

THE COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED

Board of Directors Minutes – September 18, 2017

Present: Rich Bregante, Jim Bonner, Ron Buckley, Rick Gulley, Pamela Hartwell, Tom Jackson, Welton Jones, Mike Kelly, Jerry Kolaja, Ross Porter, Robert Thiele, Bob Wohl

Auto Museum: A Right of Entry permit, central to the completion of the mural project, has not yet been initiated, delaying the whole project for an undetermined time.

California Tower: Some uncertainty exists about a forthcoming FEMA grant, but Meredith Dawson, staff grants writer believes it is likely to come through. In the event it does not, the City must proceed without it, but will have to come up with funding for the shortfall.

Nomination: Fern Murphy has nominated Barbara Brown for Board membership, to be voted on at our next regular meeting. Mike had lunch with her last month. She comes highly recommended, with experience as a fund-raiser.

The 2017 Holiday Party is now scheduled for Monday, December 4th, at Tom Ham's Restaurant on Harbor Island.

Palisades Campaign: How can we best use the Auto Museum project as a lead-in to proposing an overall restoration for the remainder of the Palisades Buildings, Starlight Bowl? Rick Gulley suggested the need for a scope of proposed work and costs associated. Most of the restorations are included in the Central Mesa Precise Plan. Mike Kelly will arrange a Palisades campaign subcommittee meeting. All board members are welcome to attend.

The **City staff has proposed to the Infrastructure Committee** of the City Council the following spending in the Park:

\$15.2 million on the San Diego Air and Space Museum, \$11.5 million on the Casa de Balboa (Electric Building), \$8.3 million on the San Diego Automotive Museum, \$4.6 million on the Veterans' Museum and Memorial Center, \$4.5 million on the Starlight Bowl and \$4.4 million on the Old Globe Theater.

Council has not yet voted on these proposed amounts, but may in the near future. Rich Bregante suggested that public interest might be generated by featuring the Palisades parking lot removal and restoration of gardens, etc. It was decided any consideration of that should wait until completion of the planned parking structure behind the Organ Pavilion, if it should be approved.

Rick Gulley mentioned that the **Plaza de Panama project** is projected to cost in excess of \$100 million, with \$50 million of that amount raised by the city or through donations. The cost of materials is rising rapidly, leading to the question of how long the start can be delayed without Dr. Jacobs losing interest. A possible lawsuit by SOHO is being discussed, but may not materialize.

The **Mingei Museum project** was approved by the Balboa Park Committee. The museum has proposed a change in enclosure fencing with tall steel material such as used on the Museum of Art outdoor exhibit. This design is not deemed appropriate for the character of the building. Acceptance of this change is pending at next BP Committee meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Rick Gulley suggested we increase the Directors & Officers insurance coverage from \$1 million to \$2 million. The Board approved.

EBTC Committee – Tom Jackson: Former cafe tenant has returned to Casa de Balboa and is in operation. The menu and pricing is thought to be an improvement. No payment, site maintenance or other critical issues are expected. A progress report on a proposed solar project for Casa de Balboa has been delayed until October.

Submitted: Tom Jackson, Recording Secretary