

HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION BOARD CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

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MINUTES

Tuesday,
April 6, 2021



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, Dixon, Hansen, Miller.

ABSENT: None.

2021 – Attendance Record for CLG												
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Dan Kiser	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Erik Rosenow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Janet Hansen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

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

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (None.)

1. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1.A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: MARCH 2, 2021 HSPB MEETING.

Motion by Dixon, seconded by Kiser to approve the minutes of March 2, 2021.

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

Chair Burkett gave remarks on the end of his term of office on the Board. He recommended (1) the City conduct an annual joint meeting of the HSPB, AAC, Planning Commission and Sustainability Commission to acquaint each board with the tasks and activities of each body, (2) a town hall study session of the board to discuss the preservation ordinance, the process of designations and list of eligible properties, inviting the preservation community, planning commission, AAC, and (3) to establish an education committee of the Board to further educate the community on the importance of preservation. He requested that the board continue the annual Preservation Matters Symposium on an annual basis and to continue to seek the assistance of a production team such as that provided by the Hovels. He summarized the history of the event and noted the subcommittee's recommendation to dedicate the 2021 Symposium to community preservationist Robert Imber who passed away recently. He reported on the progress of replacing the art benches in front of City Hall with new benches. He thanked everyone for their service and dedication to Preservation in Palm Springs.

2. 2.A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Nomination for Chair: Katherine Hough. Motion by Dixon Seconded by Kiser.

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

Nomination for Vice-Chair: Jade Nelson. Motion by Dixon Seconded by Kiser.

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

2.B. OATH OF OFFICE OF NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS.

City Clerk Anthony Mejia administered the oath of office for new members Janet Hansen and Scott Miller.

Member Hough assumed the position of chair and led the rest of the meeting.

3. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

5.A. MICHAEL JOHNSTON AND DAVID ZIPPEL, OWNERS, REQUESTING HISTORIC SITE DESIGNATION OF THE GOLDBERG RESIDENCE, LOCATED AT 2340 SOUTHRIDGE DRIVE, (CASE HSPB #135) (KL)

Staff Lyon summarized the item.

Motion by Rosenow, seconded by Kiser to accept the historic resources report dated March 15, 2021 and direct staff to schedule site visits and a public hearing for the board to consider the application. (Passed 7-0.)

6. **DISCUSSIONS:**

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

Chair Burkett summarized the status of the conference planning. The on-line event will “go live” on April 24, 2021. He encouraged all members to forward the promotional link via e-mail to friends and associates.

6.B. THE 2020 CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL REPORT TO OHP.

Staff member Lyon summarized the annual report and recommended the Board Receive and File the report.

Member Nelson asked Staff Lyon for an update on those newly designated sites that have received historic markers. (Lyon provided an update).

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Member Nelson acknowledged the passing of local preservationist Robert Imber. He mentioned Inspiration Point and a website “oldlaspalmaspoint.com” referring to homesites related to the monument. He expressed concern about the placement of the Marilyn Monroe statue on Museum Way and its potential adverse impact on the Art Museum, also a Class 1 historic site, and concern about “cumulative impact”. He mentioned concern about modifications to the exterior garden walls at “The Ranch House” on Arenas Road.

Member Dixon asked staff about an update on the Orchid Tree Property. (Director Fagg explained the City Council’s recent efforts to move this and other stalled projects along.)

Member Hansen expressed her enthusiasm for serving on the board.

Chair Hough invited new members Hansen and Miller to provide some background on their experience in Preservation.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Staff Lyon updated the Board on communication with the owners of the Racquet Club to develop a demolition plan for non-contributing buildings to be submitted to the City Council for approval. He acknowledged his appreciation for Robert Imber's time in teaching him about Palm Springs' history.

Director Fagg also expressed his appreciation for Mr. Imber and thanked former Chair Burkett for his service to the Board and to the City.

ADJOURNMENT: The Historic Site Preservation Board adjourned at 6:30 p.m. to its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday May 4, 2021, at 5:30 P.M.

Flinn Fagg, AICP
Development Services Director