

THE COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED

Board of Directors Minutes – November 18, 2019

Present: Jim Bonner, Rich Bregante, Barbara Brown, Ron Buckley, Danny Codd, Pamela Hartwell, Tom Jackson, Welton Jones, Mike Kelly, Vince Marchetti, Fern Murphy, Cub Parker, Ross Porter, Kay Rippee, Roger Showley, Lynn Silva, Robert Thiele, Bob Wohl.

Minutes: October Minutes approved.

Guest Speaker: Rene Smith, Balboa Park advocate and co-author, with Howard Blackson and Mike Stepner, of a recent *Voice of San Diego* article on Balboa Park entitled "New Balboa Park Projects Lack Transparency and Design." (Oct 18,2019)

<https://www.voiceofsandiego.org/topics/opinion/new-balboa-park-projects-lack-transparency-and-design/>

The authors advocated the return of an architectural review board for the Park. Rene (the "toilet whisperer") discussed the need for a visitors' Welcome Center and Security Headquarters/Ranger/Police station). There are 23 "stand-alone" public restrooms currently in Balboa Park. This does not include restrooms that are inside other buildings. Current funding for maintenance, repair and upgrades is grossly insufficient. A long-term plan for ongoing maintenance may be getting interest from the City. Funding currently exists for much infrastructure work needed in the park. What must come next is civic will to apply those funds to these needs. Homeless leave public restrooms in disarray on a daily basis. Rene Smith's 28 page report:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/bpcagenda190502-item502a.pdf>

Palisades Project: Mike Kelly, Roger Showley and Robert Thiele recently visited the offices of WET, the fountain design firm working on the Palisades fountain and landscape design. Architectural renderings and design elements were viewed by the Board members. A model of the proposed fountain and surrounds may be available for viewing soon. A very creative and attractive fountain design was presented, containing sophisticated light and water play, opportunity for public interaction and resistance to vandalism among the elements. The final cost of installation is reported to be about five million dollars. Plans got general support from staff.

Mike, Roger and Robert will meet with Park staff to bring them up to speed on Auto Museum plans.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Bonner reports that C100 just added \$400,000 to our CDs.

EBTC: Tom Jackson reports that a design concept is being circulated, once again, for installation of three windows in the Casa de Balboa arcade, above the inner stairwell. Details are to be presented at the next Electric Building Tenants Committee (EBTC) meeting 11/19.

Tours: Roger Showley conducted a tour in October with good attendance.

President's Report:

Holiday dinner event is in two weeks. All who have not RSVP'd were asked to do so as soon as possible. According to Welton Jones, entertainment will be provided.

Long-time board member and noted San Diego architect Dick Lareau recently suffered injuries in a fall and is recovering. He is still receiving therapy. Board sends Dick our best "Get Well" wishes. Andy Field appointed Parks & Rec Director.

Mike Kelly announced that he will retire as President in January, 2020. The Board thanks him for many years of dedicated service. Roger Showley, who has long historic ties to San Diego history, will succeed Mike.

Submitted:

Tom Jackson, Recording Secretary