

To: Advisory Board Members
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Subject: Featured Home Nomination

I would like to submit my neighbor's home at 992 E. La Jolla for consideration as the first Featured Home. I think this house is a good choice for several reasons. 1) It was one of homes in the 2015 Modernism Tour. 2) It is a William Krisel designed home. 3) It is a Designated Class 1 Historical Site, HSPB No. 85. 4) A very nice metal plaque was recently installed on a rock in the front yard. More information about the House is noted below.

It is 1957!

The home of Larry Wood and Rodney Love is a Palm Springs Mid Century Modern classic. This home was one of 5 homes featured in the Twin Palms 2015 Modernism Tour. On January 2, 2013, it was designated a Class 1 Historic Site, Number 85. Recently a metal plaque was installed on a large rock in the front yard commemorating its historical site status.

Over the past few years, this home has been carefully recreated with the look and feel of its original William Krisel design. Originally completed in 1957 by the Alexander Construction Company, this home is known as the "Gable", Model A-2.

The renovation team worked closely with Mr. Krisel during the remodel and restoration. The team consulted his archives, now at the Getty Museum in Los Angeles, attempting to return the home as closely as possible to what it was when first completed.

On the exterior, the home is finished in an original color scheme specified by Mr. Krisel. Carefully researched from the files of the now defunct O'Brien Paint Company, and correctly applied as originally specified in Mr. Krisel's paint call out sheet, the colors of Persian Grey, Off White and Apricot Glow with trim of Weathered Brown blend together beautifully and simultaneously to give the home a warm vintage feel, but still thoroughly fresh for today.

Mr. Krisel has personally created the landscaping. A student of the great landscape architect Garrett Eckbo, Mr. Krisel's design creates a Mondrian-esque painting out of rock, cactus and a strategic small circle of grass. It draws the eye to the lines and features of the house.

The floor plan, a masterpiece of space planning, continues to work beautifully for today's' lifestyle. The open concept living, dining and kitchen areas overlook the pool deck. It features 3 bedrooms with new premium carpeting. Upgraded touches include restored terrazzo floors throughout the rest of the house. The massive stone fire place anchors the great room. Built by stone mason John Gallerano, it would be difficult to recreate today.

The cabinetry in the kitchen and baths is based upon Mr. Krisel's designs as originally installed in the home, but now finished in luxurious walnut. The cabinet hardware and sliding peg-board doors are the same as specified in 1957.

Walls of glass provide a magnificent open view of the 10,000 foot San Jacinto mountain range to the west, and offer the indoor/outdoor living environment Palm Springs is known for.

This house truly captures the essence of the Twin Palms neighborhood at its beginnings. It is a wonderful house to start off our efforts to regularly feature homes of distinction in our neighborhood. Thanks to Larry and Rodney for their priceless contributions to honoring and celebrating our historical roots and linking them with our vibrant present and exciting future.