

THE COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED

Board of Directors Minutes for January 9, 2017

Present: Kevin Bentz, Danny Codd, Tom Jackson, Welton Jones, Mike Kelly, Jerry Kolaja, Dick Lareau, Vince Marchetti, Gladys Novinger, Ross Porter, John Wilson.

Minutes from the November 2016 meeting were approved.

Auto Museum mural progress report: Art work for three panels is complete and the fourth in progress. A minor issue was discussed regarding the concave wall on which the panels will be displayed. The banners must align flush to the surface to avoid wind damage.

Plaza de Panama (Jacobs) plan is on hold pending resolution of SOHO lawsuit alleging the necessity of a new environmental report due to delay in implementation of the original plan. The Committee is remaining neutral in terms of any public comment. Most major park tenants and organizations have already declared in favor of the project.

California Tower seismic retrofit is booked to begin in late 2017. FEMA is expected to fund part of project, which is nearly funded; City will find remainder.

2017 Awards. This will be Committee of 100's 50th anniversary as an organization. The Board discussed creating a new award to acknowledge C100 people in this special year, but decided that the Gertrude Gilbert Award was appropriate. Bea Evenson, Pat DeMarce and Sam Hamill will be the named recipients, based on their singular contributions. It will be noted that they represent many former members of the board who made significant contributions over the years.

Thursday Club grant of an unknown amount will be received toward the completion of the mural project.

Friends of Balboa Park are in negotiations to take over and operate the Carousel. The current owner has offered to stay on to operate, but the Friends would prefer to have the Carousel open and operating more frequently than at present. It is probable that the purchase cost would be paid over a number of years.

Save Starlight. Welton Jones gave a very positive update on the progress of the committee for rehabilitating and operating the Starlight Bowl. The group is receiving significant support and appears to have a waiting list of potential users of the facility.

City is in the process of finalizing a Special Use Permit. Public response has been very favorable to date.

EBTC. Tom Jackson gave a brief update on the Casa de Balboa Building Committee. The window project conceived by the Model Railroad Museum has fallen inactive and may be abandoned. The Solar project in planning for many months is still on hold pending financing. The project cost would be approximately \$900,000, to be financed over 11 to 12 years. Projected savings to building tenants projects at \$80,000 annually.

The Cohn restaurant group has declined to renew their lease to operate the current café in the building. An RFP has been sent out seeking new operators. In the request, it specifies applicants must have a demonstrated record of successful operation of a similar business. The current operators will be in place through end of March.

Submitted,

Tom Jackson, Recording Secretary