

# Minutes of The Committee of One Hundred

Board of Directors, January 19, 2015

[The Balboa Park Club was closed for the holiday, despite the fact that we had reserved the Santa Fe room. We were unable to find anyone to open the door, so I decided we would not have a regular meeting. Some board members left, others stayed to have discussions about topics that were not on the agenda. The following "meeting" was opened only to put the candidates' names into the record, so that we could discuss and vote on them next month.]

The meeting was called to order about 12:35 PM.

Attending: Kolaja, Bonner, Bregante, Jackson, Welton Jones, Buckley, Kelly, Moors, Porter, others?

## **NEW BUSINESS.**

Welton Jones, nominations chair, proposed the names and brief descriptions of two candidates, Robert Thiele and Danny Codd. We will discuss and vote on them at the February meeting

The meeting was adjourned about 12:40

**Submitted:** Tom Jackson

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Board of Directors, February 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order about 12:05 in the Board Room, Hall of Champions

Attending: Rich Bregante, Ron Buckley, David Frost, Pamela Hartwell, Welton Jones, Mike Kelly, Jerry Kolaja, Vince Marchetti, Peggy Matthews, Nancy Moors, Fern Murphy, Ross Porter, Kay Rippee, Lynn Silva, Bob Wohl

A copy of the program for the memorial service of board member Quintous Crews was circulated during the meeting. Several board members attended.

## **NEW BUSINESS.**

**Nominations for new board members.** Welton Jones moved and it was seconded and passed unanimously that two new members be added to the Board: Daniel Codd and Robert W. Theile. In addition, two more names were placed in nomination to be voted upon at the March meeting: Rick Gulley, past president of the SD Zoological Society, and John Wilson, former executive at the Timken Museum.

## **OLD BUSINESS.**

**Cabrillo Bridge Lamps.** Mike Kelly reported that city employees are busy and the lamp restoration is one more job to deal with. Mike approached Todd Gloria about the lamps. There still is no bid, but things seem to be moving along. Mike would like to offer financial help to the city for this work, seeing that these lamps and the Moorish Arch are the two main projects now in view. Discussion followed about the concerns for historic preservation and the need to remove signs that are attached to the lamps. Vince Marchetti reported asking his CalTrans contact who said there were no leftover funds for the lamps. Pamela Hartwell asked whether BPAL might assist in funding. Mike will approach them at the Feb 25th meeting. Rich Bregante was reluctant to dilute funds that might be needed for restoring the Moorish Arch, Ron Buckley would like C100 to support the lamps project, including with our check a "salty note."

**International Cottages.** Mike addressed the proposed addition of new "houses" to the House of Pacific Relations by noting how difficult it is to establish how many of these structures were built since 1935, much of the confusion owing to the use of the term "house" in multiple ways. In view of a planned expansion that is now prompting an amendment to the Precise Plan, it was generally agreed that there should be a limit to the number of new houses or buildings that will be built to accommodate the HPR groups. Ron Buckley described a National Park Service letter from 1990 that asked for no new cottages to be built. The City's response was that 4000 square feet of new cottage space was included in the Master plan. The Park Service asked for consistency in scale, rhythm, form, and materials but different (simpler) architectural details in order

to distinguish the new from the old. To Ron's knowledge, no one has yet approached the National Park Service about this latest building plan. Mike asked for written input from the board regarding how and whether the Committee of 100 should be involved in this issue.

### **REPORTS:**

In the treasurer's absence, there was no financial report.

David Frost reported that the free Balboa Park Tours conducted by him for C100 is attracting increased attendance, with about 30 people on the latest tour. The tours are now the first Friday of each month at 10 AM.

President: Mike Kelly announced a meeting of any interested members regarding the restoration of the Palisades will take place on Monday Feb 23 at 10:30 in the Committee's office.

