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CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA  
**HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION BOARD**

**Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Large Conference Room, City Hall

3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, California 92262

<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	<b>Present This Meeting:</b>	<b>Present FY Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>FY: 2010/2011 Excused Absences:</b>
John Gilmer, Chair	X	10	-
Barbara Marshall, Vice Chair	X	10	-
Thomas DeLeeuw	X	10	-
Sheila Grattan	X	10	-
Roxann Ploss	X	10	-
Brian Strahl	X	10	-
Leo Cohen	X	9	1

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Staff Representatives:

Edward Robertson,  
Principal Planner  
Staff Liaison

Glenn Mlaker,  
Assistant Planner

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1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Gilmer called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Present: Cohen, DeLeeuw, Grattan, Ploss, Strahl, Vice-Chair Marshall, Chair Gilmer.
3. POSTING OF AGENDA: The Agenda was available for public access at the City Hall exterior bulletin board (west side of Council Chamber), City Clerk's office and Planning Services' counter on or before 4:00 p.m. on April 5, 2011.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:  
Margaret Gordinier, resident of Racquet Club West, expressed interest in creating a historic district in her residential neighborhood. She described the area as west of Indian Canyon Drive, and north of the Racquet Club Road, but not quite to San Rafael or Palm Canyon Drives. She mentioned several prominent individuals and celebrities who lived in the area and the architectural merits of several of the area's homes.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Board member Ploss noted that the attendance record needs to be corrected in the March minutes. Board member Grattan noted corrections on page 3 of the February minutes and on page 3 of the March minutes. Vice-Chair Marshall noted clarifications on page 4 of the February minutes and page 5 of the March minutes. Board member Cohen asked that the March minutes reflect that he made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Board member Ploss sought clarification on page 5 of the March minutes and asked that it be returned to the Board at the next meeting.

Motion by DeLeeuw; second by Ploss; vote 7-0, to approve the minutes of February 8, 2011, as corrected, and have the March meeting minutes reviewed by staff and returned to the Board for action in May.

6. PUBLIC HEARING:

None

4 CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL REQUEST(S):

7A. Case SI 11-038 - An application by Nejat Kohan of the Spanish Inn for certificate of approval for a new main sign for the Spanish Inn at 640 North Indian Canyon Drive, Zone R-3. (Contributing Site within the Las Palmas Historic District)

Ken Lyon summarized the staff report. The Board clarified:

- the location and orientation of external illumination,
- the design of the sign,
- surrounding landscaping,
- prior signs on the site,
- plans for future additional signs, and
- the colors and materials of the sign.

The applicant, Nejat Kohan, answered questions about the internal layout of the hotel, and described some of the future signs. The Board supported the revision to the materials of the sign.

Motion by Ploss; second by Strahl; vote 7-0, to approve the proposed sign as presented in the photo rendering, subject to replacing the painted edge with inlaid terracota.

7B. Case 3.0619 / HD 1 – A request by Colony Palms Hotel to place a terracotta colored canopy at the hotel front entrance located at 572 North Indian Canyon Drive, Zone R-3. (Contributing Site within the Las Palmas Historic District)

Glenn Mlaker summarized the staff report. The Board clarified:

- that the canopy was considered a permanent, not temporary structure,
- the design of the side panels,
- the stylistic details of the design,
- prior signs on the site,
- plans for future additional signs, and
- the colors and materials of the sign.

The Board supported returning the item for Architectural Advisory Committee review prior to final action on the Certificate of Approval. Board member Ploss noted that the site has had canvas canopies on the past and urged the applicant to review historic photographs for design direction.

Motion by Marshall; second by Grattan; vote 7-0, to continue the proposed canopy until the AAC has adopted its recommendations.

- 7C. HSPB 5 – Cornelia White House – City of Palm Springs property owner, requesting replacement of roof with same materials and finish at the Cornelia White House (HSPB 5) located at 223 S. Palm Canyon Drive, Zone C-B-D, Section 15.

Diana Shay, Palm Springs Redevelopment Agency, summarized the staff report. The Board clarified that the entire roof will be replaced, that the wood shingles would be fire-retardant, and how the fiber-tight roof would be attached at the edge.

Motion by Grattan; second by DeLeeuw; vote 7-0, to approve the proposed reroof, subject to the requirement that none of the fiber-tight roofing material is visible from ground level, and that the Fire Department review the proposed reroof plans.

## 8. OTHER BUSINESS:

### 8.A Las Palmas Business Historic District Committee - Update

Board member DeLeeuw noted the full and correct title of the district includes the word “business”, and reported that research continues on the permit history of the properties within the district.

### 8.B Public Outreach Committee - Update

Chair Gilmer noted that a “clean” copy of the proposed ordinance revisions has been provided to the Board. Vice-Chair Marshall expressed her continued concern with the absence of direction from the City Manager on the draft ordinance, the Board sub-committee’s work on the ordinance, and the Brown Act. The Board discussed:

- Work assigned to the sub-committee in reviewing the ordinance and proposing amendments;

- Actions available to the Board on the matter, including seeking the input of additional groups;
- The edits of the draft ordinance and their possible effects on the historic designation and review process; and
- How to seek direction from the City Council on the matter.

Motion by DeLeeuw; second by Grattan; vote 6-1 (Marshall opposed), to send the draft ordinance to the City Council noting that it is the product of a dialogue between the Board's committee, the Chamber of Commerce and PSEDC, and seeking Council direction.

#### 9. STAFF & OTHER REPORTS:

Chair Gilmer sought volunteers for a Board committee to work with residents in the Racquet Club West neighborhood on a historic district. Chair Gilmer appointed himself and Board member Grattan to meet with interested homeowners.

Principal Planner offered no comments.

#### 10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Board member Strahl asked about the status of the sign on the wall of the El Paseo Building. Vice-chair Marshall noted that a letter has been sent to the owner regarding the sign and that a response is requested by April 14, 2011.

Vice-chair Marshall asked about the texts for the three markers in review. Board member Ploss noted that the date for the DeBrabant house should be late 1929 or 1930. The Board agreed to review the record before confirming the date. No changes were offered to the Apache Road house. On the El Paseo marker, the Board agreed that the word "renovated" should replace "completed".

The Board directed staff to bring the three revised marker texts back to the Board for final action.

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Ploss; second by DeLeeuw; vote 7-0 to adjourn at 9:44 a.m. to its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at 8:15 a.m., in the Large Conference Room at City Hall.

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Director of Planning Services