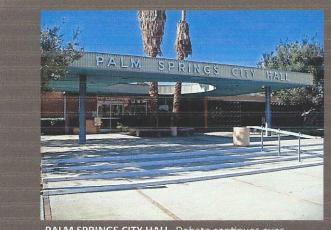
EICHLERS GET PROTECTION

The Los Angeles City Council approved the designation of 108 Eichlers in Balboa Highlands, an area of Granada Hills designed between 1962 and 1964, as an historic preservation overlay zone. This is twenty-fifth overlay in Los Angeles, but only the second such designation for a collection of modernist houses in the city and the first of its kind in the San Fernando Valley. The other modernist HPOZ is Gregory Ain in Mar Vista. The designation comes after years of trying to get protection for the community, with initial proposals having been made in 2003.



BALBOA HIGHLANDS. The latest historic district to get designated as a Los Angeles historic preservation overlay zone. Photo: teamperks



PALM SPRINGS CITY HALL. Debate continues over proposed landscaping alterations around Palm Springs City Hall, designed by Alfred Frey 1952-57. Photo: <u>Kansas Sebastian</u>

BUSY IN PALM SPRINGS

Modernism Week got underway on the heels of news that the tiki-inspired Royal Hawaiian Estates, designed in 1961 by the architectural firm of Wexler & Harrison, was approved as the City's first residential historic district. This is a major win in the City, which has been gaining tremendous notoriety in recent years for its collection of modern architecture. However, some preservation battles continue to linger in Palm Springs as the City still looks to alter the parking and landscaping around City Hall, which had been designated as a Class One historic resource in 1996. With the proposed changes, the viewscape would be dramatically altered as vehicles would block the building. Now, to protect the site, the Historic Site Preservation Board is looking into the designation of the entire City Hall site as a Class One resource. Stay tuned.

TMH SAVES ANOTHER MODERNIST HOUSE

The award-winning organization Triangle Modernist Houses announced that the 1958 Carr House was purchased by new owners, who appreciate and will retain the architectural character of the house. The purchase is largely the result of efforts by TMH to seek out responsible owners. Since its inception, the organization has made it part of its agenda to issue local, regional, and national alerts when a modernist house goes on the market. Since many of these houses, accompanied by large lots, are prime targets for teardowns, the 'for sale' sign almost instantly marks them as an endangered resource. The sale of the Carr House can be added to the ever-growing list of TMH accomplishments.

CARR HOUSE. Recently purchased in North Carolina.

