



September 10, 2018

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

Dear Dr. Ready,

The Palm Springs Preservation Foundation (PSPF) applauds the city's recent progress on the design of the Downtown Park and Rios Design Studio's (RDS) expert assistance in accomplishing that goal. While previously RDS has included the Desert Inn gates in their design, the latest RDS design has no historic element.

Therefore, we ask that Rios Design Studio be directed by your office to identify an area for an historic element in the Downtown Park.

PSPF would like to partner with the city to create this area of the park that pays respect to the Desert Inn and Nellie Coffman. Together, along with the talents of RDS, we can have a lasting and beautiful tribute in the park. Examples abound of similar memorials in parks across the United States. RDS will have no problem designing a fitting memorial.

The Palm Springs Preservation Foundation will commit to providing up to \$10,000 towards costs associated with the physical elements, which may still include the famed Desert Inn gates.

Further, we remain committed to having the park named for "Mother" Nellie Coffman and will be meeting with council members to discuss this in the coming weeks.

If you require any additional information, please contact PSPF board member Steven Keylon at (760) 837-7117 or by email at info@pspreservationfoundation.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Johns". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Johns".

Gary Johns
President, PSPF

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Palm Springs City Council (Roberts and Holstege only)
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