



# CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 7, 2014

CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION TO ESTABLISH THE CITY AS A CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURSUANT TO THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT.

FROM: David H. Ready, City Manager

BY: Department of Planning Services

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## SUMMARY

The Certified Local Government (CLG) program is a partnership among local governments, the State of California and the National Park Service that promotes the integration of local preservation interests and concerns into local planning and decision-making as a means of increasing the economic and cultural development of the City.

## RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution \_\_\_\_\_: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT FOR THE CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM."

## PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

On November 12, 2013, the Historic Site Preservation Board (HSPB) recommended approval of the application for CLG status by the City Council.

## STAFF ANALYSIS:

The CLG program was established in 1980 by amendment to the Federal National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA). Local jurisdictions may participate in the CLG program by implementing a local historic preservation program based on state and federal standards. Most of Palm Spring's historic preservation initiatives already conform to these standards.

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The CLG program has numerous benefits for participating jurisdictions:

**Economic and Funding Benefits.**

CLG's are eligible to compete for State grants. Each state is required to pass through 10% of its annual Historic Preservation Fund grant from the National Park Service to CLG's to fund their preservation activities. In California, the CLG grant program is competitive for a wide variety of preservation planning activities. This funding can support activities including completion of a preservation element or plan, a survey, or preparation of a National Register district application.

Historic Preservation Fund grants are awarded to CLG's on a 60/40 matching basis. The matching share is a requirement to maintain consistency with other federal allocations to the state and to ensure standard accountability in fiscal management.

Where preservation is supported by local government policies and incentives, historic designation can increase property values and pride of place, producing secondary economic benefits. Revitalization of historic places and adaptive reuse of historic districts and buildings conserves resources, uses existing infrastructure, generates local jobs and purchasing, supports small business development and cultural tourism and enhances quality of life and community character.

**Cultural Tourism.**

Strengthening Palm Springs as a destination for "Cultural Tourism", a growing segment of the international tourism market, can also be enhanced by improved support of the City's historic preservation initiatives through participation in the CLG program.

Eighty-one percent of the 146.4 million U.S. adults who took a trip of 50 miles or more away from home in the year 2003 were defined as cultural tourists. Cultural/heritage tourism generates millions of dollars for destination communities in spending on shopping, food, lodging and other expenses. This can be attributed in part to the fact that cultural/heritage trips are likely to last seven nights or longer. Here is a comparison of cultural tourists to the average U.S. traveler:<sup>1</sup>

- Spend more: \$623 vs. \$457
- Are more likely to have a graduate degree: 21 percent vs. 19 percent
- Are more likely to spend \$1,000+/-: 19 percent vs. 12 percent
- Travel longer: 5.2 nights vs. 3.4 nights
- Travel by air: 19 percent vs. 16 percent

**Involvement.**

The CLG program encourages and requires participation in the boards, commissions, and community members in the historic preservation initiatives of the City.

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<sup>1</sup> Sources: Travel Industry Association of America Travel Scope survey 2003; *The Historic/Cultural Traveler, 2003 Edition*, TIA and Smithsonian Magazine, updated 2004.

**Technical Assistance.**

CLG's are granted access to an on-line "listserv" of CLV cities<sup>2</sup>, hosted by the State Office of Historic Preservation (SHPO). This communication tool offers CLG's access to the sharing of information about preservation issues, training opportunities, publications, procedures, grants, and a variety of technical assistance to CLGs.

**Streamlining.**

The use of the National Register/California Register criteria and the Secretary of the Interior Standards integrates local, state, and federal levels of review on projects before the HSPB. It brings clarity to the question of what resources are significant when it comes to CEQA and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

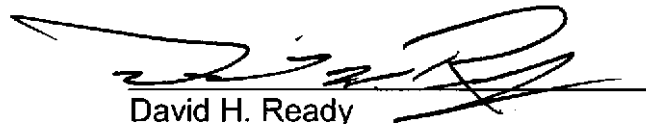
Staff believes there are numerous benefits that would flow to the City if it were to pursue approval as a Certified Local Government under the National Historic Preservation Act and the California Office of Historic Preservation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.



