

PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DATE: JULY 13, 2016

SUBJECT: TOM FORD, OWNER, FOR A MAJOR ARCHITECTURAL APPLICATION

FOR THE RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A 546-SQUARE FOOT CABANA AND NEW GARAGE ADDITION AT A HILLSIDE HOUSE LOCATED AT 1635 RIDGEMORE DRIVE, ZONE R-1-A. (CASE 3.3725

MAJ) (GM)

FROM: Flinn Fagg, AICP, Director of Planning Services

SUMMARY

The Planning Commission to review a Major Architectural Application for a house renovation and the addition of a 546-square foot cabana at an existing hillside house. The new construction of a pool cabana located in the rear yard conforms to the Palm Springs Zoning Code.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the application, subject to conditions.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Most Recent Owne	rship		2 2	
04/16/2013	Thomas Ford			

Neighborhood	Meeting/Neighborhood Notice
05/25/2016	Notice sent to adjacent and abutting property owners.
07/07/2016	Email notification sent to Andreas Hills Neighborhood Organization.
07/07/2016	Notice sent to adjacent and abutting property owners regarding Planning Commission review.

Field Check	
June 2016	Staff visited site to observe existing conditions

DETAILS OF APPLICATION REQUEST:

Site Area	
Net Area	24,441-square feet

Surrounding Property	Existing General Plan Designations	Existing Land Use	Existing Zoning Designations
Subject	ER (Estate Residential),	Single-Family	R-1-C (Single-
Property	2 Units per acre	Residential	Family Residential)
North	ER (Estate Residential),	Single-Family	R-1-C (Single-
	2 Units per acre	Residential	Family Residential)
South	ER (Estate Residential),	Single-Family	R-1-C (Single-
	2 Units per acre	Residential	Family Residential)
East	ER (Estate Residential),	Single-Family	R-1-C (Single-
	2 Units per acre	Residential	Family Residential)
West	ER (Estate Residential),	Single-Family	R-1-C (Single-
	2 Units per acre	Residential	Family Residential)

Specific Plan Area	Compliance
Canyon South Specific Plan	Yes

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS:

Pursuant to PSZC Section 92.01.03 for the R-1-C zone, the following standards apply:

Standard	Required/Allowed	Provided	Compliance
Lot Area	10,000-square feet	24,441-square feet	Yes
Lot Width	100 feet	136 feet	Yes
Lot Depth	100 feet	170 feet	Yes
Front Yard	25 feet	30 feet	Yes
Side Yard	10	10 feet	Yes
Rear Yard	15 feet	15 feet	Yes
Building Height (max.)	12 feet at setback line to max 18 at a 4:12 slope	9 feet = new garage 9 feet = new cabana	Yes
Bldg. Coverage	35% lot coverage	22%	Yes
House / Garage	1,500 - sq ft min.	5,344 - sq. ft.	Yes
Off-street parking	2 covered spaces	2 covered provided	Yes
Landscaping	No specific requirements	Landscape plan provided	Yes

ANALYSIS:

The applicant is seeking approval to renovate an existing 4,128-square foot hillside house and add a 670-square foot garage and a 546-square foot pool cabana for a total of 5,344-square feet. The existing single-story house located in the Andreas Hills neighborhood was built in 1980. The scope of work consists of converting the existing garage into a guest bedroom and construction of a new attached garage on the east side of the residence. The existing driveway will remain and provide access to the new garage. Other modifications to the building include minor expansion of hallway areas, near the entry foyer, remodel and expansion of the kitchen area. Additionally, the glazing and finish surfaces throughout the home will be replaced. Site work at the front of the property entails creation of a larger entry courtyard defined by new site walls and walkways. The rear of the property will be enhanced via enlargement of the existing pool and construction of a new pool cabana with covered patio area and enclosed toilet Landscaping throughout the site will be enhanced with desert appropriate plantings as shown on the landscape plan. Building materials to include exterior building walls with a smooth stucco finish painted "Oatmeal" along with all garden walls and the new pool cabana. Window frames to be dark bronzed anodized finish with clear glass. The driveway and front entry gates will be metal in a dark brown color.

ARCHITECTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The Architectural Advisory Committee (AAC) reviewed the project on July 5, 2016 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval to the Planning Commission as submitted.

