opportunity participate in the city's renaissance and work with the city in advising the Planning Commission and City Council. I believe that it is my professional duty to apply my skills to improve the quality of life in Palm Springs. Lastly, I believe that design matters. As I recently read, good design is more than aesthetics, it is good business.

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## ANA ESCALANTE, AIA

### POSITION:

Founding Principal, Escalante Architects

### EDUCATION:

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona,

Master of Architecture, 1991

Universidad Albert Einstein, San Salvador,

El Salvador

B. S. Architecture, 1987

### LICENSE:

California Board of Architectural Examiners

License C-26907

### PROFESSORSHIP:

Adjunct Architecture Professor, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

### AFFILIATIONS:

American Institute of Architects

Aim for the Restoration of Hope

ACE Mentoring Program

St. Theresa School Planning Group

### EMAIL:

ana.escalante@escalantearchitects.com



Ana Escalante founded Escalante Architects (formerly O'Donnell + Escalante Architects) in 1995 with the idea that building systems and technology derived from a deep understanding of the environment should be integrated into the architecture of a project. She has been active in architecture and teaching since graduating from California State Polytechnic University at Pomona, and is a registered architect and member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). Her duties include involvement in all projects from original conception to final completion. Ms. Escalante is highly regarded in both academic and professional circles, for developing a symbiotic teaching and professional practice.

Ms. Escalante has concentrated her professional activities in the areas of energy efficiency and sustainable design. She has been recognized by the California Energy Commission as one of the innovative leaders for incorporating regenerative issues in design projects. Having taught architectural design to undergraduate and graduate students at Cal Poly Pomona and College of the Desert for over 10 years, Ms. Escalante is currently an adjunct Architecture Professor in the College of Environmental Design at Cal Poly.

Honors include being selected by the AIA California Chapter as one of the four talented architects emerging in California, and Ana was invited to lecture about her work in the 2001 AIA Monterey Design Conference. She has been awarded the "Certificate of Recognition for Leadership & Design Excellence" granted by the California Energy Commission in 1996-98, and the "1996 Commendation for the Enrichment of National Culture" granted by the government of El Salvador. Ms. Escalante currently serves as Board Secretary for Aim for the Restoration of Hope, a charity caring for AIDS orphans in Uganda, East Africa.

### KEY PROJECTS:

- **Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Center**, Palm Springs California. Ms. Escalante is the lead designer of a 30,000 sq. ft. communal facility housing a variety of services for local tribal members, such as educational, child care and a medical clinic. Project scheduled for construction in 2010.
- **Tahquitz Canyon Visitor Center**, Palm Springs California. Ms. Escalante co-designed the 2000 sq. ft. interpretative center located at the entrance of ancient burial grounds of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians. The building was designed, entitled and built in a 12 month tight schedule while coordinating approvals with multiple regulatory agencies. Construction completed in 2001.
- **Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Headquarters**, Palm Springs California.
- **Spa Casino Conversion**, Palm Springs, California. Conversion of existing casino to office complex and display area of future projects of the Cahuilla Indians.
- **Agua Caliente Tribal Planning and Building Department**, Palm Springs, California. Conversion of MSA engineering offices to planning and building for the Cahuilla Indians.
- **Lockheed Martin Headquarters**, Palmdale, California. Ms. Escalante participated in the design and construction documents of a \$40 million new headquarters. The building represents an collaborative effort of all ar-

architectural and engineering disciplines to maximize systems and minimize construction cost. Construction was completed in 1994.

- **The Palm Canyon Mixed-Use**, Palm Springs California. Ms. Escalante is the Project Architect for this 5-story mixed use project, combining 48,000 sq. ft. of retail and 125 residential units supported by two levels of underground parking. The project occupies a prominent city block in the historic downtown district. Construction documents are scheduled to start November 2008.

- **Rural Clinic, Aim for the Restoration of Hope**, Uganda, East Africa. Ms. Escalante is the principal for this project, currently under construction. The 10,000 sq. ft. facility includes exam rooms, reception, nurses' station, medical offices, dispensary, lab and ancillary facilities as well as an overnight-stay component to triage patients requiring transfer to a distant hospital. Clinic is scheduled to open its doors in January, 2008, and will be staffed by Doctors Without Borders. (visit: <http://www.AROH-USA.com> or <http://www.aimfortherestorationofhope.org>)

- **Desert Son-Shine Preschool & Kindergarten**, Palm Springs California. A 11,000 sq. ft. LEED rated facility designed to perform as an energy surplus producer by incorporating passive and active sustainable systems and strategies as integral part of the architecture and site design. Construction is scheduled to start in January 2008.