M. Margo Wheeler, ACIP  
Director of Planning Services



David H. Ready  
City Manager

**Attachments:**

1. Draft Resolution
2. Certified Local Government Application Materials.
3. Minutes of the HSPB meeting of November 12, 2013.
4. Example of past grants awarded in 2013/14 to other CLG cities

<sup>2</sup> Other Southern California Cities that are also CLG's include: Burbank, Calabasas, Colton, Glendale, Highland, La Quinta, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Norco, Ontario, Pasadena, Pomona, Redondo Beach, Riverside, Santa Ana, Santa Monica, South Pasadena, Tustin, and West Hollywood.

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT FOR THE CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, amended (16 U.S.C. 470), has authorized the establishment of a Certified Local Government program; and

WHEREAS, the State of California, represented by the State Historic Preservation Officer, is responsible for the administration of the program within the state and the establishment of necessary rules and procedures governing the application by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palm Springs established Municipal Code Section 8.05 "Historic Preservation" for the purpose of "...preserving areas and specific buildings of the city which reflect elements of its cultural, social, economic, political, architectural and archaeological history. This chapter is intended to stabilize and improve buildings, structures or areas which are considered to be of historical, architectural, archaeological or ecological value, to foster civic beauty, to strengthen the local economy and to promote the use of specific buildings for the education and welfare of the citizens"; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2013, the Historic Site Preservation Board reviewed information related to the Certified Local Government program and recommended its approval by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, said adopted procedures established by the State of California require the applicant to certify by resolution of the local government's elected officials the approval of said applications to the state.

NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The City Council approves the filing of an application for certification under the Certified Local Government Program.

Section 2: The City Council appoints the City Manager or his designee as agent of the City to coordinate, process, and execute all agreements, amendments, and ancillary documents within the scope of the attached application for certification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, based upon the foregoing, the City Council hereby approves the filing of an application for the Certified Local Government program and directs the City Manager to coordinate and execute all documents related to the submittal of that application.

ADOPTED this 7th day of May, 2014.

\_\_\_\_\_  
David H. Ready, City Manager

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
James Thompson, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE ) ss.  
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS )

I, JAMES THOMPSON, City Clerk of the City of Palm Springs, hereby certify that Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ is a full, true and correct copy, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palm Springs on \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

\_\_\_\_\_  
James Thompson, City Clerk  
City of Palm Springs, California

## Application for Certified Local Government Certification

**Applicant (attach general organization chart)**

Local Government	City of Palm Springs- Planning Department
Address	3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way

**Chief Elected Local Official**

Name	Stephen P. Pougnet
Title	Mayor

**Legislative Representatives (list names and district numbers)**

California Assembly	D. Manuel Perez, 80th State Assembly District
California Senate	Bill Emerson, 37th State Senate District
U.S. Congress	Raul Ruiz Calif. 36th Dist. U.S. House of Reps.

**Local Government Contact Person (enclose résumé, professional qualifications, and departmental organization chart)**

Name	Margo Wheeler		
Title	Director		
Department	Planning Services		
Address	3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way		
Telephone Number	760-323-8245	Fax Number	322 8360
Email Address	margo.wheeler@palmspringsca.gov		

**Resolution of Local Government (attach)**

Date Approved	
Authorized Signature	

**Local Commission/Board (Attach a current résumé and commissioner qualification form for each commission member.)**

Name of Commission/Board	Historic Site Preservation Board (HSPB)
Names and Professions of Members	Tom De Leeuw, Realtor Dick Burkett, Design Consultant/ Internet Marketing Todd Burkett, Realtor James Williamson, Retired Senior Financial Manager Gary Johns, Realtor Roxann Ploss, Retired Educator

**Local Historic Preservation Ordinance or appropriate section(s) of municipal code (attach)**

Name of Document	PS Muni Code Section 8.05
Date of Enactment	1981

**Local Historic Preservation Plan or Historic Preservation Element of General Plan (attach)**

Name of Document	PS General Plan, Zoning Code, Muni Code 8.05
Date of Enactment	Gen. Plan 2007, Muni Code 1981, Zng Code 1988
Plans to prepare a Plan or Element if one has not been adopted	1988 Historic Pres. Combining Zone (PSZC 92.24.00) zoning overlay

**Local Government Assurance**

I assure the State of California, Office of Historic Preservation, that this government shall comply with and fulfill all the requirements of the Certified Local Government program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Chief Elected Local Official

**Stephen P. Pougnet**

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Printed Name of Chief Elected Local Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# City of Palm Springs

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## **Submittal to the State of California Office of Historic Preservation for consideration of an application to become a Certified Local Government (CLG).**

The following information is provided as required as part of the City's CLG application. The questions below are taken from the 2010 CLG application procedures publication page 19 and responses to each are provided.

