

Opinion

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Commission protects architectural treasure



The Palm Springs Planning Commission made the right decision regarding a City Hall parking lot revamp.

Among the changes proposed in the rejected plan was the removal of turf in front of City Council chambers, which would be replaced with additional parking spaces.

“It’s an awfully big win for the community that our architectural resources are being respected,” said Gary Johns, one of six appellants who opposed the city planning director’s decision and a board member at-large for the Palm Springs Preservation Foundation.

According to the appellants, the parking lot redesign would block the public’s view of the mid-century modern building with a line of vehicles and destroy the original landscaping created by landscape architect Garrett Eckbo.