

Minutes of The Committee of One Hundred Board of Directors, January 4, 2016

Attendees: Mike Kelly, Ross Porter, Jim Bonner, Ron Buckley, Danny Codd, Rick Gulley, Welton Jones, Jerry Kolaja, Pam Miller, Kay Rippee, Lynn Silva, John Wilson, and Bob Wohl.

Minutes of the last meeting – Approved.

Cabrillo Bridge Lamps. The planning and pricing for the repair and restoration of 31 original lamp standards on the Cabrillo Bridge is growing in price, currently \$275,000 approximately. The expensive piece for each lamp is the LED “Driver” which as a standard piece has a physical shape that belies the lamppost design. The need for a custom design is why it’s so expensive (\$2000 per light, with two lights per standard). Danny Codd and Mike will discuss the potential of a lower-cost alternative. The hope, shared with Tomas at the BP Conservancy, is for SDG&E to pick up a significant portion of the expense.

Meanwhile Casey Smith, District Manager of Balboa Park Operations, planning to run one lamp through the full process of removal, stripping, parts replacement, wiring, and reinstallation with new lights / Driver / Globe – and determine if additional roadblocks present themselves. CalTrans has ok’d the removal of the fixtures without requiring closure of Hwy 163.

Palisades/ Auto Museum Murals. Have sent RTK Studios in Ojai \$4400 payment for first stage of artwork creation, half of the total expense. They’ll present several options for colorization to use on banners. Further detail-level approvals (for tilework) will have to come from Balboa Park Committee and HRB.

Seismic Retrofit of California Tower. About 10 years ago the Committee of One Hundred gave \$10,000 to the City for the seismic retrofit of the California Tower. This helped the City get a grant for planning, but still the actual project has not been scheduled. Micah Parzen, CEO of the Museum of Man, was okay with closing the Tower to enable the project in 2015. The City Engineer letter to Mike discussed an electrical room upgrade (now complete), and bringing the plans up to code, with construction to begin in 2017 pending FEMA grant, apparently as a financial backfill. Ron Buckley noted there was an earthquake retrofit many years ago, but codes and requirement have changed as well as the designation zone of the Tower.

Maintenance in Balboa Park. For two years there’s been a public conversation about poor City maintenance of the buildings. The Conservancy has been briefed on the insufficient maintenance of Balboa Park buildings. Council Member Mark Kersey addressed the issue of maintenance and repair of City-owned buildings and released the first half of the Facilities Condition Survey in June, which included the Museum of Art, Organ Pavilion, Museum of Man,

Administration Building, Botanical Building, and the Marston House. More city funds must be directed toward the Park. Other groups such as the Friends of BP and the Conservancy are advocating in budget talks. A general but not universal guideline for repair and maintenance of City owned Balboa Park buildings is that The City is responsible for structure, foundations, sewers, public restrooms, and exteriors. Tenants are responsible for the interiors. (John Wilson confirmed that the Timken repaired its own roof despite City responsibility for same.) Mike will suggest meeting dates for an Advocacy committee. This could be followed by meetings with elected officials.

President's Report: Nancy Moors wrote a letter of resignation, which the Board accepted with regret.

Treasurer's Report – Jim Bonner

Financial – December net income of about \$500 was part of an annual total amounting to \$29,500. Our Holiday Party netted \$900.

Active C100 Projects are the Digital Archive, Cabrillo Bridge Lamps, and Mural Banner/Tile Revival at the Automotive Museum. The balance Sheet is positive. Effort to raise funds for the Moorish Arch have been difficult. The project needs at least \$300,000 but only \$7,600 has been raised to date.

Jerry Kolaja raised the topic of the Guardhouses and Mike answered that Jim Hughes of the Friends has reported working on it; the contractors may be underperforming. The quoining treatment is expected and will trigger our contribution to backfill the Balustrades restoration expenses.

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Submitted by Ross Porter

Next board meeting Feb 8, 2016 (NOTE: Not the 3rd Monday)

THE COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED

Board of Directors Minutes for 2/08/2016

Present: Mike Kelly, Tom Jackson, Ross Porter, Jim Bonner, Danny Codd, Jerry Kolaja, Pamela Hartwell, Cub Parker, Ron Buckley, John Wilson, Bob Wohl, Lynn Silva, Welton Jones, Kay Rippee, Robert Thiele

January minutes were approved as distributed.