- 1. Provide a written narrative summary describing historic contexts developed and past and current historic resource survey activities, including type of survey (reconnaissance or intensive) and percentage of coverage of local jurisdiction. Additionally, provide information regarding future survey plans and how they will conform to the state and federal standards for surveys.***

### Historic Context of Palm Springs.

Pre-historic settlement of the Coachella Valley in which Palm Springs is located was established centuries ago by native American tribes, ancestors of the present-day Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (ACBCI).

Non-native exploration of the Coachella Valley first occurred under Mexican rule in 1824. The U.S. Government surveyed the valley in 1853 and subdivided the land into one mile square sections, reserving the even numbered sections for the local Indian tribe and the odd-numbered sections were given to the railroad in exchange for establishing a rail line through the valley in the 1870's. The railroad sold their sections to settlers and the first non-native residence was established in the 1880's.

Palm Springs developed in the 1890's as a destination for individuals suffering tuberculosis and other respiratory ailments for which the hot dry climate was soothing. A brief period of agricultural development also occurred but was all but extinguished by a severe drought in the 1890's. By the 1930's it became known as an exclusive getaway for celebrities associated with the Hollywood movie industry and other wealthy socialites.

The City incorporated in 1938. Through the 1940's and 50's the City grew as a popular resort and recreation destination for the growing middle class in Los Angeles and other



sites identified in its historic resource database, one could roughly conclude that between 25% and 30% of the sites have had comprehensive survey forms completed.

**2. Provide a narrative summary of current historic preservation program activities performed by the local government. For example, local designation programs educational/outreach programs, design review, etc.**

The City's Historic Site Preservation Board (HSPB) meets monthly on a regularly scheduled basis. The board's routine activities are centered on five primary efforts:

- (1) Review and approval of requests for modifications to the exterior of Class 1 historic sites (granting "certificate of approval" for requested alterations). The City's design review for proposed development projects is outlined in the City's Zoning Code Section 94.04.00 ("*Architectural Review*"). On Class 1 historic sites, the HSPB reviews and makes approval decisions on proposed modifications to the exterior of such sites. (for municipally owned sites, interior and exterior proposed modifications of Class 1 sites are reviewed by the HSPB).
- (2) Review and recommendation to the City Council of owner-initiated applications for Class 1 historic designations and historic district applications.
- (3) Review and recommendation to the City Council of board-initiated applications for Class 1 designations.
- (4) Review and recommendation to the City Council of owner-initiated applications for Mills Act Historic Property Agreements.
- (5) Education and outreach to the community of historic preservation benefits and opportunities.

Each year the Board establishes a "work program" of candidate sites for possible recommendation of historic designation. In the recent past, approximately six candidate sites are selected and the board works with property owners in seeking support for possible designation by the City Council.

The board initiated in 2013 a re-examination of the sites within the City's first historic district, the Las Palmas Business Historic District, for possible expansion and inclusion of several buildings from the mid-century modern period that were not previously identified as contributing sites. This initiative is presently ongoing.

Also in 2013, the board initiated a staff effort to consolidate numerous past historic resource survey findings into one, comprehensive citywide historic resources database. This database currently has over 700 sites identified. This initiative is presently ongoing.

Annually, the City's Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) conducts a citywide neighborhood picnic in one of the City parks at which various city organizations and departments are on hand to provide information. The past several years, the HSPB has

participated in the neighborhood picnic with a fully staffed information table, providing information and answering questions to citizens about historic preservation opportunities.

The City of Palm Springs is also a contributing sponsor for Modernism Week; a 10-day long annual event whose mission is to celebrate and foster appreciation of mid-century architecture, design, fashion, art, culture education, preservation and sustainable modern living. Events include lectures, seminars, tours, expo and exhibitions, films, music events, parties and other activities.

**3. Provide a narrative summary explaining any new or additional historic preservation program activities that will be carried out as a result of becoming a CLG.**

The City is interested in providing greater community access to the information provided in the City's historic resource databases. As such, creating a web-based portal for the public to access the present and future database resources is a program the HSPB hopes to develop.

