



# CRPC25-0002 Historic District Designation Marrakesh Country Club

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# Project Request

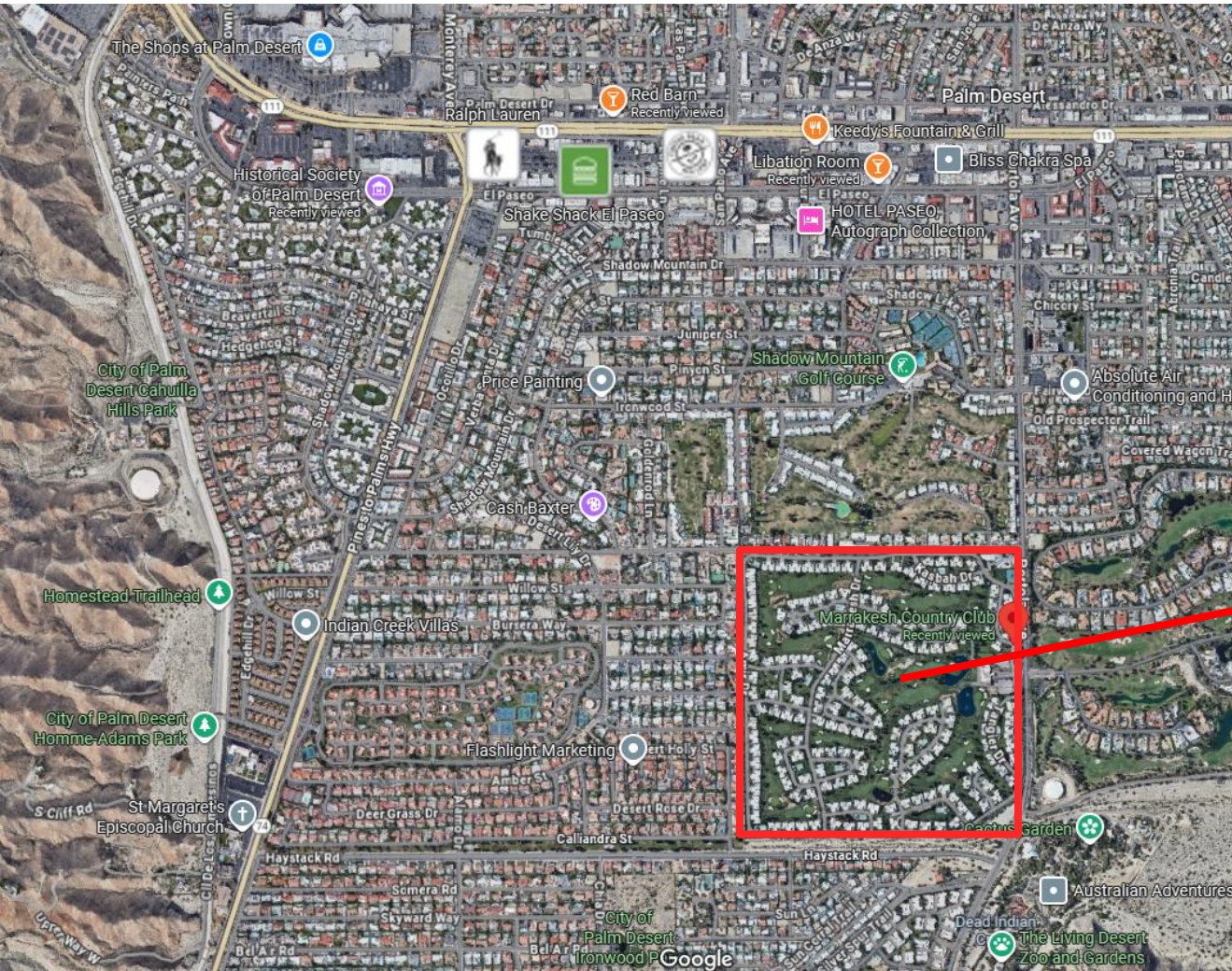
**Case No. CRPC25-0002**

**Project Applicant:** Marrakesh Country Club HOA c/o Luke Leuschner

**Project Description:** Request for historic district designation of Marrakesh Country Club



# Vicinity Map



# Background

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- 155-acre condominium complex and golfclub
- Built between 1967 and 1979
- Hollywood Regency style residential units
- Mid-Century Modern style clubhouse



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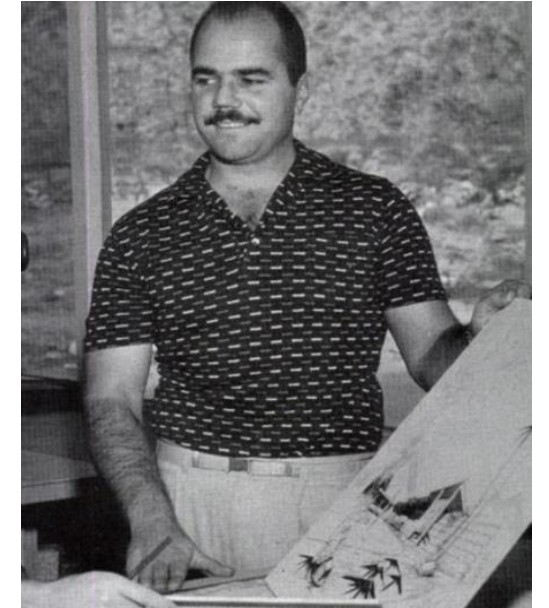
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Johnny Dawson,  
Developer



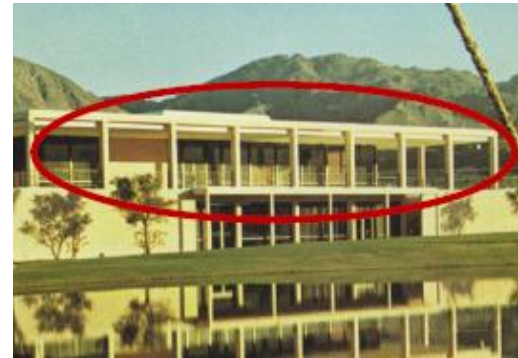
John Elgin Woolf,  
Architect



Richard Harrison,  
Architect

# Alterations

- Distinctive features preserved
- Inappropriate alterations not permitted under current HOA standards
- Appropriate alterations are differentiated and compatible



# Analysis

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Historic district designation process outlined in PDMC Chapter 29.50

- Requires one of seven criteria be met in order to approve

- 1. Criterion A** – *Special Elements of History*
- 2. Criterion C** – *Distinctive Characteristics*
- 3. Criterion D** – *Work of Master Builders*
- 4. Criterion E** – *Example of Community Planning*
- 5. Criterion F** – *Sense of Cohesiveness*

# Historic Preservation Committee (HPC)

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- August 27, 2025
- Agreed with staff's recommendation to designate under Criteria A, C, D, E, and F
- Voted unanimously to recommend approval by City Council

# Public Input + CEQA

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- Multiple onsite community engagement sessions
- Public notification was provided with a 10-day notice and publication in The Desert Sun and no comments were received
- CEQA: Exempt pursuant Section 15060(c)(2) (General Exemption) and Section 15060(c)(3) (Not a Project)

# Recommendation

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Make findings and adopt a resolution to designate the Marrakesh Country Club, located approximately south of Grapevine Street, west of Portola Avenue, north of Haystack Road, and east of Amir Drive on the Assessor's Parcel Numbers attached to the staff report, as a historic district pursuant to Criteria A, C, D, E, and F in Palm Desert Municipal Code Section 29.50.010 (CRPC25-0002)



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