

# HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION BOARD STAFF REPORT

DATE:

November 8, 2016

**NEW BUSINESS** 

SUBJECT: AN APPLICATION BY BRAVO PROPERTIES, INC, OWNER, TO DEMOLISH THE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING AT 387 EAST VALMONTE SUR, A CLASS 3 HISTORIC SITE, ZONE R-1-B (CASE

3.3991 MAA).

FROM:

Department of Planning Services

#### SUMMARY:

Bravo Properties, Inc. proposes to demolish the existing structures at 387 East Valmonte Sur in order to construct a new home on the site. According to county records, the structure was originally constructed in 1937, and thus is automatically deemed a Class 3 historic site. Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 8.05.125, the Historic Site Preservation Board may impose up to a six-month stay of demolition. The Board's action could also include making a recommendation to City Council for a higher level of historic classification.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Take no action and allow the applicant to proceed with demolition of the structure with the condition that the owner provides to the City Planning Department a photographic record of the building prior to its demolition.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The structure proposed to be demolished is located in an area of large custom built homes north of North Alejo Road and East of North Indian Canyon Drive.

#### Ownership Record:

A full chain of title has been provided by the applicant. Upon review, there are no recognizable names on the title documents. The applicant also contacted the Palm Springs Historical Society, and in speaking with Ms. Jeri Vogelsang, there were no records of any significant persons or events associated with the subject site on file at the historical society.

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#### Building Permit Research:

Databases from the County of Riverside indicate an original date of construction as 1937, however, no building permit has been found to substantiate that date.

A review of building permits on file with the City Building Department found numerous building permits for various renovations, the construction of the pool, connection to City sewers, and miscellaneous modifications such as a new roof.

#### Architecture:

The structure proposed to be demolished is a single story frame and stucco dwelling with a hipped roof covered in clay tile. A covered roof deck can be seen in roughly the middle of the house which is accessed from an exterior stair on the back side of the home. A flat-roofed covered carport exists on the west side of the home that appears to have been built in the side yard setback. No permits were found for this carport. An accessory structure exists in the southwest corner of the rear yard. This structure appears to have been constructed without building permits also and is located in the rear yard setback. (Although the applicant wishes to retain this structure and renovate it, the illegal status of the structure may require it to be relocated or removed from the site also.)



AERIAL PHOTO OF 387 EAST VALMONTE SUR

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STREET VIEW OF SUBJECT PROPERTY



REAR SIDE - EASTERN HALF



REAR SIDE - WESTERN HALF



NON-PERMITTED CASITA IN BACK YARD

#### ANALYSIS:

In considering a request to demolish a Class 3 site, the HSPB may impose a stay of demolition if it feels further study may reveal aspects of historic significance about the site. Municipal Code Section 8.05. provides the definition of a historic site as recognized within the jurisdiction of the City of Palm Springs as follows:

#### 8.05.020 Definitions.

(a) Historic Site.

An historic site is any real property such as: a building; a structure, including but not limited to archways, tiled areas and similar architectural elements; an archaeological excavation or object that is unique or significant because of its location, design, setting, materials, workmanship or aesthetic effect and:

- (1) That is associated with events that have made a meaningful contribution to the nation, state or community; or
- (2) That is associated with lives of persons who made meaningful contribution to national, state or local history; or
- (3) That reflects or exemplifies a particular period of the national, state or local history; or
- (4) That embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction; or
- (5) That presents the work of a master builder, designer, artist, or architect whose individual genius influenced his age; or that possesses high artistic value; or
- (6) That represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- (7) That has yielded or may be likely to yield information important to national, state or local history or prehistory.

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As noted above, the home is of no particular architectural style and possesses no known unique characteristics in terms of construction typology or period, nor has there been any information found that would suggest that there were any persons or events of significance associated with the property.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

The information provided by the applicant as well as the background research done by staff did not yield any other data about the site that would support an argument that the structure possesses any of the characteristics listed above that would qualify it as a "historic site".

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

The proposed demolition is deemed a Project under the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA allows for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption (Demolition of existing facilities) for projects involving demolition of a single family residence in an urbanized area. Therefore, staff proposes a Class 1 Categorical Exemption for the proposed project.