City staff is also working with the Historic Preservation Officer of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians to create a series of quarterly presentations by the tribes' HPO to further educate the community about the native American history of the Palm Springs area.

Frequently investigation and research on board-initiated nominations of sites for possible historic designation require city staff to conduct the research. Given the limited staff resources for such effort; possible CLG grant programs may assist the board in procuring professional services for conducting historic resource surveys to inform the board on the credentials of sites for possible historic designation.

The City also as a number of recently designated historic sites which, due to funding cuts have not been provided with historic markers which the City normally provides. Possible grant funding through the CLG program may make fulfillment of that educational component of historic designation possible.

**4. Provide a narrative summary which explains the current functions, responsibilities and authority of the local review commission/board.**

The current functions, responsibilities and authority as outlined in Municipal Code Section 8.05 is as follows:

8.05.135 Investigation and study. The board may conduct or cause to be conducted surveys, studies or investigation as deemed necessary to inform the board and city council prior to a public hearing for possible historic designation.

8.05.145 Findings and recommendation to City Council. The board shall conduct public hearings and make findings upon which to base a recommendation for historic designation to the City Council.

8.05.165 Markers for designated historic sites. The board may determine which historic sites shall be marked with a uniform and distinctive marker.

8.05.166 Initiation of proceedings – National Register. The board may initiate proceedings, including a public hearing, for designation of a historic site or district or for the recommendation to the City Council of a property for nomination to the National Register

8.05.170 Stay of demolition. The board may issue an order staying any proposed demolition or alteration of the exterior of any structure on a site that has had proceedings initiated for possible historic designation. Such stay may be ordered for a period not to exceed 180 days.

8.05.180, 185,190, 195 Application for permit to construct or alter structures. The Board shall review applications to construct, alter, move or demolish a structure upon a Class 1 historic site or district. Based upon factors established in the code, the board shall review the proposed work and if it is in conformance with the factors, it shall issue a certificate of approval.

***5. Provide a narrative summary describing economic incentive or other benefits offered by the local government to owners of historic properties.***

Palm Springs provides economic incentives to owners of local properties through participation in the State of California Mills Act Historic Property Agreement.

The City has adopted the California Building Code (CBC) Title 24 part 8 which addresses provisions for historic buildings. This code provides regulations for the preservation, restoration rehabilitation relocation or reconstruction of buildings or properties designated as qualified historical buildings or properties.

***6. Provide a narrative summary describing how review of projects affecting historic resources in the local government jurisdiction is carried out under the California Environmental Quality Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act***

All development applications in Palm Springs that meet the definition of a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) are evaluated as such. Section V of the CEQA initial study is used to evaluate whether a proposed project may have a substantial adverse impact on a historic resource. Determining the significance of impacts on historic and/or archeological resources is evaluated pursuant to CEQA Section 15064.5. Where appropriate Categorical Exemptions from further CEQA

analysis on historic properties are considered pursuant to CEQA Section 15331. All staff reports associated with projects are provided with a summary of the evaluation of the project's environmental impact pursuant to CEQA and a conclusion or recommendation is provided to the decision-making body.

With respect to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the City Planning Department works with the local Tribal Historic Preservation Officer on establishing appropriate conditions of approval on all development projects in which the possibility exists to disturb archaeological sites or artifacts exists.

Sincerely,

THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING SERVICES

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Lyon", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Ken Lyon, RA, Associate Planner

cc: File

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



**MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013  
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair DeLeeuw called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Chair DeLeeuw, Vice-Chair Johns, Board members Burkett, Hays, Ploss, and Williamson.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Director Wheeler, Associate Planner Lyon.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:** No changes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ron Marshall, representing the Palm Springs Preservation Foundation, will have a Garden Party this weekend from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Discussed Racquet Club Villas, Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo Cody archives comments re: future historic district.

Rene Brown, Palm Springs Historic Society curator, also life resident to take a look at the Cornelia White house.

David Grey, Palm Springs Board of Trustees was available for questions about Welwood.

**1. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**1.A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 8, 2013 MEETING.**

Board member Ploss commented that Board member Hays' name is incorrectly spelled in the Minutes of October 8 and that the use of first names is important.