Cabrillo Bridge lamp update: Some funds have been located with City of SD. Motion made to write check for first stage up to \$20K of the \$25,000 pledged. Passed.

Auto Museum Murals: Work has begun on art work for project. Board will have the opportunity to approve color scheme.

Botanical Bldg: Conservancy met two weeks ago and selected their project architect. They hope to raise \$4 million, perhaps \$5 million if arches and all proposed work is included. So far they have raised about \$500,000.

Deferred maintenance and infrastructure: We need a long term plan—no more annual “band-aid” funding by City Council. The park needs a dedicated portion of the annual City budget. Todd Gloria has requested funding for 3 additional staff positions and an unspecified budget increase.

San Diego High School lease: Expires in 8 years. Some discussion at City Hall. Our position? We may need to engage at some point. Possible future use of the site as a revenue generator dedicated for Balboa Park use was mentioned.

Goodhue & Gilbert awards correction. Minutes amended to reflect actual date of 2012.

Application for County Community Enhancement Grant was approved and signed. We are seeking \$5,000 for murals and \$10,000 for Cabrillo Bridge lamps.

Cultural Landscape Report: Balboa Park Conservancy will produce a CLR, needed to ensure continuity and promote improvements of park landscaping, buildings, public and open spaces. Describes what has been done, historically, by designated areas, i.e., East Mesa, Palisades area, etc. The Conservancy plans to hire a consultant to facilitate the research.

Meeting dates: Board agrees to continue to alter two January and February meeting dates to avoid conflict with holiday closures.

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Treasurer's Report: Read and approved, with question to be researched on which month was a check cut for art work.

EBTC Report: Tile work complete in Casa de Balboa lobby. Sound mitigation is still being researched. Main difficulty is that in suspending soundproofing from ceiling, fire sprinklers may be obstructed. City was supposed to replace C100's office door, but has yet to do so.

Electriquette Rentals: A soft opening is planned for March 10th, time to be determined. 25 units are in San Diego at present. Press coverage and publicity for the Park.

C100 Tours: David Frost reports that his most recent tour was well attended. Tours are on first Friday each month, lasting 1 ½ hours. C100 gets good publicity from these tours.

Welton Jones on Starlight Bowl: Voice of San Diego published a long article on the "Black Hole" in Balboa Park. There are many players involved. Proposed cost of renovation with roof addition would be \$15-20 million. There may be less expensive and more appropriate ways to accomplish rehabbing the facility for as little as \$1 million. Hard-wired headphones were among ideas mentioned. The Mayor will likely need to advocate and lead. Can C100 facilitate discussion?

The meeting was adjourned about 1 PM

Submitted by Tom Jackson, Recording Secretary

Next meeting Monday, March 21, Santa Fe Room, Balboa Park Club

THE COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED

Board of Directors Minutes – March 21, 2016

Present: Kevin Bentz, Jim Bonner, Ron Buckley, Danny Codd, Rick Gulley, Pamela Hartwell, Tom Jackson, Gladys Jones, Welton Jones, Mike Kelly, Jerry Kolaja, Dick Lareau, Kay Rippee, Ross Porter, John Wilson, Bob Wohl.

The meeting was called to order at noon by Mike Kelly

Monuments Presentation by Friends of Balboa Park: Mike Kelly welcomed John Bolthouse, new director of Friends, architect Jack Carpenter, and Vicki Estrada, who led the presentation on the proposed "monuments" -- i.e., formal blue-domed entry structures, to be located on either side of Park Blvd., across from the Veterans' Museum. At present, there is no formal named entry to the Park from any entry points. Future sites were mapped for such structures or similar ones at other locations. Friends of Balboa Park is the principal funder for this project. If approved, work could begin as early as late 2016. Projected costs are between \$87,000 and \$100,000 for the initial project. FOBP and Caltrans are also looking at a proposed widening of Park Blvd. bridge over I-5 with an eye toward encouraging more pedestrian traffic as a component of the Park to Bay link.

February Minutes were approved with the exception that Welton Jones had proposed a smaller project for Starlight Bowl which would cost \$1 million; spelling of Starlight to be corrected.

