

THE COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED

Board of Directors Minutes – March 21, 2016

Present: Kevin Bentz, Jim Bonner, Ron Buckley, Danny Codd, Rick Gulley, Pamela Hartwell, Tom Jackson, Gladys Jones, Welton Jones, Mike Kelly, Jerry Kolaja, Dick Lareau, Kay Rippee, Ross Porter, John Wilson, Bob Wohl.

The meeting was called to order at noon by Mike Kelly

Monuments Presentation by Friends of Balboa Park: Mike Kelly welcomed John Bolthouse, new director of Friends, architect Jack Carpenter, and Vicki Estrada, who led the presentation on the proposed "monuments" -- i.e., formal blue-domed entry structures, to be located on either side of Park Blvd., across from the Veterans' Museum. At present, there is no formal named entry to the Park from any entry points. Future sites were mapped for such structures or similar ones at other locations. Friends of Balboa Park is the principal funder for this project. If approved, work could begin as early as late 2016. Projected costs are between \$87,000 and \$100,000 for the initial project. FOBP and Caltrans are also looking at a proposed widening of Park Blvd. bridge over I-5 with an eye toward encouraging more pedestrian traffic as a component of the Park to Bay link.

February Minutes were approved with the exception that Welton Jones had proposed a smaller project for Starlight Bowl which would cost \$1 million; spelling of Starlight to be corrected.

The Cabrillo Bridge lamp project is ongoing with no major issues noted. The first unit to be rehabilitated will serve as an example for the balance of the project going forward.

Mural drawings for the Auto Museum are in process by the firm creating them. Black line versions will be created, the color to be applied later. The far-right banner, considered the most difficult to create, will be the first.

Annual Luncheon planning is proceeding. Kay Rippee has arranged for the catering to be done by the Prado restaurant once again. We are asking Sandy Shapery for one electricienne to be shown as a photo prop. Our May meeting will be dedicated to Luncheon planning. Members of the planning committee will attend, but others may attend at their option.

Goodhue/Gilbert awards from a short list of candidates were discussed.

Paul Theine was unanimously approved for the Goodhue award. Thiene oversaw the exposition nursery from September 1911 through 1915, growing millions of plants for the exposition. He was the supervisor of landscape for the exposition grounds in 1915. He did the original plantings in the Botanical Building, Palm Canyon, Montezuma Garden (now Alcazar Garden), El Prado and almost all other areas of the exposition grounds.

The San Diego Museum of Man was unanimously approved as recipient of the Gertrude Gilbert award, in recognition of the re-opening of the California Tower guided tours, i.e. the California Tower Climb.

Jim Bonner gave the Treasurer's report. He noted that he is now using Quickbooks online as his accounting tool. No objections or corrections were noted.

Tom Jackson gave a report on the Electric Building Tenants' Committee (Casa de Balboa). The only major issue was a strong push by SDG&E to have the building (as well as others in the Park) accept a new billing structure. It would reduce rates during periods of lower power usage, applying much higher rates during peak periods, as during heat waves such as we saw last year. This type of billing had been used some years earlier with near-disastrous fiscal harm to several tenants. The unanimous vote was to accept and stay with the current system.

Mike Kelly noted the current and growing sculpture display in the Plaza, encouraging members to take time to view it. There are now 7 pieces with signage.

Submitted,

Tom Jackson, Recording Secretary

Next board meeting Monday, April 18, at Balboa Park Club

Luncheon planners meeting Monday May 16 at Balboa Park Club

Annual luncheon Friday, May 27. All board members should plan to attend.