M/S/C Ploss/Hays (6-0) Approved minutes as amended.

**1B. THE PALM SPRINGS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION (PSRF) AND THE RACQUET CLUB GARDEN VILLAS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (RCGV HOA) FOR APPROVAL OF A HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATION FOR THE**

**RACQUET CLUB COTTAGES WEST CONDOMINIUMS (NOW KNOWN AS THE RACQUET CLUB GARDEN VILLAS) AT 360 WEST CABRILLO ROAD, ZONE RGA(6), SECTION 3, (CASE HSPB 88 / HD-3 / KL).**

M/S/C Ploss/Hays (5-0-1) Approved Resolution as submitted with Chair DeLeeuw abstaining.

**2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**2.A. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL AND AMENDMENT OF A CONDITION OF APPROVAL REQUEST BY THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS FOR INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE WELWOOD MURRAY MEMORIAL LIBRARY LOCATED AT 100 SOUTH PALM CANYON DRIVE (HSPB 3 / CASE 5.1032 MAA)**

Associate Planner Lyon presented the staff report.

Board member Ploss asked if original reception desk had been found.

Al Smoot, City representative for the project, replied that it had not. The Palm Springs Preservation Foundation is to design the new desk. He confirmed interior plans will return to HSPB. He shared City Council's direction for the building to be fire sprinkled.

M/S/C Hays/Williamson (6-0). To approve.

**2.B. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL REQUEST BY BRANDENBERG OASIS, LLC FOR REPAIR AND REPAINT AT THE OASIS HOTEL TOWER AND CASITA BUILDING, A CLASS 1 HISTORIC SITE, LOCATED AT 133-139 SOUTH PALM CANYON DRIVE, ZONE CBD, (HSPB 10 / 3.1908 MAA).**

Associate Planner Lyon presented the staff report.

Danny Grathwohl, applicant representative, explained the three display panels will have graphics and confirmed that the entire building would be repainted.

Board members wanted to see finished text on boards.

Board member Ploss does not believe boards with text is an adequate solution and again expressed concerns regarding safety of the deteriorated balconies.

Danny Grathwohl, applicant representative, indicated balconies had been repaired.

Vice-Chair Johns had concerns regarding the text and felt the panels need to be capable of being changed out from time to time.

Danny Grathwohl, applicant representative, said it can be changed.

M/S/C Hays/Williamson (6-0). To approve, with "camera ready" text/display panels to be reviewed by sub-committee (Board members Hays, Ploss and Williamson).

**2.C. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL REQUEST BY BANK OF AMERICA FOR REPLACEMENT OF ROOFTOP A/C UNITS AND SCREENING AT THE CITY NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, A CLASS 1 HISTORIC SITE LOCATED AT 588 SOUTH PALM CANYON DRIVE (HSPB 52 / 3.0899 MAA)**

Associate Planner Lyon presented the staff report.

Vice-Chair Johns asked if the AAC will see the HSPB action. Staff noted it would.

M/S/C Vice-Chair Johns/Ploss (6-0). Approve as submitted.

**2.D. CITYWIDE HISTORIC RESOURCE DATABASE PROJECT**

Board members commended staff on the new Historic resource-based map and discussed options for its use.

**2.E. CONSIDERATION OF HISTORIC DESIGNATION NOMINATIONS FOR THREE SITES: HSPB 80: THE CHARLIE FARRELL HOUSE, LOCATED AT 630 EAST TACHEVAH, HSPB 81: THE CHARLIE FARRELL HOUSE LOCATED AT 1120 VIA MIRALESTE, AND HSPB 83: THE CHARLIE FARRELL HOUSE, LOCATED AT 2743 N. INDIAN CANYON DRIVE (AT THE RACQUET CLUB).**

Associate Planner Lyon presented the staff report.

Vice-Chair Johns commented that the homes located at 630 East Tachevah and 1120 Via Miraleste merit further investigation and consideration. The home at 2743 North Indian Canyon Drive is part of the Racquet Club. Considering just one building would be a disservice.

Board member Ploss volunteered to complete writing up the historic resource reports on the Miraleste and Tachevah buildings.

Board member Burkett commented on the importance of the entire Racquet Club.