Friends of Balboa Park is commencing work to replace the El Cid Balustrades with glass fiber-reinforced concrete, using the same contractor who helped the Committee of 100 with the Sculpture Court. Mike noted there is \$12,000 in C100 funds restricted for a Plaza de Panama project. This money could be offered to the Friends as assistance for the Balustrade project in return for the Friends allocating more of their funds in order to re-create the quoin effect on the two guardhouses, also in line for refurbishment by the Friends. There was a motion / second / carried to authorize Mike to pursue this conversation with the Friends.

The Marston House is the site of a SOHO exhibit on the 1915 Exposition using images and architectural drawings from the Digital Archive; Mike will lecture in an upcoming SOHO series on the Exposition.

The San Diego Airport has installed many of the Digital Archive images in Terminal 2 for their "Balboa Park and the City" art exhibits.

The meeting was adjourned about 1:15 p.m.

**Submitted:** Ross Porter, Acting Secretary

# Minutes of The Committee of One Hundred

Board of Directors, March 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 in the Santa Fe Room, Balboa Park Club

Attending: Mike Kelly, Tom Jackson, Ross Porter, Jim Bonner, Robert Thiele, Rich Bregante, Jerry Kolaja, Vince Marchetti, Peggy Matthews, Ron Buckley, Dick Lareau, Pam Miller, Pamela Hartwell, Welton Jones, Danny Codd, Betsey Frankel.

**Welcome new members:** Robert Thiele and Danny Codd. Both gave brief comments on their background

## **NEW BUSINESS.**

**Nominations for new board members.** Welton Jones moved and it was seconded and passed unanimously that two new members be added to the board: Rick Gulley, past president of the SD Zoological Society, and John Wilson, former executive at the Timken Museum.

**Annual Awards.** The Executive Committee met on March 10 to discuss nominations and presented the following names for our 2015 awards. George W. Marston for the Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue Award and Christine Kehoe for the Gertrude Gilbert Award. Each award was moved, seconded and unanimously selected.

## **OLD BUSINESS.**

**El Cid balustrades.** Mike Mattson has made replacement parts of GFRC which are ready to install when demolition is complete.

**Guardhouses:** FOBP plans for west entry guardhouses are repair, not restoration. C100 has offered to help fund balustrade reconstruction in order to free up funds for a more complete restoration of the guardhouses.

**Palisades discussion:** Ron Buckley played "devil's advocate" in stressing the difficulty in eliminating parking in palisades lot. Welton Jones suggests Palisades long-term planning is for the next generation. The Palisades group will continue to meet and gather information

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**REPORTS:**

Treasurer Jim Bonner gave the financial report.

EBTC: No major news per Tom Jackson.

President's report:

Cabrillo Bridge lamp restoration–will submit request to SD Foundation, BP Trust  
Damage to east arcade discussed. Does this foreshadow future problems with  
this construction?

Mattson has proposal for recreating the Moorish Arch on the west arcade. Cost  
approx. \$300K.

Bench refinishing in Organ Pavilion is approximately ½ complete.

The meeting was adjourned at 1 PM

**Submitted:** Tom Jackson Secretary

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# Minutes of The Committee of One Hundred

Board of Directors, April 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 in the Santa Fe Room, Balboa Park Club

Attending: Fern Murphy, Kay Rippee, Pamela Hartwell, Ron Buckley, Rick Gulley, Danny Codd, Pam Miller, Jim Bonner, Tom Jackson, Mike Kelly, Bob Wohl, Jerry Kolaja

**Welcome new member:** Rick Gulley spoke about his work with the Zoo, recent board president, and his interest in communicating with other groups in Balboa Park.

**OLD BUSINESS.** Kay Rippee gave an update on the Annual Luncheon planning. The invitations will be mailed this week.

## **NEW BUSINESS.**

**Nomination** of Kevin Bentz as board member. Pam Miller knows him, mentioned his background as vice-president of the Utah Symphony/Opera and recommended him. Mike Kelly and Welton had lunch with him and supported his nomination (Welton was not at this meeting). Vote will take place next month.

