

Historic Palm Springs condo complex gets grant to restore tiki features

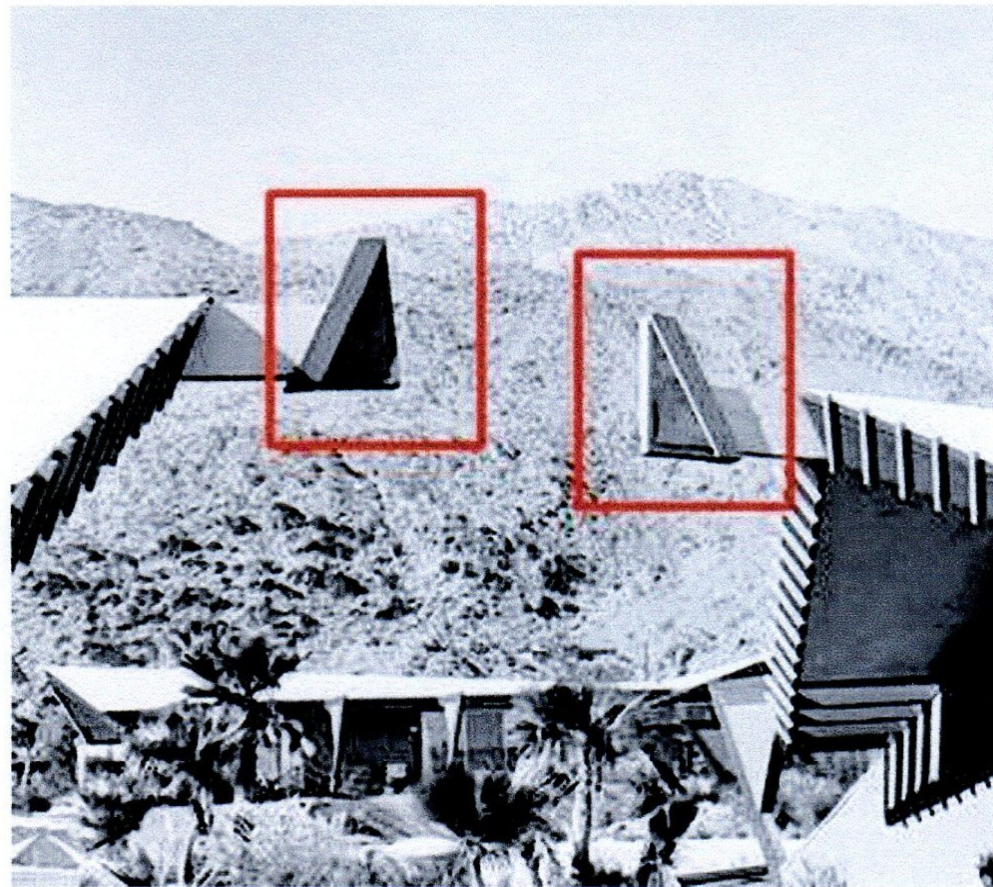
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The Palm Springs Preservation Foundation announced Thursday it awarded a \$1,200 grant to the Royal Hawaiian Estates (RHE) Home Owners Association to contract with local firm o2 Architecture to design and possibly restore “tiki apexes” to the historic 1960 condo complex.

The tiki apexes were removed from the Donald Wexler-designed complex’s “outrigger beams” in the 1990s for several reasons, including deferred maintenance, according to a PSPF release.

o2 Architecture has said it will rely heavily on 1960s-era vintage photographs to capture the appropriate scale and proportions of the tiki apexes and will consult with Wexler on the project, the release stated.

“The RHE HOA has pledged to pursue any certificates of approval required by the city’s Historic Site Preservation Board,” to eventually restore the apexes, PSPF President Ron Marshall stated in the release. For more details, visit www.pspreservationfoundation.org.



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