

HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION BOARD CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

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MINUTES

NOVEMBER 4, 2020



5:30 PM
REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Chair Burkett, Vice-Chair Hough, Members Nelson, Rosenow, Kiser

ABSENT: Member Dixon.

2020 – Attendance Record for CLG

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Dick Burkett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Dan Kiser	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Linda Dixon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Erik Rosenow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Burkett seconded by Rosenow to accept the agenda as presented.

AYES: Hough, Nelson, Burkett, Rosenow, Kiser.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Dixon.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

(None.)

1. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1.A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: OCTOBER 6, 2020 HSPB MEETING.

Motion by Kiser, seconded by Nelson to approve the minutes of October 6, 2020.

AYES: Nelson, Kiser, Hough.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Dixon

ABSTAIN: Burkett.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2.A. ROSWITHA KIMA SMALE, OWNER REQUESTING CLASS 1 HISTORIC SITE DESIGNATION OF "THE HENRY PEARSON RESIDENCE" LOCATED AT 573 NORTH CAHUILLA DRIVE (APN 505-311-001) CASE HSPB #131 (KL).

Staff member Lyon summarized the staff report.

Member Nelson asked for clarification on whether the stairs and roof deck, which were not built during the time of significance could be added to the list of defining characteristics. (Lyon explained that it would not be appropriate since they were not constructed during the period of significance of the residence.)

Seeing no further questions of staff, the Chair opened the public hearing.

MELISSA RICHE, author of the historic resources report summarized further the historic resources report and findings.

Member Nelson asked whether any further information had been found about the architect and whether he had other commissions in the Palm Springs area. (Ms. Riche answered no.) Nelson pointed out that considerable information has been found regarding Henry Pearson, both from this submission and the Arenas Lodge project at the Orchid Tree project.

Seeing no further speakers, the Chair closed the public hearing.

Member Kiser pointed out that this property represents a good example of saving and preserving a small or modest home on a large lot, rather than the owner choosing to demolish it for a larger home.

Member Nelson credited former owner Kevin Comber for his efforts in restoring and rehabilitating the home.

Motion by Hough seconded by Rosenow to accept the findings in the staff report and recommend that the City Council designate the Henry Pearson residence as a Class 1

(Landmark) historic site.

AYES: Hough, Nelson, Kiser, Burkett, Rosenow.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Dixon.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

(None.)

4. NEW BUSINESS:

4.A. STEPHEN ROSE, OWNER, REQUESTING CLASS 1 (LANDMARK) HISTORIC SITE DESIGNATION OF “THE SUTTER RESIDENCE” LOCATED AT 1207 CALLE DE MARIA (APN 508-403-002) CASE HSPB #133 (KL).

Motion by Burkett seconded by Hough to accept the report and direct staff to schedule site visits and a public hearing of the HSPB to consider the application.

AYES: Burkett, Hough, Kiser, Nelson, Rosenow
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Dixon.

5. DISCUSSIONS:

5.A. CONFERENCE PLANNING – “PRESERVATION MATTERS” CONFERENCE (APRIL 2021) (DB).

Chair Burkett summarized the status of the conference planning. He noted the conference date will be April 18th but there would be a period of time that people could watch it.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Member Rosenow asked staff about the progress by the City Council in filling the 7th board member position. (Chair Burkett explained that there were 15 applicants and they would be narrowed down by 2 City Council members to 5 or 6 who would then be interviewed by the full City Council for selecting the new member with the goal of getting the new member in place in January, 2021.) Two member terms will be ending also.

STAFF COMMENTS:

(None.)

ADJOURNMENT: The Historic Site Preservation Board adjourned at 6:15 p.m. to its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday December 1, 2020, at 5:30 P.M, in the Large Conference Room at City Hall.

Flinn Fagg, AICP
Director of Planning Services