



# City of Palm Springs

Department of Planning Services

## Memorandum

**Date:** September 5, 2023  
**To:** Historic Site Preservation Board (HSPB)  
**From:** Sarah Yoon, Historic Preservation Officer (HPO) / Associate Planner  
**Subject:** **2023-2024 HSPB Work Plan**

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### BACKGROUND

The Historic Sites Preservation Board develop a work plan to focus and set priorities for the Board's efforts and activities through the coming fiscal year. The work program typically consists of two parts:

- 1.) Community Education / Outreach
- 2.) Sites to consider for recommendation to City Council for historic designation

HSPB members established the following list of sites during FY 21/22 period on October 6, 2021:

1. Gas Company Building
2. Stephen Willard / Moorten Residence
3. Kaptur Tahquitz Golf Course Clubhouse
4. Saks Building
5. Courthouse Building

Ricciardi-designed Gas Company Building, (c. 1969).



Stephen Willard / Moorten Res (c 1929), (Arch't unknown).



Kapture-designed Tahquitz Creek Golf Clubhouse, (c.1967).



Welton Beckett designed Saks Bldg. (c 1958).



Williams & Clark-designed County Courthouse Bldg (c. 1962).



**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEVELOPING LIST OF SITES FOR DESIGNATION:**

1. Reflection on City-initiated designation applications and review status of key projects.
2. Staff to develop a comprehensive list of potential properties for designation following preservation community outreach.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EDUCATION & OUTREACH FOR FY 23 / 24**

1. Participation in Modernism Week Modernism Show at the Convention Center (if scheduled). (October 2023 and February 2024).
2. Produce the annual "Preservation Matters" symposium.
3. Update PDF's of informational handouts on the "Historic Resources" portion of the City website.
  - a. Develop maintenance related resources and handouts for homeowners
4. Individual board member participation in continuing education through OHP, CPF, webinars, on-line workshops, etc.
5. Invite local historic preservation related experts for "15-minute guest speaker" series for quarterly presentations at HSPB meetings.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OTHER INITIATIVES & OPPORTUNITIES FOR FY 23/24:**

1. Apply for a grant from the Certified Local Government program through the State Office of Historic Preservation (OHP).
2. Online database of locally designated historic resources on GIS and other possible platforms for sharing historic information.
3. Historic Preservation Ordinance clean-up and potential updates.