

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

March 12, 2019



9:00 AM
REGULAR MEETING

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

ROLL CALL: Members Burkett, Hays, Dixon, La Voie, Kiser, Marsh and Hough.

ABSENT: none

2019 – Attendance Record for CLG												
Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Gary Johns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>										
Dick Burkett	<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Todd Hays	<input checked="" 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bill La Voie	<input checked="" 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Katherine Hough			<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"/>
Dan Kiser	<input 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Linda Dixon	<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vincent Marsh	<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

M/S/C Dixon / La Voie to accept the agenda as posted (7-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

RON MARSHALL, Palm Springs Preservation Foundation noted PSPF will be submitting several historic resource nominations in the coming weeks.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Director Fagg noted the election term for officers elected today will be from January 2019 through June 30, 2019. The position of Chair was opened for nominations.

Member Dixon nominated Dick Burkett as Chair. Member La Voie seconded, (7-0).

The position of Vice Chair was opened for nominations.

Member Dixon nominated Todd Hays as Vice-Chair. Member La Voie seconded, (7-0).

1. CONSENT CALENDAR: (none)

1.A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: FEBRUARY 2019 HSPB MEETING.

M/S/C La Voie / Dixon to approve the minutes of February 12, 2019, 5-0-2 (Hays, Hough abstained.)

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2.A. AN APPLICATION BY NANCY AND STEPHEN COOPER OF COBBLEWOOD PARTNERS, LP, OWNERS, REQUESTING CLASS 1 HISTORIC SITE DESIGNATION OF 417 HERMOSA PLACE, "THE WALTER KIRSCHNER RESIDENCE" (AKA "CASA ADAIRE"), CASE HSPB #112. (KL)

Staff member Lyon summarized the staff report.

Member Hays asked about the open space and changes in landscape on the parcel. (Lyon noted the individual landscape species were not identified in the nomination report, but that the presence of open space was an important characteristic and should be carefully considered in the event future owners sought to infill or add on building square footage in the open space of the lot.)

Member La Voie asked about restricting the subdivision of the lot in the future. (Lyon noted any request to subdivide the lot would be required to be considered by the HSPB.)

Member Dixon suggested a condition be added that the property not be subdivided.

Chair Burkett opened the public hearing. Seeing no speakers the public hearing was closed.

Member Dixon commented that the report was excellent.

Member La Voie concurred and noted the non-contributing elements were well defined in the staff report.

Member Marsh stated he will support the nomination.

Member Burkett noted the home was in excellent condition and well maintained over time.

M/S/C Dixon / Burkett to recommend that the City Council designate the subject property a Class 1 historic site with the additional condition that the property be prohibited from being subdivided in the future, (7-0).

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None.)

4. NEW BUSINESS (None.)

5. DISCUSSION:

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

Member Burkett summarized the work of the subcommittee.

The board discussed whether certificates of recognition or other types of “awards” were desired as a part of the symposium.

Member Hays expressed concern about the “straw poll” vote on selection of award recipients which was conducted among board members during the past week may have been a violation of the Brown Act. (Director Fagg clarified that the Boards’ actions on the polling were neither an entitlement nor a legislative action, thus they are not subject to Brown Act oversight.) The Board then took the following actions with respect to various awards and recognitions to be made at the upcoming symposium.

M/S/C (Dixon / Marsh) to mention properties that have been designated over the past year, but without awards or certificates, (7-0).

M/S/C (La Voie / Dixon) to present a certificate of recognition to Hugh Kaptur for his body of architectural work that is worthy of preservation. (7-0).

M/S/C (La Voie / Hays) to present a certificate of recognition to Gary Johns for his contributions to preservation efforts in Palm Springs. (7-0).

5.B. CORNELIA WHITE RESIDENCE STABILIZATION (Lyon).

Staff member Lyon summarized the current status of the stabilization of the structure.

Member Hays suggested perhaps a small area of the railroad tie wall assembly could be left “exposed” (i.e. with a clear acrylic cover) to allow visitors to view the unique construction method of the building.

5.C. LA PLAZA THEATER UPDATE (La Voie, Burkett, Marsh).

Staff Lyon noted Facilities Director Staci Schaffer reported that the Valentine’s Day rains caused considerable flooding and water damage within the Plaza Theater building and staff was working to remove water-damaged finishes and dry the building quickly.

It was noted that the Plaza Theater would be part of the workshop presentations at the upcoming CPF conference.

5.D. WELWOOD MURRAY LIBRARY COURTYARD RESTORATION STATUS (Johns, Burkett, Dixon).

Staff member Lyon advised the board that the City Council had approved increases in funding for the project for redesign of the courtyard to incorporate some of the historic-related recommendations from the Steve Keylon report. The project then would be brought to the HSPB for Certificate of Appropriateness.

5.E. LAS VEGAS’ HISTORIC SIGN PRESERVATION PROGRAM (Fagg).

Director Fagg provided a Powerpoint presentation on the sign preservation program and initiatives that have been ongoing in Las Vegas.

Member Dixon noted the historic nomination of the Park View mobile home park sign in Palm Springs was still on the HSPB’s work plan priorities.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Member Dixon asked about having a grant submission written for replacement of the Plaza Theater roof (Staff noted the City’s grant-writer left the employment of the City but that grantwriting needs were now being supported by consultants and could be coordinated with Assistant City Manager Marcus Fuller.)

Chair Burkett reminded the board to use the on-line code enforcement submittal form if members or the public see matters around the city that need code enforcement review.

Members Kiser and La Voie expressed concern about the partial demolition of 401 Merito Place (The Harry Robinson Residence) and its exposure to the recent rains. (Staff will reach out to the owner to remind them of the need for proper weather protection during construction.)

STAFF COMMENTS:

Director Fagg noted the upcoming California Preservation Foundation (CPF) conference being held May 8-11, 2019 was offering complimentary attendance to board members and staff and any member wishing to attend should contact him.

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

Flinn Fagg, AICP
Director of Planning Services