<u>CRITERIA – MAJOR ARCHITECTURAL APPLICATION (Case 3.3725 MAJ):</u>

Section 94.04.00(D)(1-9) of the Palm Springs Zoning Code (PSZC) requires an evaluation of the proposed development to determine if it will provide a desirable environment for its occupants as well as being compatible with the character of adjacent and surrounding developments, and whether aesthetically it is of good composition, materials, textures and colors. Conformance is evaluated, based on consideration of the following:

1. Site layout, orientation, location of structures and relationship to one another and to open spaces and topography. Definition of pedestrian and vehicular areas; i.e., sidewalks as distinct from parking areas;

The proposal includes the renovation of an existing 4,128-square foot hillside house and addition of a 670-square foot garage and a 546-square foot pool cabana for a total of 5,344-square feet. The existing single-story house located in the Andreas

Hills neighborhood was built in 1980. The scope of work consists of converting the existing garage into a guest bedroom and construction of a new attached garage on the east side of the residence. The existing driveway will remain and provide access to the new garage.

2. Harmonious relationship with existing and proposed adjoining developments and in the context of the immediate neighborhood community, avoiding both excessive variety and monotonous repetition, but allowing similarity of style, if warranted;

The existing homes in the Andreas Hills neighborhood are of similar one-story design constructed on large lots with homes terraced in to the gently sloping hillside with main road access from Bogert Trail. The proposed house renovation does not include revisions to the existing roof height. The addition of a 546-square foot pool cabana at the rear of the property will not be visible from adjacent properties.

3. Maximum height, area, setbacks and overall mass, as well as parts of any structure (buildings, walls, screens towers or signs) and effective concealment of all mechanical equipment;

The maximum height of the existing house is 13'-6" feet tall from the established pad elevation and the new garage addition will be 9' feet tall. The rear yard pool cabana will require some excavation into an existing slope with a height of 9' feet to match the existing house. The proposed house renovation and pool cabana design is compatible with heights found within the surrounding neighborhood. Other houses along Ridgemore Drive are similar in style and height. All other setback requirements have been met.

4. Building design, materials and colors to be sympathetic with desert surroundings;

AND

5. Harmony of materials, colors and composition of those elements of a structure, including overhangs, roofs, and substructures which are visible simultaneously,

AND

6. Consistency of composition and treatment,

Materials to include exterior building walls with a smooth stucco finish painted "Oatmeal" along with all garden walls and the new pool cabana. Window frames to be dark bronzed anodized finish with clear glass. The driveway and front entry gates will be metal in a dark brown color.

7. Location and type of planting, with regard for desert climate conditions. Preservation of specimen and landmark trees upon a site, with proper irrigation to insure maintenance of all plant materials;

Site work at the front of the property entails creation of a larger entry courtyard defined by new site walls and walkways. Landscaping throughout the site will be enhanced with desert appropriate plantings to include the preservation of existing mature palm trees, the addition of twelve large Palo Verde trees, and numerous new shrubs, aloe, and cactus.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the project is a Class III exemption and is categorically exempt per Section 15303(a) (New Single-Family Residence and Accessory Structure).

Glenn Mlaker, AICP Associate Planner

Finn Fagg, AICP

Director of Planning Services

Attachments:

- 1. Vicinity Map
- 2. Justification Letter from Applicant
- 3. Site Photos
- 4. Material Board
- 5. Existing Site Plan
- 6. Proposed Site Plan / Grading
- 7. Landscape Plan
- 8. Floor Plans
- 9. Pool Cabana Elevation
- 10. Building Elevations
- 11.3-D Images

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CASE NO. 3.3958 MAJ FOR A MAJOR ARCHITECTURAL APPROVAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 546-SQUARE FOOT CABANA AND NEW GARAGE ADDITION ON A HILLSIDE LOT LOCATED AT 1635 RIDGEMORE DRIVE, ZONE R-1-A-H, SECTION 1.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION FINDS AND DETERMINES AS FOLLOWS:

- A. Thomas Ford, ("Applicant") has filed an application with the City pursuant to Section 94.04.00 of the Zoning Ordinance for the construction of a 546-square foot cabana and new garage addition on a hillside lot located at 1635 Ridgemore Drive, Zone R-1-A-H, Section 1.
- B. On July 5, 2016, the Architectural Advisory Committee reviewed the proposal and voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the project as submitted to the Planning Commission.
- C. On July 13, 2016, a public meeting on the application to consider Case 3.3958 MAJ was held by the Planning Commission in accordance with applicable law.
- D. The proposed project is considered a "project" pursuant to the terms of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), and has been determined to be Categorically Exempt as a Class III exemption (single-family residence) pursuant to Section 15303(a) of the CEQA Guidelines
- E. The Planning Commission has carefully reviewed and considered all of the evidence presented in connection with the hearing on the project, including, but not limited to, the staff report, and all written and oral testimony presented.
- F. Pursuant to Section 94.04.00 of the Palm Springs Zoning Code, the Planning Commission finds:
- 1. Site layout, orientation, location of structures and relationship to one another and to open spaces and topography. Definition of pedestrian and vehicular areas; i.e., sidewalks as distinct from parking areas;

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the east side of the residence. The existing driveway will remain and provide access to the new garage.

