

HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION BOARD
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA
Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting of December 5, 2023

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chair Hough, Vice Chair Nelson, Members Rosenow, Hansen, Bachman, Herr, Moruzzi.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: Assistant Director of Planning Services – David Newell, Historic Preservation Officer & Associate Planner - Sarah Yoon.

REPORT OF THE POSTING OF AGENDA: The Agenda was available for public access at the City Hall exterior bulletin board (west side of Council Chamber) by 6:00 pm on Thursday November 30, 2023 and posted on the City's website as required by established policies and procedures.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Member Hansen, seconded by Member Herr to accept the agenda.

AYES: Hough, Nelson, Rosenow, Hansen, Bachman, Herr, Moruzzi.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

(Final Action)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Poehlein informed the board that Renee Brown from the Palm Springs Historical Society will be retiring without a replacement.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1.A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: JULY 5, 2023 HSPB MEETING.

1.B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 HSPB MEETING.

1.C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: OCTOBER 3, 2023 HSPB MEETING.

1.D. APPROVAL OF THE HSPB DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR HISTORIC DESIGNATION OF THE M.H. ATIKIAN BUILDING LCOATED AT 120 ARENAS ROAD (HSPB #147)

Motion by Member Moruzzi, seconded by Member Bachman to approve all items on the consent calendar, with the following amendments:

HSPB Minutes for September 5, 2023: Clarify the points in the Annual Work Program discussion about training opportunities for board members and training session topics to include designation criteria.

HSPB Resolution #147, Section 3: Clarify awning supports as a non-contributing elements and create a separate bullet point for the gutters, downspouts and flashing details.

AYES: Nelson, Hansen, Bachman, Herr, Moruzzi, Rosenow (Abstained vote for item 1.B only).
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.
RECUSED: Hough.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

4.A A REQUEST BY DEBORAH S. GRECO, FOR APPROVAL OF MAJOR ALTERATION TO A CLASS 3 SITE LOCATED AT 1041 E. TWIN PALMS DRIVE AND ASSOCIATED REVIEW FOR POTENTIAL RE-DESIGNATION OF A CLASS 3 SITE TO A CLASS 1 OR 2 HISTORIC RESOURCE (APN #511-032-009) HDEMO 2023-0021 (SY)

Staff member Yoon, Historic Preservation Officer, presented the staff report to the Board.

Steve Poehlein, the applicant representative, spoke and answered questions of the Board.

Deborah S. Greco, the property owner, spoke about the design decisions for the home to the Board.

Motion by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Rosenow to take "No Action" and allow the processing of any necessary approvals and building permits.

AYES: Hough, Nelson, Rosenow, Hansen, Bachman, Herr, Moruzzi.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

5. DISCUSSIONS:

5.A. ANNUAL WORK PROGRAM (SY)

The Board wishes to focus on the following topics for the 2024 Work Program: 1. Develop a nomination process for City-initiated designation projects and 2. Develop a plan to address the different issues related to the upkeep and maintenance of historically designated properties.

In addition, training opportunities focusing on the City-wide context statement, historic surveys, and other historic preservation related topics to help with the review process.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Chair Hough asked for an update on the Historic Marker Program. Individual inquiries are to be forwarded to staff for follow-up.

Member Hansen has been working on an upcoming book with the Getty Conservation Institute on the topic of Inventories and surveys for heritage management in the digital age.

Vice Chair Nelson mentioned tickets for various Modernism Week events are available online.

STAFF COMMENTS:

HSPB meeting minutes will be condensed to action items and brief summaries starting the new year.

HSPB meetings in 2024 will be conducted in-person with hybrid capabilities for the public to join virtually.

January meeting may be cancelled due to available agenda items.

A recent tenant finish application for the airport was forwarded to the Board as additional information.

Proposed changes to the circle planters in the right-of-way median at the Visitors Center are being discussed.

Removal of the non-historic awning at the Tahquitz Resort Golf Course Clubhouse.

ADJOURNMENT: The Historic Site Preservation Board adjourned at 7:38 p.m. to its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 5:30 PM, in-person in the Large Conference Room at City Hall.