

# THE COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED

Board of Directors Minutes – November 21, 2016

Present: Kevin Bentz, Jim Bonner, Rich Bregante, Ron Buckley, Danny Codd, Pamela Hartwell, Tom Jackson, Welton Jones, Mike Kelly, Vince Marchetti.

**New City Council member, Chris Ward**, was introduced to the Board as Todd Gloria's successor. He has a wide background in urban planning, a deep concern about addressing San Diego's (and the Park's) homeless issues, and plans to address infrastructure and public safety. When asked, he stated he might have voted against the Jacobs plan. He cited his suspicion of the parking study as too optimistic. The City is facing large budget deficits over the next two years. Other priorities might take away projected funding from the City. Private funding for the Jacobs plan has decreased from 2012 to 2016. Some Measure J funds will likely come to Balboa Park, but the amount will not be nearly enough. He seemed to consider the project too expensive overall.

The San Diego High lease was discussed. The Board's view is that a fair lease, based on current property values, should be negotiated. The funds from that lease should be directed to offset operating and infrastructure costs in the park.

Mike asked if the City's building survey, including Balboa Park, was complete. Mr. Ward promised to look into it. He also pledged to be as even-handed as possible with respect to the various entities in the park, not favoring one group over others.

**Cabrillo Bridge lamp restoration** – almost complete. The last few have been removed and should be reinstalled within two weeks. C100 led the initiative for this project.

**Auto Museum murals** artwork – Two panels nearly complete, border art still under review. The wish is to feature the principal artwork with borders as near the original as possible. Final two panels are in progress. The tile version will likely cost in excess of \$50,000 for each of four—a separate fundraising issue for future consideration.

**Plaza de Panama project** funding received City Council approval. Bonds to finance the parking structure behind the organ pavilion - \$30 million. City will provide \$10 million. Donors will finance about 39 million for bypass centennial bridge, road and improvements to Plaza, El Prado, Esplanade with Jacobs potentially covering shortfall. There are gaps in funding at this time. Most feel the project is a *fait accompli*, pending

final funding. Mike reiterated C100's position, referring members to our website for a copy of the letter he sent to the Mayor and City Council.

Ron Buckley noted that the project, as designed, is not compliant with Federal historic standards or with existing Park plans.

**Save Starlight** project is ongoing. There is currently no known opposition to this effort. Board voted unanimously to allow C100's name and logo in fundraising efforts. This permission can be revoked.

**Awards for 2017 Annual Luncheon** – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Committee of 100. Whom to honor was discussed. A new award, possibly "Founders' Award," strictly for Committee members and leaders was put forth for consideration. No final decision on either the name or parameters was made.

**Treasurer's report:** Jim Bonner returned after his recovery and received a warm welcome. He presented a report giving a year-to-date balance sheet review, plus the past two months' profit and loss statements.

**EBTC (Casa de Balboa) report:** Tom Jackson reported that the window project put forth by the Model Railroad Museum appears to be on hold. Support is lacking from other stakeholders. The projected rooftop solar project is on hold, pending a funding source. The recently renovated bathrooms in the building have ongoing problems with faucets the City opted to use. They are activated by battery packs, since the City did not wish to fund hard-wired hookups for each. Rechargeable batteries are costly and prone to failure. We are asking the City to reconsider the long-term costs and the public health concerns of continuing with this product.

**Holiday Party.** Mike Kelly encouraged all board members to attend 12/1 at Tom Hams.

Submitted by Tom Jackson, Recording Secretary