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3. Maximum height, area, setbacks and overall mass, as well as parts of any structure (buildings, walls, screens towers or signs) and effective concealment of all mechanical equipment;

The maximum height of the existing house is 13'-6" feet tall from the established pad elevation and the new garage addition will be 9' feet tall. The rear yard pool cabana will require some excavation into an existing slope with a height of 9' feet to match the existing house. The proposed house renovation and pool cabana design is compatible with heights found within the surrounding neighborhood. Other houses along Ridgemore Drive are similar in style and height. All other setback requirements have been met.

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THE PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLVES:

Based upon the foregoing, the Planning Commission hereby approves Case 3.3725 MAJ for the construction of a 546-square foot cabana and new garage addition on a hillside lot located at 1635 Ridgemore Drive subject to the conditions of approval attached herein as Exhibit A.

ADOPTED this 13th day of July, 2016.

AYES: NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:	
ATTEST:	CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

Flinn Fagg, AICP Director of Planning Services

RESOLUTION NO.

EXHIBIT A

Case 3.3725 MAJ

Thomas Ford

1635 Ridgemore Drive

July 13, 2016

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Before final acceptance of the project, all conditions listed below shall be completed to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, the Director of Planning Services, the Director of Building and Safety, the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief or their designee, depending on which department recommended the condition.

Any agreements, easements or covenants required to be entered into shall be in a form approved by the City Attorney.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS

- ADM 1. <u>Project Description</u>. This approval is for the project described per Case 3.3725 MAJ except as modified by the conditions below.
- ADM 2. Reference Documents. The site shall be developed and maintained in accordance with the approved plans on file in the Planning Division dated May 5, 2016, except as modified by the conditions below.
- ADM 3. Conform to all Codes and Regulations. The project shall conform to the conditions contained herein, all applicable regulations of the Palm Springs Zoning Ordinance, Municipal Code, and any other City County, State and Federal Codes, ordinances, resolutions and laws that may apply.
- ADM 4. <u>Minor Deviations</u>. The Director of Planning or designee may approve minor deviations to the project description and approved plans in accordance with the provisions of the Palm Springs Zoning Code.
- ADM 5. Indemnification. The owner shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Palm Springs, its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the City of Palm Springs or its agents, officers or employees to attach, set aside, void or annul, an approval of the City of Palm Springs, its legislative body, advisory agencies, or administrative officers concerning Case 3.3725 MAJ. The City of Palm Springs will promptly notify the applicant of any such claim, action, or proceeding against the City

of Palm Springs and the applicant will either undertake defense of the matter and pay the City's associated legal costs or will advance funds to pay for defense of the matter by the City Attorney. If the City of Palm Springs fails to promptly notify the applicant of any such claim, action or proceeding or fails to cooperate fully in the defense, the applicant shall not, thereafter, be responsible to defend, indemnify, or hold harmless the City of Palm Springs. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City retains the right to settle or abandon the matter without the applicant's consent but should it do so, the City shall waive the indemnification herein, except, the City's decision to settle or abandon a matter following an adverse judgment or failure to appeal, shall not cause a waiver of the indemnification rights herein.

ADM 6. <u>Time Limit on Approval</u>. Approval of this Conditional Use Permit shall be valid for a period of two (2) years from the effective date of the approval. Once the use is implemented, the Conditional Use Permit does not have a time limit, provided the project has remained in compliance with all conditions of approval.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT CONDITIONS

- PLN 1. Roof color to be no lighter than off-white in color
- PLN 2. Approval is to be pursuant to plans date stamped May 5, 2016.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT CONDITIONS