- **The Alejo Mixed Use**, Palm Springs California. Ms. Escalante is the designer of a 32-unit residential product weaving townhouses and flats, underground public parking as well as residential on-site parking. Project is in the Pre-Application Phase.

- **St. Theresa Library**, Palm Springs California. Ms. Escalante is the principal architect of a 5,000 sq. ft. learning center to replace the old library, was designed to provide a highly technological signature building to St. Theresa School, without compromising their limited open space. Project is in the Pre-design phase.

- **The Towers**, Palm Springs California. Ms. Escalante is the architect-in-charge of a 30 unit residential development located in an emerging neighborhood, designed to weave itself with the surrounding neighborhood while developing a contemporary modern appearance. Construction completed in 2007.

- **Palm Springs Visitor Center**, Palm Springs California. Ms. Escalante lead the team in the restoration and expansion of a significant Palm Springs' architectural landmark. The fast-track project was completed in 90 days, from design to construction, by using shop fabricated steel components. Construction completed in 2004.

- **College of the Desert Hilb Student Center**, Palm Desert California. Ms. Escalante, a co-designer in the project, participated in the conversion of the former college library into a viable student center, by retrofitting ADA, mechanical, lighting, daylight and electrical systems. Project was completed in 1997.

- **Early Childhood & Elementary School**, Uganda, East Africa. Ms. Escalante lead a team of architects, engineers and architecture students in the design and construction of a 9,000 sq. ft. educational facility designed for an orphanage in Uganda, East Africa. The building currently under construction is designed to perform as an energy surplus producer and its architecture incorporates passive and active sustainable systems as an integral part of the architecture.

- **St. Theresa Preschool**, Palm Springs, California. Ms. Escalante lead the design effort in the conversion of the former Catholic convent (designed by Modern Architect William Cody) into the new St. Theresa Preschool. The challenge of the project was to maintain the historical integrity of the building while updating systems, accessibility performing a seismic retrofit. Project was built under budget and schedule. Project was completed in 2004.



• **Hanson House**, Palm Springs, California. Ms. Escalante was the lead designer of a 20,000 sq. ft. hospitality type of facility for Desert medical Regional Center. The facilities included a chapel, guest-rooms, cafeteria, lobby, medical consultation/counseling rooms. Construction was completed in 2005.

• **Rancho Mirage Fire-Station 50 Renovation**, Rancho Mirage, California. Ms. Escalante collaborated in the assessment and renovation of the existing facilities and coordinated a complete systems upgrade without disrupting the Fire Department daily activities. Construction completed on January 2005.

• **MATES- Maintenance Transportation Facility**, Fort Ewing, Barstow, California. Ms. Escalante collaborated in the design of a 500,000 sq. ft. tank maintenance facility for the US Army. Construction was completed in 2005.

• **Unitarian Fellowship Center**, Rancho Mirage, California. Ms. Escalante collaborated in the design of the 5,000 sq. ft. building, in a windy and sand blowing site, integrating sustainable principles and systems which minimized heat gain while protecting visitors from the extreme climatological conditions. Construction was completed in 2004.

• **Greenbaum Residence**, Rancho Mirage, California. Ms. Escalante was the architect and designer for this 3,500 sq. ft. residence exploring the integration of technology and energy conservation as a part of the design process and final product which became a carbon-neutral building, eliminating carbon dioxide emission products of the generation of energy to power homes. Construction completed in 2006.

• **Linsky Residence**, Palm Springs, California. Ms. Escalante co-designed this 4500 sq. ft. residence, designed in a windy site, this project represents our initial exploration of using glazing technology and local materials to achieve environmental comfort without taxing the environment. Construction was completed in 2005.

• **Zoll Residence**, Rancho Mirage, California. Ms. Escalante was the architect for the 7,000 sq. ft. residence designed exclusively using shop fabricated steel components and high performance glass. The building creates a myriad of interior courtyards to maximize daylight and indoor-outdoor relationships. Construction completed in 2006.

• **Iserman Studio Addition**, Palm Springs, California. Ms. Escalante designed and built the 500 sq. ft. artist studio incorporating and pre-fabricated steel and light gauge components. Construction completed in 2002.

