

Craig Ellwood, Architect Kubly House, 1965



215 La Vereda Road, Pasadena, CA 91105

Working with the mantra “Do No Harm” the current owners hired Carl Bronson, of Bronstruction, to bring Kubly House into the current decade. Failing major systems were updated to current standards and a partition wall was removed to create a spacious primary suite. Corrective surface work throughout the house followed the sensibilities and colorways of the original scheme.

The result is a timeless and ultimately livable piece of art sheltered by ancient oaks and mature plantings. The gently sloped lot, with its irregular shape would easily support the addition of truly private ADU, workshop or studio.

The Provenance of Kubly House: Art Center College of Design was at the center of Don and Sally Kubly’s universe; both as alumni, and later when Don became the second president of the institution. At the time, the couple was deeply embedded in the creative fiber of mid-century modern Los Angeles. Attracted to the iconoclastic personality of Craig Ellwood, and cutting-edge work of his firm, the Kublys selected Ellwood to design a modern residence to house their growing family.

Working in wood and glass, Ellwood rendered a transparent horizontal box and elevated it like a pavilion amidst the massive gum and oak trees shading the site. The resulting post and beam structure proved fitting for the Pasadena neighborhood where his contemporaries, several of them also Case Study architects, practiced their craft.

The Kublys, satisfied in their working relationship with Ellwood, were instrumental in hiring him to design Art Center’s hillside campus when the college relocated to Pasadena.

Residence includes 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a swimming pool and spa.

\$4,250,000.

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