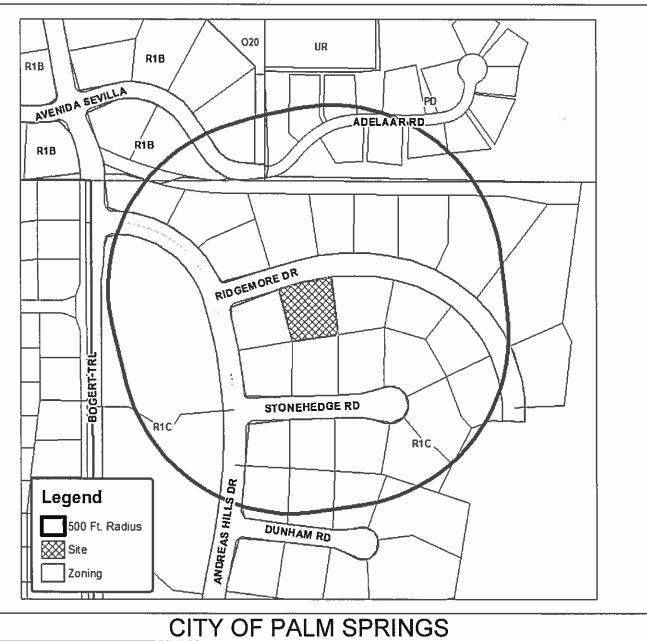
BLD 1. Prior to any construction on-site, all appropriate permits must be secured.

END OF CONDITIONS



Department of Planning Services Vicinity Map







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Date:05.04.2016

Major Architectural Application
(Hillside Lot)
Justification Letter

Re: Ford Residence Remodel 1635 Ridgemore Drive Palm Springs CA 92264

Project Description:

The project consists of an existing 4,182 SF single-story, single-family residence that was constructed circa 1980. The scope of work consists of converting the existing garage into a guest bedroom and construction of a new attached garage on the East side of the residence. Other modifications to the building include minor expansion of hallway areas near the entry foyer and remodel and expansion of the kitchen area. Additionally, the glazing and finish surfaces throughout the home will be replaced. Added area to the main residence is 821 SF for a proposed total of 5,003 SF. Site work at the front of the property entails creation of a larger entry courtyard defined by new site walls and walkways. The rear of the property will be enhanced via enlargement of the existing pool and construction of a new pool cabana with covered patio area (390 SF) and enclosed pool toilet room (50 SF). Landscaping throughout the site will be enhanced with desert appropriate plantings as shown on the enclosed landscape plan.

This application is submitted as required for expansions to homes located on lots that are categorized as Hillside. All proposed structures are within the allowed buildable area and do not encroach into setbacks, nor is any setback relief or special consideration requested for this project. No neighboring views or quality of life shall be impacted negatively by the proposed project. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