**Cabrillo Bridge Lamp** restoration/renovation/repainting of 31 original duplex lamps from 1915 exposition. These are the only remaining lampposts from that exposition. City has one bid to date for stripping old lead paint and rust removal. Peggy Matthews has pledged \$20,000 toward this project. Mike Kelly proposed to the Balboa Park Trust and Friends of Balboa Park that each of our groups pledge \$25,000. The other groups have agreed. It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously that C100 pledge \$25,000 toward this project, to be paid to the City once they have contracted the work and the project is underway.

## **REPORTS:**

**Treasurer** Jim Bonner gave the financial report. Question re whether \$3000 for annual audit was necessary. A discussion ensued as to the need for it to be annual. Jim stated that it supports our group's credibility in discussions with potential donors and should continue. He will look into the question.

**EBTC report** by Tom Jackson centered on sound mitigation in central hall of the building, outside C100 office. A proposal for this work is thought to be in the hands of MOPA, the result of a sound engineer's report and recommendations. At present,

absent a major donation for this work, the other tenants do not see it as a top priority. Discussions will continue.

**President's report:** Mike reported on Palisades group's progress. No news on the Ron Roberts gondola proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 1 PM

**Submitted:** Tom Jackson, Recording Secretary

# Minutes of The Committee of One Hundred

Board of Directors, May 18, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 in the Santa Fe Room, Balboa Park Club

Attending: Kay Rippee, Jim Bonner, Ross Porter, Mike Kelly

This meeting was limited to the Annual Luncheon planning and a vote on Kevin Bentz as a new Board Member. Members had been asked to contact the president if they had any comments or concerns to air about the nominated board member. The small quorum was in accord with our bylaws, "Section 4. The members present at a properly noticed meeting shall constitute a quorum."

## **OLD BUSINESS.**

Annual Luncheon plans were reviewed and found to be in order.

## **NEW BUSINESS.**

Board vote on the nomination of Kevin Bentz. Pam Miller had reviewed his background at the last meeting and had recommended him to the board. Mike Kelly and Welton had lunch with him and both supported his nomination at the last meeting. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed that membership on the board be confirmed for Kevin Bentz. His three year term will be voted on at the luncheon on May 22.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM

**Submitted:** Mike Kelly

# Minutes of The Committee of One Hundred Board of Directors, June 15, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 in the Santa Fe Room, Balboa Park Club

Present: Bentz, Bonner, Bregante, Buckley, Frankel, Hartwell, Jackson, Kelly, Kolaja, Welton Jones, Pam Miller, Moors, Porter, Rippee, Thiele

**Minutes:** approval of minutes from last meeting

## **Old Business:**

**Plaza de Plaza** furnishing was discussed. Mixed reviews but people are using the tables and chairs.

**Annual Luncheon** turnout was good and we came out in the black. Kay Rippee was thanked for her roles in making arrangements and raffle.

**Palisades working group** met again; still trying to find color images of the California State Building murals and the Federal Bldg mural on glass.

Robert Thiele has found information on Auto Museum façade.

**SOHO lawsuit decision.** Rich Bregante gave his professional reading of the judge's decision. In his opinion, the City could go ahead with part or all of the project, including the bypass bridge and the Organ pavilion parking structure. So far there has been no indication the Irwin Jacobs is interested in pursuing the plan. The City Council has approved the sale of bonds for the parking structure. Ron Buckley noted that SOHO may submit a request to reconsider the decision.

## **New Business:**

**Deferred maintenance and infrastructure.** Mike Kelly reported his discussion with Todd Gloria and journalists/reporters on this issue. During the City Council budget hearings Mike and others told Council members that Balboa Park is suffering from neglect. **Balboa Park Heritage Assn.** While we and this group are concerned about deferred maintenance and infrastructure in BP, C100 will maintain a distance from them.

## **Reports:**

Treasurer's Report: Jim Bonner distributed financial reports and answered questions. He reiterated that he believes we should have an annual audit in order to preserve our transparency to potential donors. No donors have asked him for this information. It was agreed to consider this issue again at the next meeting.

