

Betsy and William Fearnow
6240 North Palo Cristi Road
Paradise Valley, AZ
Recommendation to Town Council
May 14, 2026

On February 18, 2026, Betsy and William Fearnow presented their home at 6240 North Palo Cristi Road to our Committee for consideration under the Town's Historical Property Recognition Program.

The home was originally constructed in 1959 by Alfred Newman Beadle for Beverly and Bob Healy, a west Phoenix tract-home builder. During construction, Mr. Healy assumed control of the project, at which point Mr. Beadle walked off the job. Over time, the property became dated and the surrounding landscape became overgrown.

The original structure was an 1,800-square-foot wood-framed residence featuring three bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a circular driveway—an example of estate-style living for its time. The design emphasized passive solar principles, with south-facing windows and an eight-foot roof overhang to provide summer shading while allowing winter sunlight to warm the interior.

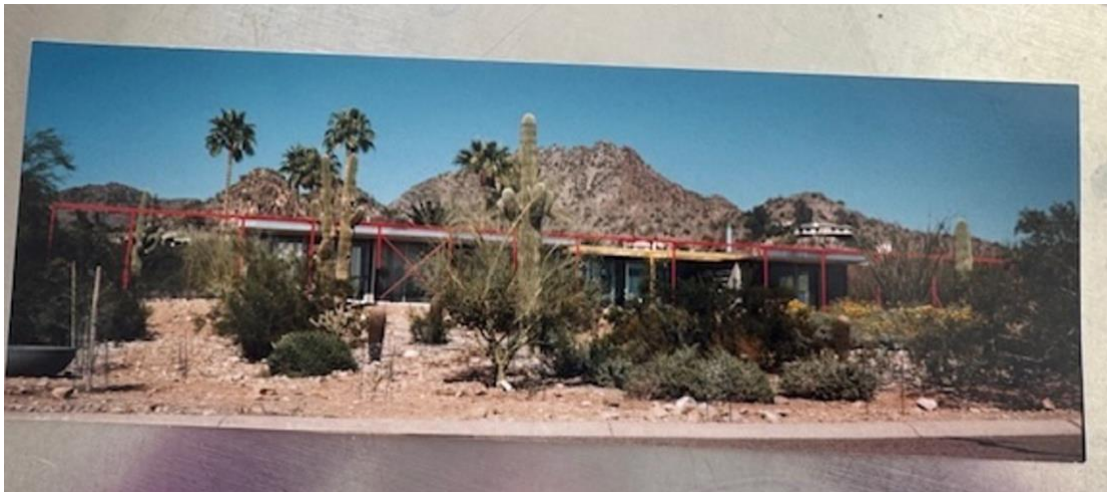
Prior to purchasing the home, the Fearnow's asked Mr. Beadle if he would rehabilitate the property. He agreed, with the condition that he would exercise full design control, including architectural elements, furnishings, and color selections. His intent was to revisit and complete the modernist vision he began in 1959.

In August 1995, the Fearnow's purchased the home. Mr. Beadle began his "remodel" by recladding the home in aluminum, stating that the era of wood construction was history. Design accents included red and yellow steel railings inspired by the desert landscape and the owners' red Volkswagen Jetta. Interior modifications included the removal of one bedroom to enlarge another, restoration of a room filled with boxes into a piano room, and enclosure of the breezeway for storage. The original footprint of the home was retained.

The renovation was completed over a two-year period and concluded shortly before Mr. Beadle's death. Strongly influenced by the work of Mies van der Rohe, Mr. Beadle believed in restraint of materials and color to create calm and serene spaces. The project became a meaningful collaboration and friendship between the Fearnow's and Mr. Beadle, resulting in a residence that exemplifies his modernist principles.

On behalf of the Town's Historical Advisory Committee, I would like to recommend the Fearnow's home located at 6240 North Palo Cristi Road to the Town Council for recognition in the Historic Property Program.

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