• **Lentz Warehouse & Offices**, Sacramento, California. Ms. Escalante designed and acted as a construction manager for the 24,000 sq. ft. office-warehouse building in County land. Considerable construction cost savings were achieved by using a repetitive module in the structural and architectural systems. Construction was completed in 1998.

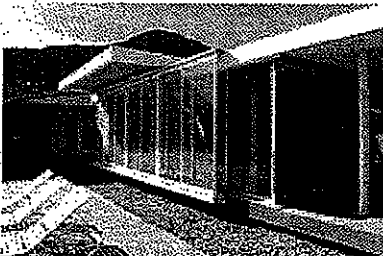
• **Three Desert Homes**, Riverside, California. Ms. Escalante collaborated in the design of three homes in the County of Riverside. The significance of the project resides on utilizing careful site planning strategies to minimize grading and the innovative use of industrial materials. Construction completed in 1995.

#### AWARDS/HONORS:

•2008 Director, Executive committee for the American Institute of Architects inland chapter. (AIAIC)

•2007 Secretary & Board Member, Aim for the Restoration of Hope, an NGO and charity organization assisting AIDS orphans in Uganda, East Africa.

•2007 *Shelter Magazine*, project featured "Rancho Mirage Revisited" by Holly Demaray, July edition.



- 2007 *Los Angeles Times* front page and cover *West Magazine* and project featured "Soak Zone – Green Architecture" by Barbara Thurnburg, May 20, edition.
- 2007 *California Home & Design* cover and article "Oasis in the Desert" by Lydia Lee, March 07 edition.
- 2007 Palm Springs Life Home Edition cover and article featured "A River Runs Through it" by Samantha Comby.
- 2007 *Los Angeles Times West Magazine* featured "A Room with a View" by Barbara Thurnburg, May 18, Edition.
- 2006 *California Home & Design* cover and article "Top Ten Architects to Watch" by Lydia Lee, October 06 edition.
- 2006 Work exhibited at the A+D Museum, Los Angeles, California under the title, "New Blood, New Gen" June-Sept 06
- 2006 Published on *CA-MODERN* magazine, under the title, "Building Boom – Palm Springs is Erupting with Architecture backed by Modern Principles".
- 2006 "Architect of the Year" Universidad Albert Einstein, San Salvador, El Salvador.
- 2005 Jury member for the 2005 AIA Inland Empire Design Awards
- 2005 "Architectural Treasures Lecture" at the Palm Springs Art Museum's Architecture and Design Council Lecture Series.
- 2004 "Golden Nugget Community Spirit Award, for Hanson House, a residential facility for families of patients critically injured or terminally ill at Desert Regional Medical Center, Palm Springs, California.
- 2003 Work featured in the 11.03 of *Architectural Record* magazine, "Three Classic California Homes (Iserman, Bartow and Lane Residences)
- 2003 Lecturer at the 2003 AIA National Convention, under the title "Architecture Vanguard in Southern California". San Diego, California
- 2002 Lecturer and moderator at the "7th International Congress of Architecture" at the Monterrey Institute of Technology, along with Isaac Broid, Marc Barani and Alfred Berger, among others. Monterrey, Mexico.
- 2001 Featured on the 06.01 *Architectural Record* Publications: "Inventing Architecture in the Desert"
- 2001 AIA California Council Monterey Design Conference: Emerging Talent Speaker, "Design Currency"
- 2000-2005 Architectural Review Committee, City of Palm Springs, California.
- 1997-Present Architecture Faculty Appointment at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, California.
- 1994-2002 College of the Desert Faculty Design Studio (4) Winning entries, (2) Second Place and (3) Citations. "Leading Edge Student Design Competition".
- 1997-1999 Exhibit of Faculty Work, Affordable Housing Prototype, California State Polytechnic University Pomona, California.
- 1998 Top Ten Business Women of the Year in Palm Springs. *The Desert Sun*.



•1998 Women Leaders of Today: Oasis in the Desert. Annual Women's Day Award.

•1997-2001 Lecture Series: Young Architects in Southern California. California State Polytechnic University at Pomona, California.

