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

**Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, July 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	1	
Barbara Marshall, Vice Chair			1
Thomas DeLeeuw	X	1	
Sheila Grattan	X	1	
Roxann Ploss	X	1	
Brian Strahl	X	1	
Leo Cohen	X	1	

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**Staff Representatives:**

Craig A. Ewing, AICP,  
Director of Planning Services  
Staff Liaison

Glenn Mlaker, Assistant Planner

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1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Gilmer called the meeting to order at 8:19 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Present:
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 Thursday, June 30, 2011.
4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Chair and Vice Chair

Director Ewing opened the floor to nominations for Chair. Board member Strahl nominated John Gilmer; seconded by Board member Grattan. Board member Ploss moved to close nominations, and the Board agreed to accept by acclimation John Gilmer as Chair.

Chair Gilmer opened the floor to nominations for Vice-Chair. Board member Ploss nominated Brian Strahl; seconded by Board member Ploss. Board member Ploss moved to close nominations, and the Board agreed to accept by acclimation Brian Strahl as Vice-chair.

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5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Frank Tysen, 175 S. Cahuilla Road (Casa Cody Inn) noted the benefits of conservation easements, as used by the Los Angeles Conservancy, to preserve facades or other elements of historic properties.

6. PUBLIC HEARING:

None

7. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL REQUEST(S):

- 7A. Case 3.0895 MAA / HSPB # 22 (*La Plaza*) – La Plaza Investments for the placement of two handicapped ramps at The Plaza Shopping Center, 124 South Palm Canyon Drive, Zone CBD, Section 15.

Assistant Planner Mlaker summarized the staff report, including the recommendations of the Architectural Advisory Committee. David Christian, architect / applicant representative described the project and the reasons for the changes. The Board asked about:

- The design and materials of the ramp railing,
- The extent of needed accessibility improvements,
- The concrete color and the design and finish of the ramp curb, and
- The condition requiring notice of the requirement for a sign program.

Motion by Ploss; second by Grattan; vote 5-1-1 (Gilmer opposed, Marshall absent), to approve the project, subject to the three recommended conditions of the AAC.

- 7B. Case 3.2710 MAA / HSPB 59 (*Casa Cody Inn*) – A request by Frank Tysen owner, to replace non-original garage doors with replicated panel overhead garage doors similar to original, treated with a dark brown stain located at 141 South Cahuilla Road, Zone R-3, Section 15.

Assistant Planner Mlaker summarized the staff report. Frank Tysen, property owner / applicant) described the project and the reasons for the changes. The Board discussed:

- The design, manufacture and color of the garage doors.

Motion by Strahl; second by De Leeuw; vote 6-0-1 (Marshall absent), to approve the project, subject to the three recommended conditions of the AAC.

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- 7C. Case 3.0182 MAA / HD 2 – Royal Hawaiian Estates HOA requesting a blanket approval for the repair and restoration of the “Flying Sevens” located in the courtyard areas of the complex located at 1774 South Palm Canyon Drive, Zone R-3, Section 26.

Assistant Planner Mlaker summarized the staff report. Bob Llewellyn, (HOA President / applicant) described the project and the reasons for the changes. The Board discussed:

- The requested approval’s applicability to the entire project over time,
- Design, construction and previous maintenance of the exterior architectural features, and
- The Homeowners Association’s efforts to restore the architectural features.

Motion by Grattan; second by Cohen; vote 6-0-1 (Marshall absent), to approve the project, as submitted.

#### 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS:

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

Board members DeLeeuw and Ploss summarized the most recent work of the Committee, including submission of an updated fact sheet about designated and undesignated properties in the district.

##### 8.B Public Outreach Committee - Update

Chair Gilmer had no new information on this Committee.

#### 9. STAFF & OTHER REPORTS:

Director Ewing noted that the Board will hold a regular meeting on August 9, 2011, unless there is no business by the required posting date (August 3<sup>rd</sup>). In response to a question from Board member Ploss, Mr. Ewing noted that three historic markers have been ordered, but not yet manufactured.

#### 10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

In response to a question from Board member Cohen regarding the Welwood Murray Memorial Library, Director Ewing provided an update on the Architectural Review process, the pending staff decision, and the role of the Council and its sub-committee (Mills and Weigel).

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Board member Ploss read a statement regarding the Board's decision on the Welwood Murray Memorial Library. Ms. Ploss also noted the poor condition of the entry to the Orchid Tree Inn and on the significant changes made to the former home of Liberace.

Chair Gilmer thanked Board member Marshall for her service as Vice-chair over the past year.

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by DeLeeuw; second by Grattan; vote 6-0-1 (Marshall absent), to adjourn the Historic Site Preservation Board at 9:49 a.m. to its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 8:15 a.m., in the Large Conference Room at City Hall.

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Craig A. Ewing, AICP  
Director of Planning Services