EBTC report: Tom Jackson gave a brief update

Ross Porter: Conservancy has an incoming new leader, Thomas Herrera-Mischler. Ross is leaving Conservancy board because he is Executive Director of the Spreckels Organ Society.

President's Report: Maker Fair kickoff in Plaza de Panama

The meeting was adjourned at 1 PM

**Submitted:** Tom Jackson, Recording Secretary

# Minutes of The Committee of One Hundred Board of Directors, July 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 in the Santa Fe Room, Balboa Park Club

Present: Jim Bonner, Ron Buckley, Mike Kelly, Welton Jones, David Frost, Rick Gulley, Vince Marchetti, Pam Miller, Fern Murphy, Ross Porter, Kay Rippee, Lynn Silva

**Minutes:** minutes from last meeting were approved

## **Old Business:**

**Work on the Guard Houses** has begun, being financed by the Friends. Since the project is repairs and not restoration, there has been some criticism in social media. Mike explained his efforts to encourage restoration and the response of Kelly Stanco at the Historic Resources Board. It was suggested that we visit the board sometime to present our stand on restoration in Balboa Park. Welton suggested that a letter go to the City's Historic Resources Board advocating a general adherence to historic standards and a transparent process for such projects.

## **New Business:**

**Palisades working group** met again; still looking for color images of the California State Building murals and the Federal Bldg mural on glass. Mike met with Paula Brandes, ED of the Automotive Museum, and former board president Michael Harris. They would love to see the building restored to its 1935 condition; they want three ficus trees removed, which have damaged the building and parking lot. Their board has discussed this in the past. They have found no color photos of the murals, though we do have pretty good b/w photos. They suggested creating banners with an artist's conception of what the colors would have looked like, and hanging them where the original murals were. M/S/P unanimously agreed to allocate up to \$5000 toward creating art work and banners, and joining with the Auto Museum in this project. Questions re Starlight Bowl/bankruptcy. Discussion but no known action on reviving Jacobs plan

## **Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Bonner distributed financial reports and answered questions. Good membership response so far and \$20,000 donation from Peggy Matthews for the Cabrillo Bridge lamp restoration.  
**David Frost** reported on walking tours. He averages 10-15 people and makes our C100 brochure available to them.

**President's Report:** Met recently with new director of the Conservancy, Thomas Herrera-Mischler, who also met with the BPAL group. He is well-qualified and a strong preservationist. Cabrillo Bridge lamp project is

progressing. **Balustrades** by El Cid statue have been restored with the proper GFRC material. Mike Matson's company did the work. Rick Gulley noted that The Promenade Parking Structure of \$200 million was okay'd by the City Council in 2004 and would yield 4800 parking spaces, for which the public would pay fee for use.

No August meeting. Next meeting September 21.

The meeting was adjourned at 1 PM

## **Committee of 100**

Board Minutes – September 21, 2015

Present: Porter, Jackson, Kolaja, Parker, P. Miller, Murphy, Codd, Wohl, Gulley, Thiele, W. Jones, J. Bonner.

Meeting convened shortly after noon; the prior minutes approved as read.

Summation of Palisades Working Group meeting on Sept 14:

Discussion of low water use plantings. Future and source of water supply, long term.

Welton returned to discussion of the future of the Starlight bowl. This brought up a separate discussion of whether or not C100 should involve itself.

Conclusion: More study is needed before we consider any role.

Mike is in touch with an artist to develop mock-ups of the California murals for the front of the Auto Museum. The Auto Museum is cooperative, but not active in the project work as yet. The committee will seek a student intern to research further the color palette of Juan Larrinaga.

Report on Conservancy Project Committee meeting at SD Foundation on Sept 16:

Gordon Kovtun outlined Jacobs Plan again. Support is still reportedly there for the project, should Jacobs decide to return to involvement and investment. C100 policy was reiterated to group. Support for underground parking is possible. Look for more media coverage and commentary.

\$160,000 for bridge lighting project was discussed. The City will likely fund the project, with help from organizations including C100 that have pledged support.