•1996 Research paper. "Indigenous Architecture in the Coachella Valley A Case Study Indian Potrero - Bullseye Rock (Tatmilmi - You Koo Hul Ya Me)"

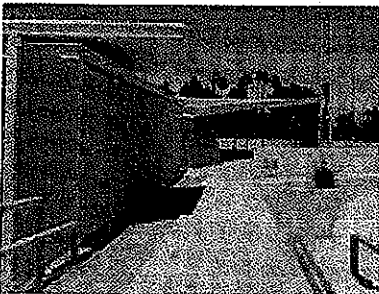
•1996 Finalist, "National Museum of Anthropology David J. Guzman International Design Competition" sponsored by the National Council of Arts & Culture, El Salvador.

•1995 First Place, Faculty Advisor "Survival Shelter Design Competition", California State Polytechnic University San Luis Obispo, California.

•1991-2004 Architecture Faculty Appointment at College of the Desert, Palm Desert, California

•1990-American Institute of Architects "Henry Adams Scholastic Award" for Excellence in the Study of Architecture. Highest Ranking Graduate Student at California State Polytechnic University Pomona.

•1990 Graduate thesis "Exploration into Cubist Space" was selected as the "Best Graduate Thesis Award" granted by the Richard Neutra Foundation at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and awarded by guest educator Herman Hertzberger of the Berlage Institute, The Netherlands.





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All applicants must be residents and registered voters in the City of Palm Springs and must have attended a board/commission meeting in-person prior to being interviewed. The City Council will consider the information and the following factors in the selection process: background, education, and experience to demonstrate knowledge and sound judgment; social, ethnic and cultural diversity in commission membership.

Name of Commission/Board Applying For: ARCHITECTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Name: WILLIAM (BILL) FAUBER  
Home Address: 1498 E. BALISTO ROAD  
City, State, Zip: PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262  
Home Telephone: 310-702-3329 Alt Tel: 310-702-3329  
Email Address: WDEFAUBER@YAHOO.COM

Length of Residence in Palm Springs: 1 yr. Registered Voter in P. S? YES

Occupation: ARCHITECT (RETIRED)

Employer: RETIRED

Most recent meetings of the Commission you have attended in-person: ALL MEETINGS SINCE 10/11/10

Local Reference (Name and Telephone): BOUC DONENFELD 760-416-2580

Education:  
BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE - 1971  
MIAMI UNIVERSITY, OXFORD, OHIO

Describe your knowledge of the functions and regulations of the Commission:  
The AAC advises the Planning Commission on the suitability of projects that effect the built environment in the City of Palm Springs. The Committee's review guidelines are listed in Section 94.04.00 of the Palm Springs Zoning Code. Stated briefly, the AAC examines material submitted to it to determine if a proposed project will provide a desirable environment for its occupants, be compatible with the character of its surroundings and is aesthetically appropriate for Palm Springs. The Committee may hear verbal testimony regarding a submittal during its review to aid in its assessment. The AAC then advises the Planning Commission of its assessment. The basis to be used for the evaluation and the procedures to be used are listed in the Guidelines.

**Please outline your Background, Work Experience, and Civic Involvement:**

I worked in Ohio until 1977 (Space Design Interior Architecture, Inc.), Illinois until 1980 (Skidmore, Owings & Merrill/Chicago) and California since October of 1980 (Gensler 1980-81, WFP Architecture 1982-1993, Gensler 1993-94, HBC Contractors 1994, Gensler 1995 to retiring). I was licensed in Illinois (expired) and am licensed in California (retired). Since 1971 I've worked continuously in interior design, interior architecture, architecture and construction. From 1982-83 I was Director of Operations for the first computer aided design drafting service in Los Angeles. From 1985 to 1993 I was self-employed doing residential architecture and construction supervision. The bulk of my practice has been commercial and institutional. In 1994 I worked in the field doing earthquake repair on buildings damaged or destroyed in the Northridge quake. The latter part of my career focused on construction documents, construction and site coordination for multiple projects in various stages of completion. I've had experience working with Building Codes in several Southern California jurisdictions. I've participated in design, drawing and building of projects ranging in size from 5000 sq. ft. to 400,000 sq. ft. including working drawings, project management, client and contractor meetings and code compliance meetings. The bulk of my career is on the architect or client side. I have served on two HOA boards at separate times. Membership on the AAC would be my first Civic involvement.