M/S/C Ploss/Vice-Chair Johns (6-0). To proceed with completing research and reports on 630 East Tachevah and 1120 Via Miraleste and to direct staff to return with more information on the entire Racquet Club property.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**3.A. APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT STATUS.**

Director Wheeler presented the staff report.

Board member Hays commented he was fully in agreement.

Board member Williamson said all of 2013 projects that were approved for grants to other cities would be good projects for Palm Springs also.

M/S/C Vice-Chair Johns/Ploss (6-0). To direct staff to complete the application packet.

~~**3.B. APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS FOR CODE AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 8.05 AND ZONING CODE CHAPTER 93.06 TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY OF CLASS 3 HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND TO ALLOW VACANT CLASS 1 HISTORIC SITES TO RE-TENANT WITH MORE INTENSE USES WITHOUT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL PARKING.**~~

~~Director Wheeler presented the staff report and answered questions.~~

~~Board members supported both measures.~~

~~M/S/C Ploss/Vice-Chair Johns (6-0). To recommend approval of the proposed zone text amendments to City Council.~~

**3.C. TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Associate Planner Lyon presented report. No action necessary.

**4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

Board member Burkett suggested a brainstorming session regarding use of Town & Country Center. Staff said that there were concerns re: private property but discussion of downtown commercial properties is appropriate.

Chair DeLeeuw and board members Ploss and Williamson thought that would be a good discussion.

Vice-Chair Johns asked for a report on the Cornelia White building at the next meeting. He requested the Town & Country Center be placed back on the agenda for consideration and in December requested a report on the proposed use of the Plaza Theater after the Follies vacate the theater at the end of their lease.



5. **DIRECTOR REPORT:**

Associate Planner Lyon reported on four Mills Act contracts going to City Council on November 20.

Director Wheeler discussed format for the November 13 workshop with the Planning Commission.

Director Wheeler gave a summary of staff work being done with, and to, the Vacant Buildings ordinance.

Director Wheeler confirmed the December agenda would be a report from the Tribal Preservation Officer, discussion of Racquet Club and the Town & Country Center and updates on the Cornelia White house and Plaza Theater.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Chair adjourned the Historic Site Preservation Board Meeting at 11:16 a.m. to its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Large Conference Room at City Hall.

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M. Margo Wheeler, AICP  
Director of Planning Services

# Certified Local Government Program (CLG)

## 2013-2014 CLG GRANT AWARDS

Nine cities and counties will receive \$185,000 in federal grants to assist local historic preservation programs. California is required to pass through a minimum of 10 percent of its yearly share of federal funds received through the National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund Grants Program to local governments whose preservation programs have been certified by the NPS.

California's Certified Local Government grants are awarded on a competitive basis and require a 40 percent local government match that can be provided using a combination of public funds, private funds, and allowable in-kind donations.

**Burbank, \$18,000.** The city will survey historic signage in commercially zoned properties to help develop an ordinance that will enable property owners to preserve and restore historic signs.

**Elk Grove, \$24,000.** Following up on its recently completed historic context statement the city will update the Elk Grove Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and document a potential Winemaker District.

**Eureka, \$12,000.** The city will develop a map-based, interactive, historic preservation website that will provide an architectural and historic tour of Eureka, along with existing histories and photos linked to points on a map.

**Glendale, \$24,000.** The city will prepare a historic context for the southern portion of Glendale, which will be included in the South Glendale Community Plan.

**Los Angeles, \$20,000.** The city will develop a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Historic Context to be included as part of SurveyLA's citywide historic context statement.

**Riverside, \$24,000.** The city will design, complete and implement a mobile application called Landmark Connect: a mobile app for Riverside's historic landmarks.

**San Francisco, \$24,000.** The city will conduct a historic resource survey focused on neighborhood commercial buildings, constructed between 1870 and 1965, that are subject to a recently enacted mandatory seismic retrofit program for soft-story buildings.

**South Pasadena, \$15,000.** The city will augment, expand, and enhance South Pasadena's city-wide historic context statement that identifies property types, associated character-defining features, and location patterns from pre-history to the mid-century modern era.

**Ventura County, \$24,000.** The county will develop a historic context statement and historic resources reconnaissance survey for the eastern Oxnard Plain, an area rich with agricultural history and cultural diversity.

(Source: OHP Certified Local Government Website)