



October 13, 2015

Dr. David Ready, City Manager
City of Palm Springs
3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Dear Dr. Ready,

Today, the city's Historic Site Preservation Board (HSPB) recommended approval of the Class 1 Historic Site designation of architect Hugh Kaptur's Tahquitz Plaza (600, 650, 700 and 750 East Tahquitz Canyon Way). Recognizing that the applicant is afforded substantial courtesy regarding the scheduling of hearings, we respectfully request that the Tahquitz Plaza nomination be heard by city council on December 2, 2015 (the current stay of demolition for Tahquitz Plaza expires on December 5, 2015). As the applicant, we believe our request is reasonable because:

- Any decision made on this matter will have a significant impact well into the next city council administration.

- In view of the recent spate of "excused" city council member absences and because at least one city council member will be required to recuse themselves from this vote, it seems appropriate, and arguably more democratic, that a fully-constituted city council vote on this matter.

- An historic district nomination (Sandcliff) and a Class 1 Historic Site nomination (Theodore & Claire Morse Residence) are pending review by the city council. The Sandcliff and Morse nominations have already been approved by the HSPB (on May 12, 2015 and June 9, 2015 respectively). The Sandcliff and Morse property owners have been waiting patiently for their nominations to be heard by council. Accordingly, it would be irregular and seem unfair if the Tahquitz Plaza hearing were held before the Sandcliff and Morse hearings. To give the Sandcliff and Morse property owners the city council's undivided attention, and the community recognition they deserve, we would suggest the following hearing schedule:

- Sandcliff Historic District: November 4, 2015
- Morse Residence Class 1 Historic Site: November 18, 2015
- Tahquitz Plaza Class 1 Historic Site: December 2, 2015

If you require any additional information, please contact PSPF board member Ron Marshall via email at info@pspreservationfoundation.org.

Sincerely,

Erik Rosenow
President

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