The Cabrillo Bridge lamp project is ongoing with no major issues noted. The first unit to be rehabilitated will serve as an example for the balance of the project going forward.

Mural drawings for the Auto Museum are in process by the firm creating them. Black line versions will be created, the color to be applied later. The far-right banner, considered the most difficult to create, will be the first.

Annual Luncheon planning is proceeding. Kay Rippee has arranged for the catering to be done by the Prado restaurant once again. We are asking Sandy Shapery for one electricienne to be shown as a photo prop. Our May meeting will be dedicated to Luncheon planning. Members of the planning committee will attend, but others may attend at their option.

Goodhue/Gilbert awards from a short list of candidates were discussed.

Paul Theine was unanimously approved for the Goodhue award. Thiene oversaw the exposition nursery from September 1911 through 1915, growing millions of plants for the exposition. He was the supervisor of landscape for the exposition grounds in 1915. He did the original plantings in the Botanical Building, Palm Canyon, Montezuma Garden (now Alcazar Garden), El Prado and almost all other areas of the exposition grounds.

The San Diego Museum of Man was unanimously approved as recipient of the Gertrude Gilbert award, in recognition of the re-opening of the California Tower guided tours, i.e. the California Tower Climb.

Jim Bonner gave the Treasurer's report. He noted that he is now using Quickbooks online as his accounting tool. No objections or corrections were noted.

Tom Jackson gave a report on the Electric Building Tenants' Committee (Casa de Balboa). The only major issue was a strong push by SDG&E to have the building (as well as others in the Park) accept a new billing structure. It would reduce rates during periods of lower power usage, applying much higher rates during peak periods, as during heat waves such as we saw last year. This type of billing had been used some years earlier with near-disastrous fiscal harm to several tenants. The unanimous vote was to accept and stay with the current system.

Mike Kelly noted the current and growing sculpture display in the Plaza, encouraging members to take time to view it. There are now 7 pieces with signage.

Submitted,

Tom Jackson, Recording Secretary

Next board meeting Monday, April 18, at Balboa Park Club

Luncheon planners meeting Monday May 16 at Balboa Park Club

Annual luncheon Friday, May 27. All board members should plan to attend.

COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED

Board Minutes – April 18, 2016

Present: Jim Bonner, Rick Gulley, Welton Jones, Pamela Hartwell, Bob Wohl, Tom Jackson, Mike Kelly, Pam Miller, Robert Thiele, Kevin Bentz, Fern Murphy, Jerry Kolaja, John Wilson.

March minutes approved as read.

Several comments made regarding park entry project by the Friends, presented last month by Vicki Estrada and Jack Carpenter. Most were positive, one stipulation being that sites must include pedestrian information.

Guard House project at west entry. On the traffic-facing side, aluminum doors were installed – not historic. Apparently this is related to projected use by Parks and Rec.

Funding issues for C100 going forward. How to approach? Grants? Seek major funders for projects? One possibility might be a major donor matching grant.

John Wilson suggests posting our “unfinished projects” on our website. Pamela Hartwell agreed.

Robert Thiele believes we need to more fully engage the City – pressure on leaders stressing the Park’s intrinsic economic value to the region via tourism, etc.

Rick Gulley suggests the lamppost project on the Cabrillo bridge is, in fact, a collaborative effort and an indication of future possibilities. Prioritizing of future projects, especially in concert with the Conservancy.

Cost projected for the lamp project is \$270,000. Possibility of a shortfall of \$8,000 due to unexpected increase in cost. Board voted to contribute \$2,000 toward that amount for C100’s portion.

Auto Museum question: Is the existing structure able to accommodate the weight of replacement art work? Danny Codd sees no problem, but an architect will examine the structure’s integrity.

Balboa Park Funding Initiative: Rick Gulley gave a good overview of the history and detail relating to the Zoo’s dedicated funding from the City. It dates back to the 1930’s and a plea by then Zoo leader Dr. Wegeforth for funds dedicated to ongoing upkeep of exhibits. This was in response to a *Voice of San Diego* recent online article.

Treasurer's report: Jim is now using *QuickBooks* for a cleaner and more concise report. From now on, his report will include the previous monthly period plus current month entries up to the date of his report, not stopping on month end as was the previous method. This should provide a more accurate and up-to-date picture of our finances as of the date of our monthly meeting.

