

Dear Villa Roma Residents,

I trust you are all enjoying the first strains of summer this year. Please be aware that Mr. Lyon, City of Palm Springs Historic Preservation Officer, will not be recommending Villa Roma for Historic Designation. However, as I've explained before, Mr. Lyon only makes a recommendation and the Historic Site Preservation Board votes on the actual designation.

With that being said, we need as many people as possible to call in to the June 7th meeting at 5:30pm. We have a great case and I'm hoping the board will be able to see beyond Mr. Lyon's blind spot on this one. We need EVERYONE (no matter where you are) to be there and say a few words. The more the better. Please spread the word. Let them hear directly from those who live here and why we love Villa Roma and its history! It can be as simple as, "Hello my name is Philip Parks and I've been a resident of Villa Roma for 14 years and it's a great example of vintage Palm Springs." Or you may choose to elaborate about why you believe Villa Roma is a deserving of the designation. I believe every speaker will have 3 minutes to speak. There will likely be a way to sign up to speak at the beginning of the meeting.

Steven Vaught (the gentleman who wrote our nomination) will speak for the initial 10 minutes and answer any questions the Board may have. Then resident speakers will then have their 3 minutes each.

I also wanted to share that Barbara Marshall from the Palm Springs Preservation Foundation requested a letter from local architect and historian Alan Hess. The letter has been written and distributed to the Historic Site Preservation Board. I have attached the letter for you to read.

In addition, I contacted Erik Rosenow, author of "The Architecture of Desert Leisure" (Villa Roma graces the cover) to see if he might write a letter as well and he will be submitting it this weekend.

We still have a great shot at achieving the designation. Villa Roma is truly one-of-a-kind. I believe it is well deserving of historic designation. It evokes an era in a way few other complexes from the same era do.

I look forward to seeing/hearing you all at the Historic Site Preservation Board Meeting at 5:30pm on Tuesday, June 7th. Call in information is below.

All the best,
Philip Parks
Villa Roma Resident and Board Liaison

Historic Site Preservation Board Meeting

- Date: 06/07/2022 5:30 PM
- Location: Via Zoom Meeting
Call Planning Division at (760) 323-8245

HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION BOARD
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA
3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, California 92262
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AGENDA

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, this meeting will be conducted by teleconference and there will be no in-person public access to the meeting location.

- To view/listen/participate in the meeting live, please use the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89667373615> or call 669-900-6833 and enter meeting ID: 896 673 736 15.
- Written comment to the board may also be submitted to ken.lyon@palmspringsca.gov. Transmittal prior to the meeting is required. Any correspondence received during or after the meeting will be distributed to the board and retained for the official record.
- The meeting will be recorded and the audio file will be available from the Office of the City Clerk and will be posted on the City's YouTube channel, as soon as practicable.

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CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

REPORT OF THE POSTING OF AGENDA: The agenda for this meeting was posted for public review at the City Hall bulletin board (west side of Council Chamber) and the Planning Department counter by 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 2, 2022, as required by City policy.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA: The Historic Site Preservation Board will discuss the order of the agenda, may amend the order, note abstentions and request Consent Calendar items be removed from the consent calendar for discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: This time has been set aside for members of the public to address the Historic Site Preservation Board on agenda items and items of general interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Although the Historic Site Preservation Board values your comments, pursuant to the Brown Act, it generally cannot take any action on items not listed on the posted agenda. There will be three (3) minutes assigned for each speaker. Testimony for Public Hearings will be taken at the time of the hearing.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1.A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: MAY 4, 2022

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Historic Site Preservation Board Minutes of May 4, 2022.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2.A. AN APPLICATION BY THE VILLA ROMA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATION OF "THE VILLA ROMA GARDEN HOMES" LOCATED AT 2500 SOUTH SIERRA MADRE, (MASTER APN #512-120-070), CASE HSPB #140 (KL).

RECOMMENDATION:

Open the public hearing and receive public testimony.

0. Close the public hearing and adopt Resolution HSPB #140, "A RESOLUTION OF THE HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THAT THE PROPOSED DISTRICT DOES NOT MEET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY FOR HISTORIC DESIGNATION."

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None)

4. NEW BUSINESS:

4.A. THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS SEEKING A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS TO ALLOW REMOVAL OF THE STONE ARCH AT THE ORCHID TREE INN, (CLASS 1 AND CLASS 2), LOCATED AT 261 SOUTH BELARDO ROAD; HSPB 72; CASE 3.0678. (KL)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Certificate as conditioned.

5. DISCUSSIONS:

5.A. 2022 PRESERVATION MATTERS SYMPOSIUM (Hough, Kiser, Nelson).

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

STAFF COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: The Historic Site Preservation Board will adjourn to its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 5:30 PM, in the large conference room at City Hall.

- Agenda: [06 07 22 HSPB Agenda final](#)