Guard Houses are to be restored, not merely repaired. Mattson will not be involved in this project. It appears that Friends of Balboa Park will accept the C100 offer of financial reimbursement for the Balustrade project in order to boost cash flow for the Guardhouse project

The meeting was adjourned at about 1 p.m. Several members remained to assist Pam Miller with personalized thank-yous to recent donors.

TJ/RP

## **Committee of 100**

Board of Directors Minutes – October 19, 2015

Present: Mike Kelly, Tom Jackson, Jim Bonner, Pamela Hartwell, Welton Jones, John Wilson, Jerry Kolaja, Fern Murphy, Kevin Bentz, Cub Parker, Rick Gulley, Rich Bregante, Ross Porter, Pam Miller, Danny Codd.

Speaker: Executive Director/CEO Tomas Herrera-Mishler of the Balboa Park Conservancy. A landscape architect by training, he extols the concept of public/private partnership. He cited Buffalo and Central Park systems as examples of major turnarounds in what were failing park systems. He referred to Balboa Park as the best maintained major park, but needs major focus on deferred maintenance. Cohesiveness and consensus are needed to assure funding. He is seeking our shared values, supports preservation efforts such as C100's. He spoke of the concept of "zones of responsibility" as a key to park maintenance in future. It would need a strong volunteer component. The Conservancy has no overarching Memorandum of Understanding with the City as yet, so far confined to a fairly narrow role. A much more prominent role is a major goal. Rick Gulley spoke of that larger role, in concert with other park institutions, as providing synergy for the advancement of projects. Several positive comments on "zones of responsibility" were voiced. On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:00 AM, 40 trees were to be planted on West Mesa honoring San Diego Foundation's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Holiday Party: Same location, on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, a Thursday. Ross is looking into entertainment, possibly from SDSU. More to come.

Survey of all City-owned buildings is being published. The first part is out. Part II is upcoming – will deal with needs of many Balboa Park buildings.

Museum of Man art project was shown and discussed to mainly favorable responses from the Board members. It is to be a temporary exhibit for 1-2 years.

Tomas, on behalf of the Conservancy, has found an intern for a 6-month project to identify when buildings were erected, how many originals are left and their locations. Mike Kelly will allow her to use the C100 office as needed.

Financial report accepted. Jim Bonner stated, with reference to prior discussion about the frequency of full audits, that every other year should be sufficient.

EBTC report dealt with upcoming sound mitigation by John Hogan in Casa de Balboa. More information as it develops.

Submitted by Tom Jackson, Recording Secretary

## Minutes of The Committee of One Hundred Board of Directors, Nov 16, 2015

Present: Mike Kelly, Jerry Kolaja, Robert Thiele, Danny Codd, Kay Rippee, Lynn Silva, Welton Jones, Cub Parker, Ron Buckley, Rich Bregante, Dick Lareau, Kevin Bentz, Jim Bonner, Bob Wohl, Ross Porter

Attendees were reminded to get reservations to Kay Rippee for the Holiday dinner party on Dec. 3 at the Town & Country Sunrise-Sunset Room.

**Cabrillo Bridge Lamps:** Mike reported on Casey Smith's expense projection for the 31 Cabrillo Bridge light standards, based on work for the first one: \$3,500 for Gibson & Gibson Lighting plus \$8500 for Southern Contracting, plus \$5000 for custom LED ballasts (actually "drivers"). The poles will be removed for the work. The Globes will be historically accurate. Mike noted that the Committee's contribution is capped at \$25,000. Also contributing \$25K each: Friends of Balboa Park, the BP Trust, and the BP Conservancy. Todd Gloria contributed \$5K. City funds are to pay the remainder. Mike hopes SDG&E will help.

