

## **The COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED Board of Directors Minutes - Jan. 13, 2020**

**Present:** Jim Bonner, Rich Bregante, Pamela Hartwell, Welton Jones, Mike Kelly, Vince Marchetti, Ross Porter, Roger Showley, Bob Wohl, Kevin Bentz, Pam Miller, Jerry Kolaja.

Minutes: November 2020 minutes approved

**Guests introduced:** Andrew Poat, Suzanne Lawrence, Pam Crooks, Sonja Helton, Danny Fitzgerald, Maria Velasquez, David Malmuth, Mike Stepner, Steve Stopper

President Mike Kelly submitted his resignation and thanked the board for its support over his 14 years of leadership. Vice President Roger Showley automatically became interim president. Director Danny Codd was elected interim vice president.

**Special presentations:** Proclamations were presented to Mike Kelly in recognition of his years as president by elected officials whose districts include Balboa Park. Several declared Jan. 13 as Mike Kelly Day. San Diego Councilman Chris Ward represented the mayor and City Council and gave a short speech commending Mike and C100 for the many accomplishments and leadership in the park. Maria Bojórquez-Gomez represented U.S. Rep. Susan Davis; Deanna Spehn represented state Senator Toni Atkins and former Sen. Chris Kehoe; Stephen Hill represented Assemblyman Todd Gloria; and Nik Zinter represented Supervisor Nathan Fletcher, all of whom added kind words for Mike. The board gave a round of applause at the end.

**Resignations:** Three board members' resignations were accepted: Pam Miller, Jerry Kolaja and Betsey Frankel.

**Standing committees:** The board approved the creation of four standing committees: membership, finance, projects and archives, and the board recessed briefly for members and guests to pick chairs and set dates for their first meeting: Welton Jones, Membership; Kevin Bentz, Finance; Vince Marchetti, Projects; and Bob Wohl, Archives. An advisory or honorary committee made of past board members will be considered at a later time.

**Palisades project:** Robert Thiele updated the board on various aspects of C100's principal project, the rehabilitation of Pan-American Plaza and its buildings, patterned after the original designs at the California Pacific International Exposition of 1935-36 and called for in the 1989 Balboa Park Master Plan.

- Automotive Museum (California State Building, 1935): Decorative tiles for three murals, based on the temporary artwork displayed on the exterior of the building in 1935, are expected to be fabricated by March and installed in April and May. The building permit for installation of reproduced building ornamentation is expected to be submitted shortly. The items will be fabricated and installed about the same time as the murals.
- Municipal Gym (Palace of Electricity and Varied Industries, 1935): Similar restoration and reconstruction work will include the recreation of a bronze-like panel over the entrance and cleaning and repair of the terazzo ground-level artistic feature.
- Comic-Con Museum (Federal Building, 1935): A triangular glass panel depicted a Maya warrior over the entrance and would be recreated in some form.
- Firestone Singing Fountains: The design for a reconstruction of this centerpiece attraction in the plaza continues to evolve. The Historic Resources Board's design assistance committee and the Save Our Heritage Organisation advised C100 to hew as closely as possible to the original footprint and design to ensure speedy approval by decision makers. WET Design is

expected to submit a revised plan in coming weeks. The main differences are building three tiers of the fountain pool rather than one. The color of the pool walls should be white not black. And the inclusion of interactive water jets on the east and west sides of the fountain may not be advisable (a) because there was no such feature in 1935, (b) public showers would be required by health and safe codes and (c) the site would not have to be graded to accommodate a single pool. Detailed drawings for new water and electrical conduit lines have been shared with the city.

- Three ficus trees that threaten the foundations of the Auto Museum will be removed over the next month by the city.
- The city plans to repave the Palisades parking lot this spring and leave the south half of the lot car-free so it can become a pedestrian-only space with umbrella tables, chairs, benches and shade trees. Four lawns will surround the site of the proposed fountain. To compensate for lost parking spaces, the city will restripe portions of the Carousel south parking lot and the Spreckels Organ Pavilion lot.

Robert also discussed a design concept for a proposed second phase of the Palisades rehabilitation. The north half of Pan-American Plaza would be cleared of cars and the space landscaped as a radial garden, patterned after the design in the first year of the 1935-36 fair.

Jim Bonner presented the November, December and yearend financial statements. Total year expenses for the year were \$135,124, compared with \$83,382 in 2018. Total income for the year was \$540,314, compared with \$92,471 in 2018.

Submitted:

Roger Showley, president