



City of Palm Springs

Department of Planning Services

Memorandum

Date: June 12, 2012

To: HSPB Board Members

From: Craig A. Ewing, AICP, Director of Planning Services 

Subject: Report on Draft Text for Three Historic Markers (Plaques) – Stephens House, Sinatra House, Del Marcos Hotel

On May 8, 2012, Chair Gilmer appointed Board member Grattan to prepare draft text for three historic markers. Board member Grattan has provided the attached draft copy and will report to the Board.

Staff recommends that the Board accept the draft copy and direct staff to order the three markers.

Attachment: E-mail and draft marker copy (Sheila Grattan, June 4, 2012)

Craig Ewing

From: SMoneenG@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 8:19 PM
To: Craig Ewing
Subject: Marker Copy

Hi Craig

I used the tighter measurements you and the marker company came up with when you edited our last round.

Both Sinatra and Stephen homes were noted as residence, not house. This made the count too wide to use their first names. Actually, this made the count too wide for the full names if we did use *house*. Since Stephen's first name will be a question years ahead and there will always be the question about whether the Sinatra is *The Sinatra*, I worked in copy that referred to the *singer*- Sinatra- and Dr. Hugh Stephens' full name. The copy is necessarily tight but the markers will be readable.

Sheila

SINATRA RESIDENCE

Completed - 1947

ARCHITECT - E. STEWART WILLIAMS

Called *Twin Palms* for its landmark trees, the singer's modern, view-oriented home uses strong horizontal and vertical forms, natural materials and egg-crate trellis.

Historic Site No. 77 - Class One
City of Palm Springs - March 2011

STEPHENS RESIDENCE

Completed - 1951

ARCHITECT - CLARK AND FREY

Precursor to the City's mid-century modern era, Dr. Hugh Stephens' rambling one-story home uses planar lines, concrete block walls and glass block and masonry patterns.

Historic Site No. 76 - Class One
City of Palm Springs - November 2010

DEL MARCOS HOTEL

Completed - 1947

ARCHITECT - WILLIAM CODY

Cody's first independent local commission represents informal post WWII modern-resort design with bold-angled roof and walls, stone façade, glass-enclosed lobby and open breezeway.

Historic Site No. 78 - Class One
City of Palm Springs - May 2012

(Del Marcos is large marker version.)