**What specific attitudes, skills, expertise and cultural diversity do you think you have to enhance the work of the Board or Commission:**

I've had first-hand experience in most of the building types and situations encountered in AAC work. Since graduating in 1971 I've worked continuously with architects, clients and contractors and I come to the AAC with those skills. Most of my practice has been on team-based projects, so I'm an experienced team player. I have already gained some knowledge of AAC scope and function from attending recent meetings. I've also attended Planning Commission and City Council meetings and developed an initial understanding of how they interrelate. The built environment has been the focus of my entire career. From my first trip to Palm Springs in 1980 it's held a special attraction for me and I've finally been able to make it my home. I am keenly interested in helping to maintain and improve the unique qualities of the City and its built environment and, now that I'm retired, I finally have the time to devote to this endeavor.

**What specific issues or problems face the board or commission. Do you have any suggestions to address those issues or problems.**

The AAC is tasked to advise the Planning Commission on the suitability of a proposed project that will effect the built environment in the City of Palm Springs. As such it must strike a balance between many elements. I know of no better way to do this than is already being done -- one project at a time, each based on its own elements.

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Name of Board or Commission

on which you would you like to serve? Architectural Advisory Committee

■ Name: Gary Fredricks

■ Address: 401 S El Cielo Rd #129

■ Zip: 92262

Registered Voter?

yes

■ Home Phone: 760-699-8400 Office Phone: 805-689-8473

Length of Residence in Palm Springs: 6 yrs

Email Address: gary@garyfredrickdesign.com

Employer: self

Occupation: Landscape Designer

Local Reference:

Name: Lawson Bryan

Phone: 760-464-8923

Regarding the commission you are applying for, list dates of its most recent meetings you have attended.

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*Resident & registered voter in Palm Springs*  
*Background, education, experience to demonstrate knowledge and sound judgment*  
*Social, Ethnic and cultural diversity in commission membership*  
*Attendance at commission meetings prior to interview*

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**  
 (Do not attach additional materials)



## Education:

BA Political Science Penn State University, Post-Graduate Studies at UCSB (Environmental Studies), UCLA (Landscape Architecture)

## Background/Work Experience/Civic Involvement

28 years as Landscape Design business owner, servicing large residential and small commercial properties in Southern California. Volunteer work and liaison with various AIDS organizations and Santa Barbara Botanic Garden

## Describe your knowledge of the functions, regulations and procedures of the commission which you would like to serve.

The committee serves as part of the review process for the construction or enlargement of new buildings, or alterations of the outside facades; generally non-residential structures are reviewed, and the committee is concerned with exterior issues such as architecture, color, landscape, lighting, signage, etc.

## What specific attitudes, skills and expertise do you think you have to enhance the work of the commission?

I have a great deal of experience working with owners, architects, and local review boards concerning the exterior appearances of new or renovated buildings. I would bring a well-developed sense of appropriateness, including proportion, color, function, and an ever-expanding knowledge of sustainability issues. Please see website at [garyfredricksdesign.com](http://garyfredricksdesign.com) for additional information.

## What specific issues or problems face the board/commission? Do you have any suggestions to address those issues or problems?

How to maintain the "sense of place" the City has in the Coachella Valley due to its natural setting and unique architecture, while addressing the increasing pressures of financial constraints for builders and the need for sustainable building practices, while also striving for a more efficient, rapid turnover time in the permitting process. Suggestions would include devising a system of "green credits" as incentives to builders, whether financial or prioritization in the approval process. Developing checklists for certain categories (i.e. acceptable plant materials) to make available to builders in their initial planning process. Creating a website for public input concerning specific projects that might impact the community or a segment of the community.

## Additional qualifications for the Rent Control Commission are:

- a) applicant may not be a landlord or tenant subject to the rent control ordinance;*
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Name of Board or Commission

on which you would like to serve? Architectural Advisory Committee

■ Name: Susan Secoy Jensen, AIA, NCARB

■ Address: 2821 Livmor Avenue

■ Zip: 92262

Registered Voter?

yes

■ Home Phone: 714 926 7812 Office Phone: 714 639 4367

Length of Residence in Palm Springs: 4 months

Email Address: secoyarch@sbcglobal.net

Employer: Secoy Architects, Inc.

Occupation:

Architect, Owner of Secoy Architects, Inc. Owner and Property Manager of the Icehouse, LLC, Orange, CA. We recently moved to Palm Springs, and I am in the process of registering to vote there. I am currently a registered voter in the City of Orange.

Local Reference:

Name: Matt Tapscott

Phone: 760 748 2188

Regarding the commission you are applying for, list dates of its most recent meetings you have attended.

