

# HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION BOARD CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

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

January 8, 2019



9:00 AM  
REGULAR MEETING

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Vice-Chair Burkett, Members Hays, Dixon, La Voie, Marsh.

**ABSENT:** Johns, Kiser.

2019 – Attendance Record for CLG												
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Vincent Marsh	<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:**

M/S/C: Dixon / Marsh, to approve the agenda (5-0-2, Kiser, Johns absent).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ron Marshall, of the Palm Springs Preservation Foundation announced two PSPF events: January 20<sup>th</sup>, tour of Roland Bishop residence Dodd and Richards, and February 1 tour of the

Selzer Residence, Hugh Kaptur, 1988. He spoke in support of the two nominations on the agenda.

Pete Moruzzi, Palm Springs Modern Committee, spoke about the Gas Company Building (Sunrise at Amado, 1969 Robert Ricciardi Architect), which the Gas Company has vacated. He opines that the building would be worthy of Class 1 historic site designation.

1. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** (none).

2. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** (none.)

3. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** (None)

**4.A. THE PALM SPRINGS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION (“PSPF”) REQUESTING CLASS 1 HISTORIC SITE DESIGNATION FOR “THE AVERY EDWIN FIELD CABIN RUINS”, LOCATED AT THE WESTERLY TERMINUS OF WEST SANTA ROSA DRIVE, (CASE HSPB #114; APN #513-103-001, SECTION 15) (KL).**

Staff member Lyon summarized the report.

Member La Voie opined that it was a good report however had unnecessary extraneous information.

M/S/C: Dixon / Hays, to accept the report and direct staff to schedule tours and a public hearing (5-0-2, Johns, Kiser absent).

**4.B. THE PALM SPRINGS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION (“PSPF”) REQUESTING CLASS 1 HISTORIC SITE DESIGNATION FOR “INSPIRATION POINT”, LOCATED AT THE WESTERLY TERMINUS OF WEST CHINO DRIVE, (CASE HSPB #115; APN #513-070-006 AND 505-312-007) (KL).**

Staff member Lyon summarized the report.

M/S/C: La Voie / Dixon, to accept the report and direct staff to schedule tours and a public hearing. (5-0-2, Johns, Kiser absent).

Member Dixon asked how the reports are archived by the City (Staff member Lyon clarified the archival files in the Planning Department).

5. **DISCUSSIONS:**

**5.A. 2019 NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH SYMPOSIUM UPDATE**  
(Subcommittee Burkett, Marsh, Kiser).

Member Burkett noted there are 20 persons involved in the program. January 17<sup>th</sup> is the next subcommittee meeting covering award recommendations, tour and workshop sponsorships on the tours. Member Kiser will be coordinating the tours. Registration for the event will open at 1pm and the program begins at 2pm. In addition there will be workshops on the following Monday (April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019).

**5.B. SUBCOMMITTEE TOPICS:**

- **Welwood Murray Memorial Library Courtyard Restoration.** (Johns, Burkett, Dixon.)

Staff Lyon summarized the status: The Engineering Department is seeking proposals additional design services for drawing up the changes proposed in the AAC recommendations.

- **La Plaza Theater Adaptive Reuse.** (La Voie, Burkett, Marsh.)

Member Burkett noted the subcommittee is awaiting schedule information from Council member Roberts. Member Burkett asked if a memo from the HSPB to City Council could be drafted to inquire about the next steps and timeline for the project.

- **Cornelia White Stabilization** (Johns / La Voie)

Staff member Lyon noted no update, but would have an update at the February meeting.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Member Dixon asked about how the ordinance updates would be scheduled (Director Fagg explained it was written into the ordinance for a periodic review of the ordinance).

Member Dixon asked about how roll-out would be handled (Director Fagg explained outreach to realtors' community, and training of staff and the board on new ordinance implementation).

Member La Voie expressed frustration that the ordinance subcommittee had not been given more information and copies of the changes in the ordinance prior to the upcoming City Council hearing.

Member Burkett noted the survey open house was a very effective format for roll-out of the survey documents.

Member Burkett asked for clarification about how the tribal component works relative to the new ordinance (Director Fagg explained the process as outlined in the new ordinance).

Member Marsh asked about copy of the new ordinance (Staff Lyon explained how to find it on the City website and staff will provide PDF copies to the board members).

Member Burkett asked about when the security plan for the Orchid Tree would be received and approved by the City. He noted the applicant was given 90 days from the date of the Time Extension for that project. (Staff Lyon will clarify from the case planner the status and report to the board at the next meeting).

Member Burkett asked about the Steve McQueen Residence Class 1 nomination to City Council (Staff Lyon noted it was not scheduled but it was ready to prepare for Council consideration).

Member Burkett asked about the progress on the scope clarification for Block K (Town & Country Center block). (Staff Lyon noted the applicant is reviewing the procedures and requirements outlined for submittal under the Specific Plan).

Member Hays asked for an update on the status of the remaining funds available in the HSPB budget for conducting historic resource reports on sites on the board's annual work plan.

Member Dixon asked about the status of the Palm Springs Mall site (Staff Lyon explained the College of the Desert has acquired the land, and they have fenced the site to begin demolition).

Member Burkett asked to put the Gas Company building on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Member Marsh asked about status of the Racquet Club Class 1 recommendation. (Staff Lyon noted the last information was a potential buyer from Canada was interested in the property. The City at the request of the two parties (seller and prospective buyer) have postponed the scheduling of the recommendation).

Member La Voie asked about the Calle Marcus action project to City Council. (Staff Lyon explained the City Council took action to designate without the HSPB's recommendation on the condition requiring repaint).

#### **STAFF COMMENTS:**

Director Fagg informed the HSPB that the City Council heard first reading of the modifications to the Historic Preservation ordinance and summarized some of the revisions requested by the Council. It will go back for a restated first reading at the next City Council meeting.

Director Fagg informed the HSPB that the City Council would be considering the Citywide survey at the next City Council meeting. He advised that the turnout at the December Open House on the survey was very well attended with over 90 attendees.

Director Fagg noted an individual from Australia would be meeting with him to discuss preservation and tourism.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Historic Site Preservation Board will adjourn to its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at 9:00 A.M, in the Large Conference Room at City Hall.

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Flinn Fagg, AICP  
Director of Planning Services