

HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION BOARD CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

Large Conference Room, 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, California 92262
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MINUTES

JULY 12, 2016



9:00 AM
REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

ROLL CALL: Chair Gary Johns, Vice-Chair Dick Burkett, Members Todd Hays, Bill La Voie, Linda Dixon, Vincent Marsh, Dan Kiser.

ABSENT: (none).

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA: M/S/C (Dixon/Hays, 7-0) to accept the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ALAN WORTHY shared information about a fundraising effort for the Cornelia White House on November 12, 2016 from 2 to 5 pm at the Village Green Park in downtown Palm Springs.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1.A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: M/S/C (Hays/Dixon 6-0-1, La Voie abstained) to accept the minutes as corrected.

Member La Voie noted a conflict of interest in the next item and recused himself and left the room.

2. NEW BUSINESS:

2.A. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL REQUEST BY VINCENT MARSH, OWNER, FOR ALTERATIONS TO UNIT 212, A CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE IN THE RACQUET CLUB COTTAGES WEST (RCCW) HISTORIC DISTRICT (CASE 3.0839 MAA / HSPB 88 / HD-3 (KL))

Staff member Lyon summarized the staff report and the project.

Mr. Marsh (applicant) and his architect summarized the project and explained the proposed new kitchen door was now proposed in aluminum skinned wood rather than fiberglass. The stops on the glazing are to be revised to a simpler contemporary trim detail.

Mr. Marsh then left the room.

M/S/C (Dixon/Burkett 4-0-2, La Voie and Marsh abstained) to approve as submitted with staff recommendations, except the proposed exterior door may be full-lite glass. However, this door is not to be established as a standard detail for other units in the district (should other homeowners desire a similar door it would need to come back to the board for approval). Applicant (Mr. Marsh) to coordinate with HOA in establishing a standard door hardware style that can be applied throughout the entire complex.

Members La Voie and Marsh returned to the meeting.

3. DISCUSSION

3.A. 2016/17 HSPB WORK PLAN

Staff Lyon summarized the compilation of the board's priorities in sites to pursue for possible Class 1 designation recommendation.

The Board added to their list of prioritized sites for Class1 consideration.

The Board discussed opportunities for some of the not-for-profit preservation organizations to prepare and produce historic resource surveys. (Director Fagg will review with the Procurement & Contracting Manager.)

Staff member Lyon will finalize the list and send it to the Board in August so it can finalize its work plan.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Director Fagg opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair.

M/S/C (Burkett/Dixon, 7-0) Chair Johns to continue to serve in the position of board Chair.

Director Fagg opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

Member Dixon nominated Bill La Voie; however member La Voie declined, stating his preference that a more seasoned member of the board be Vice-Chair.

M/S/C (Dixon/La Voie, 7-0) for member Burkett to serve in the position of Vice-Chair.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

The board asked about how individual board members could approach property owners of potentially historic properties to encourage applying for Class 1 designation. (Staff member Lyon will provide the members a copy of the standard letter that the City sends out.)

Chair Johns mentioned the code enforcement issue of flashing lights at Gyoro Gyoro restaurant at the Oasis Commercial Building; it was noted that Code Enforcement had already issued a courtesy notice to the business owner to remove the lights.

Member Burkett asked when the nomination of Desert Star would come before the Board (Lyon noted in September). He also asked about the possible ordinance revisions on demolition of properties that don't have redevelopment plans in process (Director Fagg noted this would not likely be ready for Board consideration until November or December).

Member Hays asked about the citywide survey (Lyon indicated final draft documents should be delivered any day now).

Member La Voie discussed concerns with HOA's not familiar with the terms and conditions of their designating documents and the responsibilities for a long-range capital improvement program that would facilitate improvements in the integrity of the individual structures and the district as a whole. It was asked whether staff could send a letter to the RCCW HOA Board reminding them of these responsibilities (Lyon will follow up).

STAFF COMMENTS:

Director Fagg extended a welcome to new board members Marsh and Kiser and congratulations to member Hays for reappointment.

ADJOURNMENT: The Historic Site Preservation Board will adjourn to its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at 9:00 A.M, in the Large Conference Room at City Hall.