None yet...I will plan on attending future meetings.

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*Social, Ethnic and cultural diversity in commission membership*  
*Attendance at commission meetings prior to interview*

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH  
 (Do not attach additional materials)

## Education:

MA, Architecture, Urban Policy & Design, UCLA. BS, Architecture, Kent State University

## Background/Work Experience/Civic Involvement

Principal of Secoy Architects, Inc. since 1996. www.secoyarchitects.com. Historic Architect qualifications per The Secretary of the Interior Standards, 36 CFR Part 61. Served as a member, and Chair, of the Design Review Committee, City of Orange (4 years). Served as the consulting Architect for Three Arch Bay Association in Laguna Beach (4 years). Please refer to my website for awards and publications of my work.

## Describe your knowledge of the functions, regulations and procedures of the commission which you would like to serve.

Having served on several similar committees, it is my understanding that we will be reviewing projects for compliance with the City of Palm Springs Architectural Guidelines. These projects are often not without conflict, and need to be addressed in a professional, non-biased manner, based on the facts of each individual case. As a member of the City of Orange DRC, we often made recommendations to the Planning Commission, and occasionally, the City Council.

## What specific attitudes, skills and expertise do you think you have to enhance the work of the commission?

I have abundant experience with historic properties, architectural design, urban design, and a particular interest in mid-century modernism. I have worked with the general public and have been involved with numerous community organizations that have enhanced my communication & listening skills.

## What specific issues or problems face the board/commission? Do you have any suggestions to address those issues or problems?

There is often conflict between the Project applicants goal, and the goal of the Architectural Advisory Committee. This needs to be addressed as sensitively as possible. As a member of the Committee, it is important to gather as much information as possible, to render a well-informed decision, based upon education and facts.

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Name of Board or Commission on which you would like to serve?

■ Name:

■ Address:

■ Zip:  Registered Voter?  yes  OK

■ Home Phone:  Office Phone:

Length of Residence in Palm Springs:

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**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**  
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Education:

B.S environmental design [landscape architecture/city planning] cal poly, pomona graduated in '68 MPA [public policy/administration] cal state long beach '78

Background/Work Experience/Civic Involvement

30 years + urban planner in southern california design review board, beaver creek, co. 3 years city of rancho mirage, ca. historic preservation commission, 3 years, one year as chairman. city of rancho mirage ca. city planning commission [commissioner] 2 years, '06-'08 eisenhower hospital volunteer [here at new center on sunrise].

Describe your knowledge of the functions, regulations and procedures of the commission which you would like to serve.

knowledge of all aspects of the commission's work due to my previous experience.

What specific attitudes, skills and expertise do you think you have to enhance the work of the commission?

my background works well with the public. outgoing/charismatic. ask my personal friend stephen pougnet. close personal friend from before his move from co. to palm springs. speak fluent french and very comfortable with the spanish language. a keen sense of design both urban and environmental.

What specific issues or problems face the board/commission? Do you have any suggestions to address those issues or problems?

i need more exposures to the working of the commission. i will attend future meetings.

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**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**  
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## Education:

College of the Desert, UCLA Extension courses in Landscape Architecture

## Background/Work Experience/Civic Involvement

I am a native to the Coachella Valley have 20 plus years experience in electrical and general construction and 18 plus years experience in Landscape Architecture. I have been a business owner since May of 2000. I currently am the Landscape Architect for Palm Springs Animal Care Facility and have led the design and related consultants for the Household Hazards Waste Facility and the New Perimeter Fence Project at the Waste Water Treatment Facility.

## Describe your knowledge of the functions, regulations and procedures of the commission which you would like to serve.

I currently reside on the City of Cathedral City Architectural Review Board I understand the knowledge to operate under the Brown Act and have the ability to review the design context of the applicant without crossing over into Planning Commission and or City Council areas of review.

## What specific attitudes, skills and expertise do you think you have to enhance the work of the commission?

My demeanor is to look at the facts presented, express my opinion and direction based on my knowledge and on promoting quality for the city while servicing the applicant. I approach each project with an open mind. My life time residency gives experience of the cities assets, my construction/design knowledge will contribute to an insight of potential flaws, inaccuracies of design and construction.

## What specific issues or problems face the board/commission? Do you have any suggestions to address those issues or problems?

Currently I do not find any specific issue I see needing attention and or direction for change. My motive is to further understand and contribute to the needs of Palm Springs.

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