

THE COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED

Board of Directors Minutes for September 19, 2016

Present: Kevin Bentz, Danny Codd, Vince Marchetti, Pamela Hartwell, Tom Jackson, Welton Jones, Mike Kelly, Fern Murphy, Gladys Novinger, Ross Porter, Kay Rippee, Lynn Silva, Robert Thiele, John Wilson, Bob Wohl

Guests: Steve Stopper, accompanied by several of his staff, presented an overview and update on progress toward restoring the **Starlight (Ford) Bowl** to full usage. A slide presentation enabled the members to view the current bowl condition, efforts toward cleanup and many possibilities for future use as an active venue. The overriding theme was said to be sustainability once initial expenditures (an estimated \$1 million) for repairs and upgrading are raised. The group currently has \$370,000 toward this goal. A number of businesses have pledged support going forward. They are exploring the possibility of doing a fundraiser on the bowl site. The Board agreed to lend its support to the effort.

The **Jacobs plan** was discussed. While funding remains an issue, many consider its eventual construction all but inevitable. There are, apparently, some Council members who are not fully supportive at this point. SOHO could possibly file another lawsuit.

The issue of **signage**, both within and external to the Park, especially designed to point out alternatives to the Cabrillo Bridge entry, was raised by John Wilson. There is still a dream that the bridge will one day return to its pedestrian roots.

The **Cabrillo Bridge lamp restoration** project is moving forward. The first light standard has been restored and returned to the bridge. Six more have been removed.

The **Auto Museum** is highly supportive of the mural project to replace the four panels which once faced the plaza above its entrance. Mike and Robert Thiele showed renderings of partially completed art work for the banners which will, eventually, give way to permanent tile panels. It is very detailed work, still being colored in at this point.

Mike announced that Jim Bonner has been ill.

Submitted, Tom Jackson

Recording Secretary