**Palisades Project:** Pertaining to the four murals at the Auto Museum entrance, Robert Thiele showed rectangular images of the best available photos which were produced with help from Miramar College. In seeking an artist to create banners and eventually permanent tile for the project, which originally was painted on fiberboard. Robert described correspondence with RTK Studios of Ojai, California. The group has worked on Avalon's casino and Wayne Donaldson has used them for other projects. They would charge \$2200 per mural for four murals to create color artwork that could then be used to produce banners or tiles (at additional expense). Attendees discussed the merits of using a sole source approach to the project, versus putting to bid the work at this stage. Ron Buckley spoke in support of Bob Thiele's position, which was to work with RTK as a sole source. Ross moved that \$4K additional (on top of the \$5K already allotted) be devoted to the development of artwork by RTK. Lynn seconded and the motion passed.

**Solar-based lighting of Casa de Balboa.** This project is being pursued by Travis Nixon and offers Electric Building Tenants a shared benefit of lower pricing.

Discussion of the Historical Resources Board opposition to solar as non-historic. Thiele suggested that solar is ok if it cannot be seen by the public from routine vantage points. It was noted that the Fleet has an array and is not historic.

**Proposed Rec Centers on West Mesa.** Mike reported on a recent meeting of the Metro San Diego Development Corp where the City Planning department presented ideas for two new buildings on the West Side of the park: 9-10K square feet and 17-18K square feet respectively. That department is making similar proposals for other parks. Public response at the meeting was to protest the lack of prior contact with stakeholders and vehemently reject the proposals.

**Development.** Jim Bonner brought up the possibility of outreach to Trusts, articulating the Committee's mission in hopes of qualifying for contributions. Mike noted that much of the Committee's fundraising to date has been project-based.

**Starlight Bowl.** Welton offered an update: The non-profit School for Creative Careers (Steve Stopper) has hired an attorney to approach the City Attorney to in essence break the Starlight lease and enable access by the School for Creative Careers. The City may soon be in exclusive control of the Bowl and able to issue an RFP for its use.

**Zone Management.** Rich Bregante asked how the Committee might follow up Tomas Herrera-Mishler's desire for Zone Management of the park. It would seem the next steps would be to draw up Zones and present to the City Council District 2 Representative. The role of the Committee in this effort needs to be discussed and defined.

Next board meeting – Monday, January 4, 2016

## Minutes of The Committee of One Hundred

Annual Meeting: Friday, May 22, 2015

Balboa Park Club Ballroom

The official part of the annual meeting began at 12:10 PM at the Balboa Park Club. Vice President Ross Porter welcomed attendees and introduced guests and dignitaries.

President Michael Kelly opened the business part of the meeting. Nominations slates were presented by Welton Jones. The following are results of the elections.

### **Directors elected to three-year terms:**

Lynn Silva, Ronald Buckley, David Frost, Gladys Jones, Michael Kelly, Pamela Miller, Daniel Codd, Robert Thiele, John Wilson, Rick Gulley, Kevin Bentz

### **Officers elected for the coming year:**

Michael Kelly—President, Ross Porter - Vice President, Paul Rucci - Recording Secretary, Jim Bonner—Treasurer, Betsey Frankel - Corresponding Secretary, Richard Bregante—Officer, Welton Jones—Officer, Tom Jackson—Officer, Pam Miller—Officer

Michael Kelly closed the business meeting and announced this year's awardees. The awards were presented by Councilmember Todd Gloria.

The **2015 Gertrude Gilbert Award** was presented to Christine Kehoe for her support of Balboa Park as a City Councilmember and member of the California State Assembly and Senate.

The **2015 Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue Award** went to George Marston who was instrumental in the planning of the 1915 Panama-California Exposition and in the early efforts to preserve the Exposition Buildings.

**Guest Speaker** was Robert Rydell, Professor of History, Montana State University, and author of four books on World's Fairs. The title of his talk was: "World's Fairs to Remember: From London's Crystal Palace to San Diego's Panama-California Exposition—and Beyond." His presentation was well received and a video of his talk was placed on YouTube after his approval.

Ross Porter announced results of the raffle, thanked those who helped make the event a success, and made closing remarks.

Michael Kelly

