

THE COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED
Minutes of the October 21, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees: Mike Kelly, Ross Porter, David Frost, Peggy Matthews, Nancy Moors, Welton Jones, Ron Buckley, Rich Bregante, Tom Jackson, Quint Crews, Pam Miller, Jim Bonner, Bob Wohl and Gladys Jones

Guest presentation: Jesus Benayas, President of the House of Spain, cited a dozen collaborative projects between the House of Spain and other San Diego organizations. Sept 25 marked 500 years since the discovery of the “South Sea” by Vasco Nunez de Balboa, but there was a surprising lack of commemoration – why no statue of Balboa? The House of Spain has no definite recommendation for a location of a statue, but are preparing an application and need support. One possible spot would be the south end of the Esplanade, or at the 6th avenue entrance to the park. Jarez de los Caballeros is the city in Spain where Balboa was born, and there is a statue there from which a likeness may be developed; there are descendants there also. There may be paintings or busts. Ron suggested that off the Central Mesa is a preferred location so as to retain the historic character of the Central Mesa. Jim thought a bas-relief of Balboa could be part of the decoration added to the Administration Building. Mike noted a tribute to Balboa in the cartouche near the statue of El Cid. Ross moved and Pam seconded the concept of a formal recognition of Balboa in a location off the Central Mesa. This was tabled.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved by consensus.

Old Business

Plaza de Panama: a propane tank is now installed for the new shuttles at the old stable location in Gold Gulch. An RFP is going out for operators though Mike was uncertain whether this has yet been issued. The city is ready to put trees in new 3-ton planters in the Plaza – Evergreen Elms. Changes to the Alcazar Garden lot are long in coming, and the delay is upsetting to the parking public who seek blue spaces. The Valet drop-off is working well enough.

Sculpture Court: the two large columns are done and returned. The final phase consisting of cleaning the Three Spanish Artists is now beginning at a cost of \$3200 per figure. The Right of Entry permit covers one more year. Pam asked about showing an un-restored piece.

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Digital Archive: the Website is now under development; Mike spoke to a group of 30 at a brownbag luncheon at KPBS where he got a City-issued certificate.

Amero book: Mike is reviewing page layout. The History Press plans to go to press in mid-November with sales available before Christmas.

New Business

Zoo Employee Parking Structure Proposal: it is being fast-tracked on the basis of the Zoo's claim that the city has already ok'd a parking structure off Highway 163. Mike is concerned about the traffic distracting patrons of the Old Globe's outdoor Festival Stage and traffic on Old Globe Way and Village Place. Discussion of other locations for parking structure with entry from Richmond. An info briefing for the Balboa Park Committee has articulated the footprint and traffic access.

Reports

Financial: Jim Bonner reports net decrease of \$344 in September; total assets at \$174,682. An anomaly was spotted in the insurance expense, which has now been corrected.

Tenants Committee report postponed.

Membership: Pam Miller reports membership renewals at 170 with \$13,545 in revenues.

President: Chris Christoph's daughter says he's been in the hospital for more than two months

Next meeting: 12:00 noon on Monday 11/18 at Santa Fe Room, Balboa Park Club
Holiday Party: Thursday 12/12/13 Town and Country

Submitted by Ross Porter, vice-president