

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



MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2013
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER: Chair DeLeeuw called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Chair DeLeeuw, Johns, Glenn, Hays, Ploss, Williamson.

EXCUSED Burkett.

ALSO PRESENT: Director Wheeler.

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 Monday, August 5, 2013.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

1. CONSENT AGENDA

1.A. Motion to Approve minutes of July 9, 2013 by Board Member Hays; second by Board Member Ploss; Vote 6-0.

2. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL REQUEST:

2.A. Case 3.1908 MAA – Oasis Hotel Tower

Director Wheeler presented the draft AAC minutes from the meeting held the previous day.

Board Member Ploss asked how long it had been vacant.

Danny Grathwohl, applicant, said the property will be vacant until they find a tenant.

The Board Members discussed different ideas for the boarded windows including trompe l'oeil windows, glass, and historic pictures.

Board Member Johns emphasized that pride of ownership of this important building is lacking. This important building is a prominent location within downtown. It is crucial that it not be allowed to be poorly maintained and obviously abandoned. If it is kept in excellent condition, new tenants may be forthcoming.

Board Member Williamson stated minimum repair of deterioration is not acceptable.

Motion by Board Member Johns, second by Board Member Ploss to approve with staff and AAC conditions adding:

- Repaint entire building
- Minimally have historic photos on ground floor boarded windows – glass windows preferable.

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Board Member Glenn felt that pictures may be detrimental, drawing attention to the building's vacant condition.

Chair DeLeeuw said that painting to depict a window may be best.

Board Member Hays liked the idea of painting to look like a window.

Motion by Board Member Ploss for full repaint, window replacement, reinforce the balconies and backlight the tower. No second.

Motion by Board Member Ploss, second by Board Member Hays to approve with staff and AAC conditions adding:

- Repaint entire building
- Return within 60 days with plan to improve boarded windows to AAC and HSPB per comments so that property does not appear abandoned.

Approved 6-0.

3. OTHER BUSINESS:

3.A. HSPB Rules & Procedures:

Presentation was made by Director Wheeler

Chair DeLeeuw made four changes to pages 4, 6, 9 and 10.

Motion by Board Member Hays, second by Williamson to approve; Vote 6-0.

3.B. Municipal Code Section 8.05, “Historic Preservation”:

Board requested that staff find minutes from 2010 - 2011 in response to a Chamber letter and email to members.

Chair DeLeeuw moved to continue to the next regular meeting; approved by consensus.

3.C. Comprehensive Map and List of Historical Properties (Class 1 & 2)

Presentation was made by Director Wheeler.

Board Member Hays referenced the California Historical Resources Data Base format and cited Pasadena’s website.

Board Member Williamson commented that we need to prioritize and make data useable and sortable.

Continue to next meeting by consensus.

3.D. Las Palmas Business Historic District

Board Member Ploss reminded the Board of the work she’d previously submitted.

Board Members Ploss, DeLeeuw, and Hays volunteered to serve as sub-committee.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Board Member Ploss asked for support to put The Center on the agenda for consideration as a Class 1 Historic Site.

Board Member Johns agreed.

Board Member Glenn stated that there are also changed circumstances because the nomination was rejected in part over concern that it would impede the downtown hotel development which is now moving forward.

Motion by Board Member Ploss, second by Glenn to place on agenda. Approved 6-0.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Director Wheeler mentioned she is preparing a proposal for the National APA conference regarding heritage tourism and may be requesting assistance.

ADJOURNMENT: The Chair adjourned the Historic Site Preservation Board Meeting at 10:26 a.m. to its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 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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