Ken Lyon, RA Associate Planner Flinn Fagg, AICP

Director of Planning Services

### Attachments:

- 1. Vicinity Map.
- 2. Application materials, existing site photos.

#### Ken Lyon

From:

Mike Mendoza <m23177@aol.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, November 01, 2016 2:55 PM

To:

Ken Lyon

Subject:

Fwd: 387 Valmonte Sur

Please see e-mail from Brady he say he spoke to U earlier about the findings on this house.

All your help greatly appreciate it.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Brady Sandahl < brady@bradysandahl.com > Date: November 1, 2016 at 1:00:06 PM PDT To: Mike Mendoza < m23177@aol.com >

Cc: 'Claudio Bravo' < claudiobravoerazo@gmail.com >

Subject: 387 Valmonte Sur

Hello, Mike

Please share with Ken the following:

On October 26, 2016 we asked associates at the Palm Springs Historical Society to research 387 Valmonte Sur and report back if there is anything historically significant associated with this property. On October 31, 2016, we received confirmation from Jeri Vogelsang that she and her associates were not able to discover anything historically significant about the property.

Thank you,

Brady Sandahl 760-409-1540 brady@bradysandahl.com www.bradysandahl.com

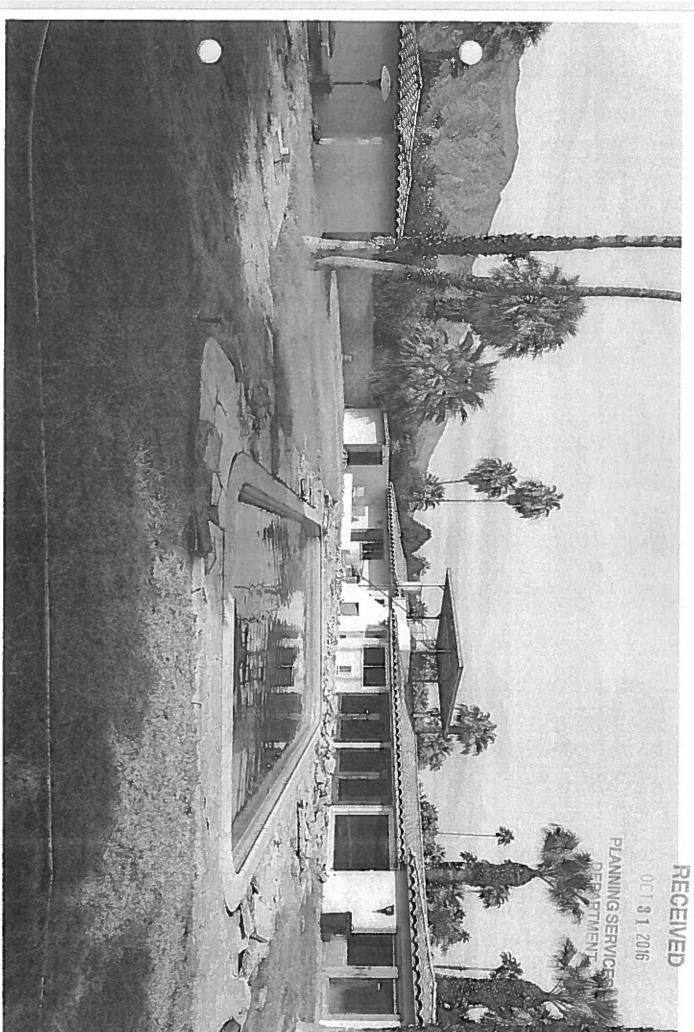


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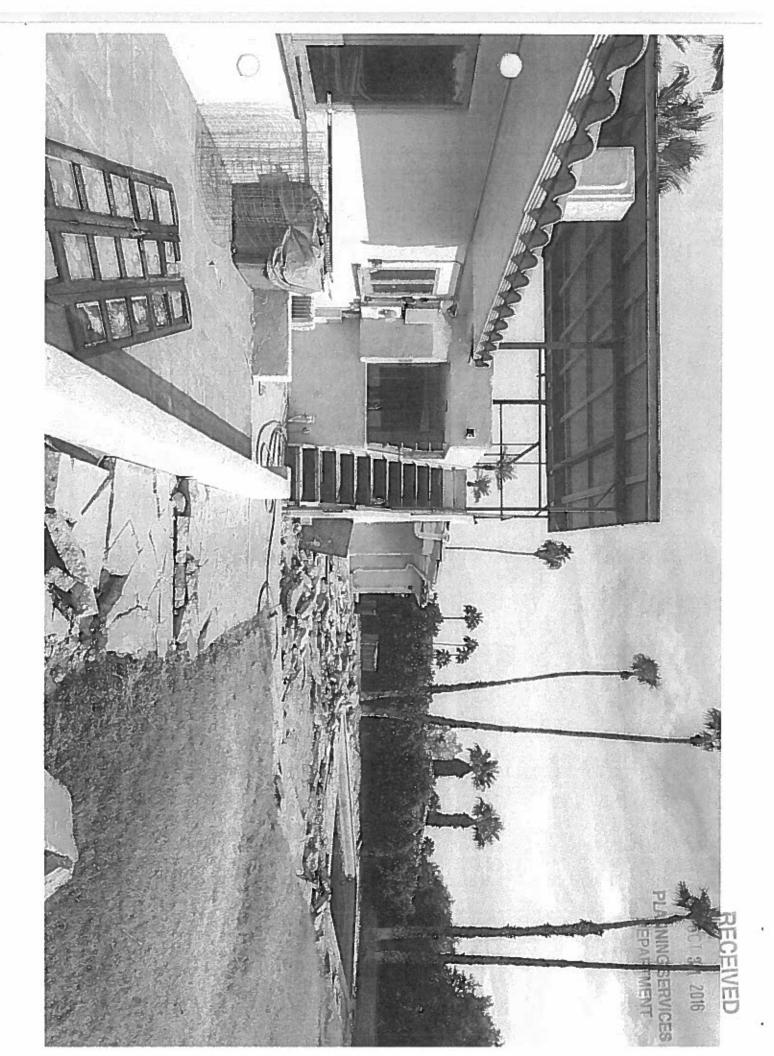
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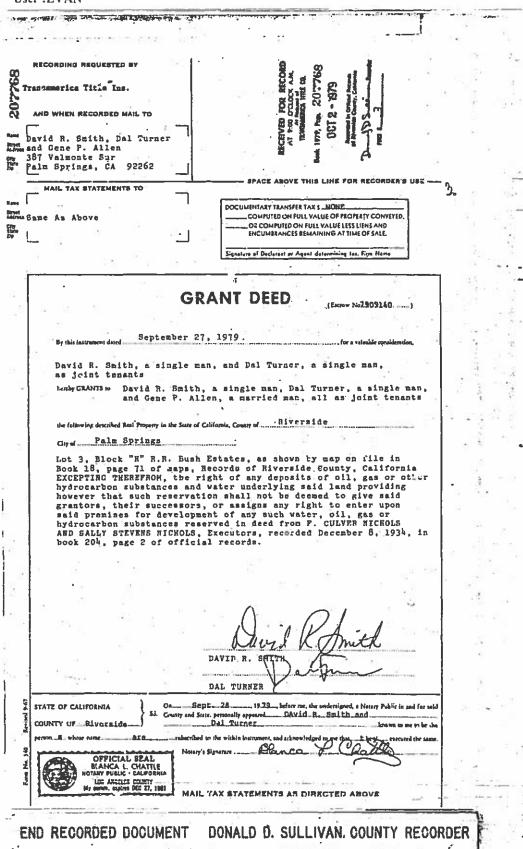
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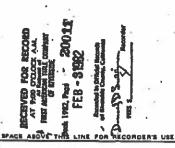
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GENE PAUL ALLEN AND ROBIN ALLEN, husband and wife

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the real property in the City of PALM SPRINGS
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A NOTARY PUBLIC, personally appeared Lois AIIEN

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I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

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