



September 9, 2012

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

Re: Town & Country Center

Dear Dr. Ready,

On April 11, 2011 we contacted you to report that squatters had taken up residence in the historic Town & Country Center (1948, Paul R. Williams & A. Quincy Jones). At the time, we appreciated your assurance that you were doing "all possible" to correct the situation.

On October 24, 2011 Mr. David Carden contacted the property owner by email to report that squatters had taken up residence in the complex. The owner secured the property relatively quickly. Mr. Carden kindly informed us of his actions as he was aware of our concerns regarding the property.

On September 7, 2012 PSPF board member Gary Johns and I visited the T&CC with a local reporter on an unrelated matter. We observed that squatters were again occupying the historic building. I understand that Mr. Johns has forwarded photographs to you showing the extent of this illegal, unhealthy and unsafe activity.

As you know, the city has a long and unfortunate history of suspicious fires in our historic buildings (El Mirador Tower, Premier Apartments, etc.). In light of the recent fire at the Carnell Building, a building known to be frequently occupied by transients, we hope that the city will take more aggressive enforcement actions to remedy this problem. Accordingly, we ask that you once again direct the appropriate city offices, and the fire and police departments, to take appropriate action.

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact the foundation at (760) 837-7117 or info@pspreservationfoundation.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Marshall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ron Marshall
President

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