

# THE COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED

Board Minutes – September 16, 2019

**Present:** Jim Bonner, Rich Bregante, Barbara Brown, Ron Buckley, Pamela Hartwell, Tom Jackson, Welton Jones, Mike Kelly, Vince Marchetti, Pam Miller, Fern Murphy, Ross Porter, Roger Showley, Lynn Silva, Robert Thiele.

**Minutes:** August minutes approved.

**Auto Museum Murals:** Mike Kelly and Robert Thiele have been told that the tiles are now in production as an exclusive project by RTK Studios, located in Ojai. Mike and Robert will make a visit to the firm in October to gauge progress.

**Palisades Planning:** A meeting of stakeholders will be held on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM at the Balboa Park Conservancy. Robert presented renderings of the proposed fountain installation and surrounding detail of the proposed lower Palisades restoration and enhancement. Palm trees would flank the 150-foot long fountain with some shade trees placed at yet to be determined sites. The renderings project a showplace installation designed to create a destination environment.

Consensus from meeting with park and city staff: The fountain will be flush, with no standing water above ground level. Water would be held in a below-grade reservoir and constantly purified and recycled through a grid surface. The firm “WET,” a Burbank based world-respected designer of such projects, requires \$42,000 for concept design work. After a lively and extended discussion, the Board voted to approve the funds, with two dissenters, subject to the following: Mike and Robert will attend the stakeholder conference call on Wednesday. Based only on their positive evaluation of the meeting outcome funding would proceed.

At this point, the City appears to be committed to funding the overall Palisades project with construction to begin in January of 2020.

**Holiday Party:** Lynn Silva put forward two dates for the annual event. The Board voted unanimously to approve Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Treasurer’s Report:** \$400,000 has been transferred to LPL for laddering secure, interest-bearing CDs, etc. That amount was not included in this report.

**EBTC:** There are no current issues pending and this month’s meeting has been cancelled with three members unavailable to attend.

**Balboa Park Walking Tours:** Ross Porter spoke of good attendance in September despite excessive heat. Tours are scheduled the first Friday of each month at 10:00 AM, meeting at the House of Hospitality Visitors Center. Mike encourages Board members who have not yet taken the tour to do so in order to fully appreciate all aspects of the Park which we work to support.

**Plaza de California lights:** Restoration of wall sconces and globes in original design, is planned by the Friends of BP. These 23 lamps are originals from the 1915 Exposition. Lighting experts Gibson & Gibson will do the work. It was suggested that C100 support this project rather than a request from SDPD for a Polaris vehicle that could better access the BP canyons/homeless/etc. More on the question of financial support for the sconces at the next meeting.

More info on this project and images of the sconces:

[https://friendsofbalboapark.org/pdc\\_wallsconce/](https://friendsofbalboapark.org/pdc_wallsconce/)

**Submitted,**

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Recording Secretary