

DRAFT

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA
HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Large Conference Room, City Hall

3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, California 92262

Staff Representatives:

Margo Wheeler,
Director of Planning Services

Ken Lyon,
Associate Planner

CALL TO ORDER: Chair DeLeeuw called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Burkett, Glenn, Johns, Ploss, Vice Chair Grattan, Chair DeLeeuw
Absent: Williamson

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 Wednesday, May 8, 2013.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ron Marshall, representing the Palm Springs Preservation Foundation, turned in papers from the Racquet Club Villas expressing interest in becoming an historical district.

1. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Change Recommendation from "by" to "to" City Council.

Motion to Approve by Grattan; second by Ploss; Vote 6-0 (absent Williamson).

- 1B. Case HSPB 85 – An application by Lawrence E. Wood and Rodney L. Love, owners of 992 La Jolla Road, "The Twin Palms Estates Model A2 Residence", for a Mills Act Contract.

Recommendation: Recommend Approval to City Council.

Motion to Approve by Grattan; second by Ploss; Vote 6-0 (absent Williamson).

- 1C. Case HD #2 – HSPB 73 – An application by Craig Hammond, owner of 217 East Twin Palms Drive, "Royal Hawaiian Estates", for a Mills Act Contract.

Recommendation: Recommend Approval to City Council.

Applicant clarified the application is for 217 only, not the entire complex.

Motion to Approve by Grattan; second by Ploss; Vote 6-0 (absent Williamson).

- 1D. Case HSPB 86 – An application by Eric Ellenbogen, Owner of the Abernathy House at 611 N. Phillips Road, requesting a Mills Act Historic Property Agreement between himself and the City of Palm Springs.

Recommendation: Recommend Approval to City Council.

Motion to Approve by Grattan; second by Ploss; Vote 6-0 (absent Williamson).

2. NEW BUSINESS

- 2A. Case HSPB #33-A – A request for a certificate of approval for a modification to the Palm Springs City Hall, a Class 1 historic site, to install conduit for a new Traffic Management Control Center, located at 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Zone C-U.

Applicant representative from Public Works, Felipe Primera, presented project.

Motion to Approve by Ploss; Second by Grattan; Vote 6-0 (absent Williamson)

- 2B. Case HSPB #22 / SP 12-001 – An application by Best Signs, Inc. requesting a certificate of approval to establish a sign program to govern all signage for the La Plaza shopping center located at 115 South Indian Canyon Drive, Zone CBD.

Applicant Jim Cross of Best Signs, Inc. presented project and answered questions.

Board Member Ploss wanted to have a more thorough review of signage seeing colors and materials.

Board Member Grattan said that the AAC review and recommendations were sufficient.

Board Member Johns asked about the “Great Shakes” sign.

Mr. Lyon believes it is unpermitted.

Board Member Burkett questioned enforcement. Mr. Lyon said staff’s job. Applicant added Landlord too.

Motion to Approve by Grattan; second by Johns; Vote 5-1(Ploss) (absent Williamson)

3. OTHER BUSINESS: (none)

4. REPORTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS:

4A. Las Palmas Business Historic District Committee – In 1984 all buildings inventoried but list not perfect. Discussion of plaques, minimizing info, stay with name, date, architect – standardize.

4B. Data-base Committee - Update – On Patrick's computer, criteria to determine contributing, prioritize from San Francisco study.

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

All members honored the late Patrick McGrew and mourned his loss.

Board member Ploss mentioned the need for a city Architecture 101 booklet.

Next agenda: - Wrap up work previously done on signage
- Data lists (Board member Ploss to coordinate)
- Hours

6. STAFF REPORTS: Assistant will be inviting members to individual meetings. Please review web site in Las Vegas and ours for comments. Please be thinking of study session topics, including joint sessions and prioritization.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Grattan to adjourn the Historic Site Preservation Board Meeting at 9:33 a.m. to its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, at 8:15 a.m., in the Large Conference Room at City Hall.

Margo Wheeler, AICP
Director of Planning Services