

Minutes of The Committee of One Hundred Board of Directors, January 4, 2016

Attendees: Mike Kelly, Ross Porter, Jim Bonner, Ron Buckley, Danny Codd, Rick Gulley, Welton Jones, Jerry Kolaja, Pam Miller, Kay Rippee, Lynn Silva, John Wilson, and Bob Wohl.

Minutes of the last meeting – Approved.

Cabrillo Bridge Lamps. The planning and pricing for the repair and restoration of 31 original lamp standards on the Cabrillo Bridge is growing in price, currently \$275,000 approximately. The expensive piece for each lamp is the LED “Driver” which as a standard piece has a physical shape that belies the lamppost design. The need for a custom design is why it’s so expensive (\$2000 per light, with two lights per standard). Danny Codd and Mike will discuss the potential of a lower-cost alternative. The hope, shared with Tomas at the BP Conservancy, is for SDG&E to pick up a significant portion of the expense.

Meanwhile Casey Smith, District Manager of Balboa Park Operations, planning to run one lamp through the full process of removal, stripping, parts replacement, wiring, and reinstallation with new lights / Driver / Globe – and determine if additional roadblocks present themselves. CalTrans has ok’d the removal of the fixtures without requiring closure of Hwy 163.

Palisades/ Auto Museum Murals. Have sent RTK Studios in Ojai \$4400 payment for first stage of artwork creation, half of the total expense. They’ll present several options for colorization to use on banners. Further detail-level approvals (for tilework) will have to come from Balboa Park Committee and HRB.

Seismic Retrofit of California Tower. About 10 years ago the Committee of One Hundred gave \$10,000 to the City for the seismic retrofit of the California Tower. This helped the City get a grant for planning, but still the actual project has not been scheduled. Micah Parzen, CEO of the Museum of Man, was okay with closing the Tower to enable the project in 2015. The City Engineer letter to Mike discussed an electrical room upgrade (now complete), and bringing the plans up to code, with construction to begin in 2017 pending FEMA grant, apparently as a financial backfill. Ron Buckley noted there was an earthquake retrofit many years ago, but codes and requirement have changed as well as the designation zone of the Tower.

Maintenance in Balboa Park. For two years there’s been a public conversation about poor City maintenance of the buildings. The Conservancy has been briefed on the insufficient maintenance of Balboa Park buildings. Council Member Mark Kersey addressed the issue of maintenance and repair of City-owned buildings and released the first half of the Facilities Condition Survey in June, which included the Museum of Art, Organ Pavilion, Museum of Man,

Administration Building, Botanical Building, and the Marston House. More city funds must be directed toward the Park. Other groups such as the Friends of BP and the Conservancy are advocating in budget talks. A general but not universal guideline for repair and maintenance of City owned Balboa Park buildings is that The City is responsible for structure, foundations, sewers, public restrooms, and exteriors. Tenants are responsible for the interiors. (John Wilson confirmed that the Timken repaired its own roof despite City responsibility for same.) Mike will suggest meeting dates for an Advocacy committee. This could be followed by meetings with elected officials.

President's Report: Nancy Moors wrote a letter of resignation, which the Board accepted with regret.

Treasurer's Report – Jim Bonner

Financial – December net income of about \$500 was part of an annual total amounting to \$29,500. Our Holiday Party netted \$900.

Active C100 Projects are the Digital Archive, Cabrillo Bridge Lamps, and Mural Banner/Tile Revival at the Automotive Museum. The balance Sheet is positive. Effort to raise funds for the Moorish Arch have been difficult. The project needs at least \$300,000 but only \$7,600 has been raised to date.

Jerry Kolaja raised the topic of the Guardhouses and Mike answered that Jim Hughes of the Friends has reported working on it; the contractors may be underperforming. The quoining treatment is expected and will trigger our contribution to backfill the Balustrades restoration expenses.

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Submitted by Ross Porter

Next board meeting Feb 8, 2016 (NOTE: Not the 3rd Monday)