

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA
HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION BOARD
Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, June 11, 2013
Large Conference Room, City Hall
3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, California 92262

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Burkett, Hays, Johns, Ploss, Williamson, Chair DeLeeuw.
Absent: Glenn.
Also Present: Director Wheeler, Associate Planner Newell, Assistant Planner Mlaker.

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, June 5, 2013.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

1. CONSENT AGENDA:

1A. Approval of the Minutes:

Motion to Approve as amended by Board Member Ploss; second by Board Member Johns; Vote 4-0 (absent Glenn).

2. NEW BUSINESS:

2A. **Case 3.3145 Minor Architectural Application** – Palm Springs Aerial Tramway requesting a building repaint; remove and replace landscaping; modify free standing elevator; add screen wall; add new parking lot kiosk at main entrance located at 1 Tram Way, Zone ESA-SP, Section 7.

Applicant Jeff Jurasky, said the goal is to have the improvements made for the 50th Anniversary in September.

Board Member Johns said he liked the kiosk, trees and new elevator. He was strongly in favor of using original colors and that newer paints resist fading. He asked if the banners would be like the museum's with ties and that were easily changed.

Applicant indicated they were attached at 4 corners, would be changed 3 – 4 times annually and externally lit.

Board member Ploss stated the building is to be integrated into its natural setting, its energy comes from its terrain, the original color is key. The museum has more pedestrian and vehicular traffic; the banners are unnecessary here.

The applicant indicated the banners would advertise food and other services at the top of the mountain and that the kiosk will have staff on duty.

Board member Hays said the color change does not maintain the architect's vision; he accepted the banners.

Julio Presciado, applicant representative, indicated the kiosk is proposed to be 10' – 12' high, in response to a question.

Motion to Approve the kiosk and elevator buildings as presented by Board Member Johns; second by Board Member Burkett; Vote 5-1 (Ploss)

Motion to Deny banners by Board Member Ploss, second by Board Member Burkett; Vote 5-1 (Williamson). Board Member Williamson believes color creates sense of arrival and does not diminish impact of mountain.

Motion to continue banners by Board Member Ploss, second by Board Member Hays for greater detail, photo similar in context such as with vehicle; Vote 6-0.

- 2B. **Case 3.2089 Minor Architectural Application** – Historic Site Preservation 55 – A proposed tenant improvement renovation, including interior and exterior modifications to the former Okura Restaurant on the first floor of the Oasis Commercial Building, a Class 1 Historic Site located at 101 South Palm Canyon Drive, Zone CBD, Section 15.

Staff distributed Draft AAC Minutes from June 10 regarding this case and the City Council's Class 1 Resolution regarding the building.

Applicant Ana Escalante stated she concurs with all staff conditions; want to retain wood front door and existing planters; will explore new attachment for misting system.

Board Member Hays is pleased they're removing the metal wall and likes fencing effect but color too intense.

Board Member Ploss noted exterior wood not appropriate in Palm Springs weather; orange accent good but may be used too much; needs more info on outside bar area.

Danny Grathwohl, building owner, clarified there were two units between the proposed restaurant and the breezeway.

Board Member Johns identified three tones of orange in the fencing.

Chair De Leeuw summarized what the Board concerns are: re-consider railing color, investigate original black terrazzo flooring (some extant in lobby); no use of exterior wood; clarify window screening to coffee store; door swings to be corrected.

Motion by Board Member Johns, second Board Member Ploss to approve staff conditions and continue the matter for different color palette and matters discussed; Vote 6-0.

2C. Review and approval of Historic Marker size, material, color and text.

Motion by Board Member Ploss, second by Board Member Johns to approve as follows; Vote 6-0.

Size:	Commercial 20" x 20"	Residential 18" x 12"
Color:	Bronze for traditional Times New Roman font	Aluminum for contemporary Futura Font
Text:	Name of Building Year completed Architect Any well-known resident(s) Historic Site # and Class City Council Action and Date	

2D. Discussion and possible selection of new meeting date and time.

Motion to retain second Tuesday, change to 9:00 am by Board Member Johns, second by Board Member Williamson; Vote 6-0.

3. **OLD BUSINESS:**

3A. Las Palmas Business Historic District Committee – Update

Board Member Ploss and Chair DeLeeuw are willing to meet with Mr. McGrew's partner to review materials. Mr. Lyon to contact.

3B. Data-base Committee – Update

Board Member Ploss will bring materials to review.

BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS:

All members need folders that were distributed to new members, send via email to all; rosters to be distributed; orientation for new members.

Board Member Ploss reported La Serena Villas, Orchid Tree and First Community Church in severe disrepair.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Board Member Ploss to adjourn the Historic Site Preservation Board Meeting at 10:47 a.m. to its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., in the Large Conference Room at City Hall.

M. Margo Wheeler, AICP
Director of Planning Services

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