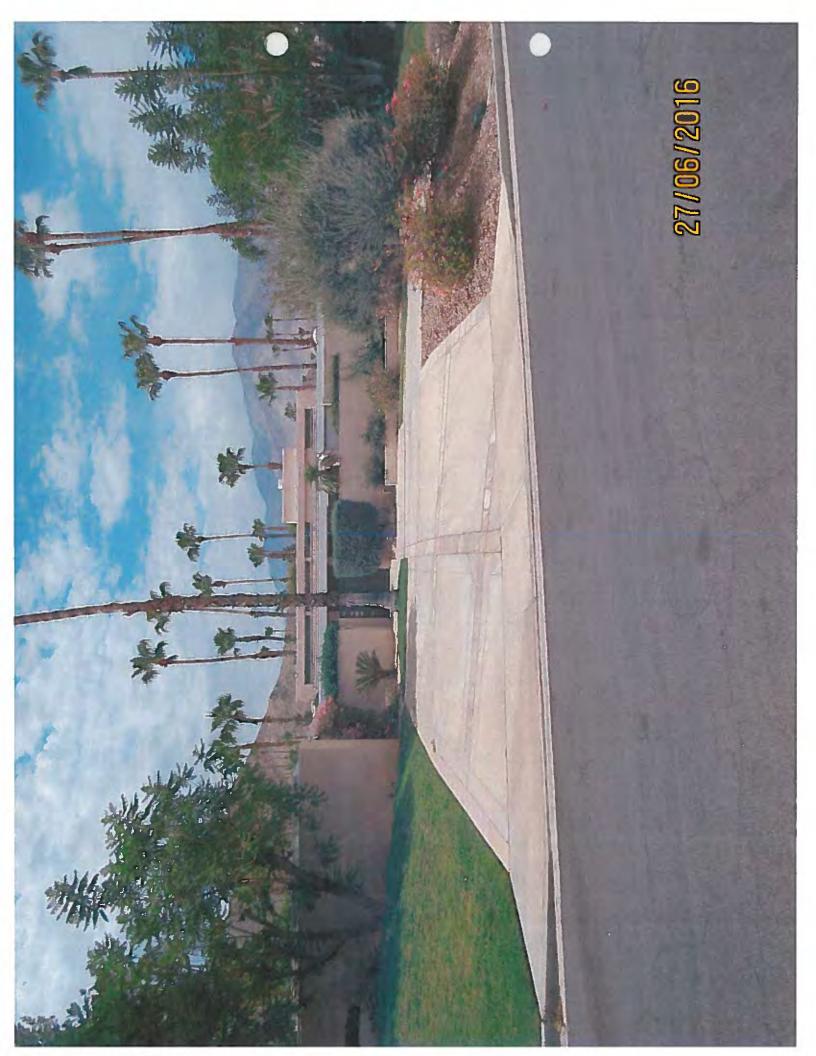
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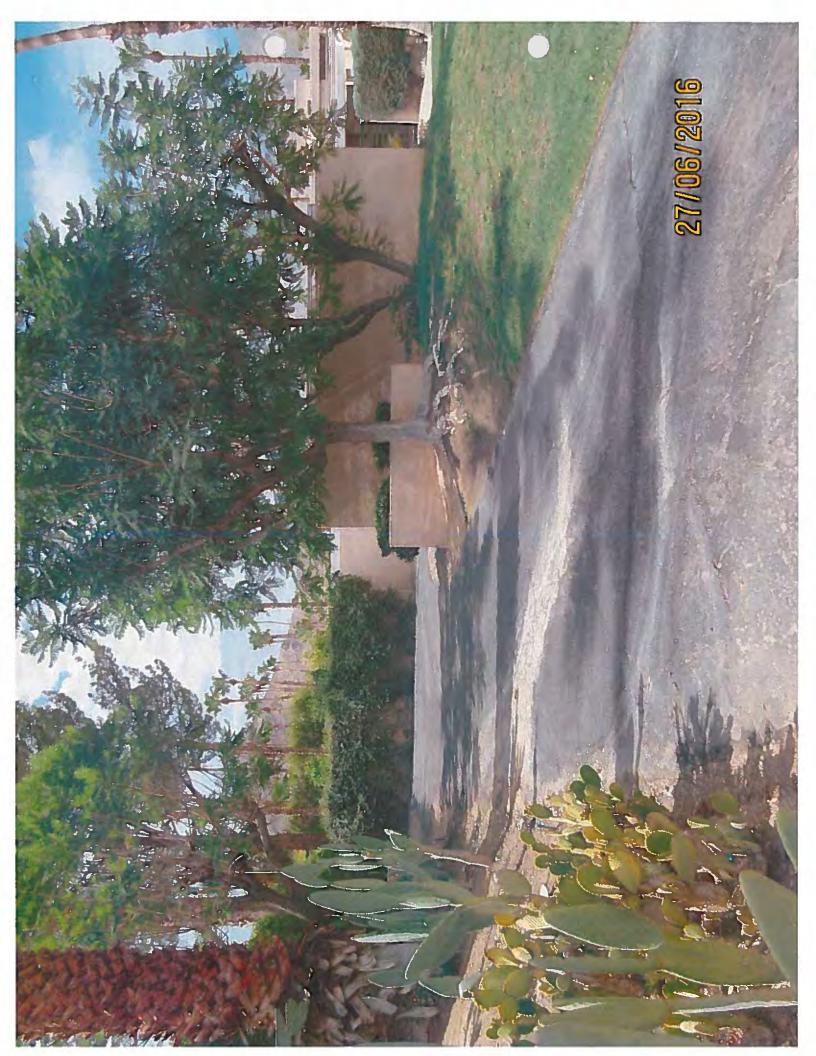
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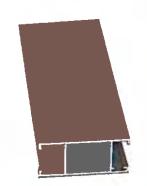


North - West Bird's Eye View



South - West Bird's Eye View

1 X-7,8,9 CMU BLOCK w/SMOOTH PLASTER FINISH, COLOR OATMEAL



3 EF-3 ALUMINUM FRAME, DARK BRONZED ANODIZED FINISH



5 EF-4,6,7 DARK BROWN PAINT FINISH, DUNN EDWARDS TBD

2 EF-1 EXTERIOR PLASTER, LA HABRA
EF-2 "OATMEAL"



4 EW-4 CLEAR GLASS, LOW'E



6 EF-8 EXISTING ROOF TILES

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