No current information on the EBTC. Upcoming report will deal with proposed major solar project and include all information provided by vendors (3) competing for the job.

Submitted,

Tom Jackson, Recording Secretary

COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED

Board of Directors Minutes – May 16, 2016

Special planning session for annual meeting.

Present: Mike Kelly, Tom Jackson, Dick Lareau, Ross Porter and Jim Bonner

Donations for raffle include \$100 gift certificate from Cohn restaurants; Museum of Man donated group CA Tower Climb for up to 12 people. Pat Taylor donated a quilt with images of postcards from 1915 Expo. Lynn Silva is creating 3 gift baskets. A donated book will be included in each basket.

Kevin Bentz will take wine to the Prado Restaurant to be chilled for our event.

Centerpiece Geraniums will be furnished again by Jim Zemcik.

The presentation will be videotaped by Art Ledford.

A brief discussion was held regarding future annual meeting raffles or silent auctions being professionally produced for larger audiences and promotional possibilities for C100's work.

Table assignments were discussed – no politicians for Mike's table.

Ross recapped the Zoo's spectacular at the pavilion.

The Electriquette display will return and photographer will take guest photos.

Paul Theine's granddaughter will not attend, but may contribute information on him. (Since then Mike has heard from a second granddaughter, Maya Redwitz 949-939-1235, who might attend)

Our featured speaker has provided bio for Ross to read.

VIP's to be introduced by Ross. Pitch for new membership to this audience.

Reservations somewhat low. Another push required.

Submitted by Tom Jackson

Minutes of The Committee of One Hundred
Annual Meeting: Friday, May 27, 2016

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:

Richard Bregante, Tom Jackson, Richard Lareau, Vincent Marchetti, Fern Murphy, Cub Parker, and Ross Porter.

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 **2016 Gertrude Gilbert Award** was presented to the Museum of Man for opening the CA Tower to the public with their guided tours. The award was accepted by George Ramirez, chair of the museum's board.

The **2016 Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue Award** went to Paul G. Thiene for his work in the nursery and planting for the 1915 Exposition. The award was accepted by May Thiene Redwitz. Her husband Tom Redwitz spoke on her behalf.

Guest Speaker Molly McClain gave a well-received talk entitled "A Room of Their Own: The Contribution of Women to the Panama-California Exposition, 1915"

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

Submitted by Michael Kelly

COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED

Board Minutes – June 20, 2016

Present: Jim Bonner, Welton Jones, Pamela Hartwell, Bob Wohl, Mike Kelly, Pam Miller, Robert Thiele, Ross Porter, Kay Rippee, Lynn Silva, Danny Codd, Cub Parker, Ron Buckley, Vince Marchetti, Rich Bregante,

Meeting was called to order at 12:02 by Mike Kelly. April, May, and Annual Meeting minutes were approved.

Annual luncheon review. Talk by Molly McClain was well-received. Mike thanked Kay Rippee, Ross Porter, Lynn Silva, Jim Bonner. Final guest count was about 130 vs recent 160-170 but raffle and flower sales were good. Raffle took in \$628 and flowers \$147. Net gain was \$2,096.42

Cabrillo Bridge lamp restoration is underway. First lamp is now at Gibson and Gibson. Once that lamp is completed and any surprises dealt with, the next step will be to send out 5-6 lamps at a time. Mike discussed issues with four single lampposts ordered and paid for by the City. Not exact replicas, they are 90% accurate. Will be placed on Plaza.

Auto Museum murals are progressing, albeit slowly.

Holiday party for 2016 was discussed. We'll try Tom Ham's this year and Kay will reserve December 1st.

Botanical building restoration project support of \$2 million in budget revision from City Council members Lorie Zapf, Mark Kersey, Chris Cate, and Scott Sherman (not Todd Gloria). Mayor has pledged \$1.35 million from next capital improvement bond.

San Diego High School lease discussed. City Council approved ballot measure for charter amendment. Mike Kelly will write letter to mayor and council-members stating our position that no Balboa Park land should be given away. If the land is leased to the School District, payment should be in line with the value of the property and all funds from that lease should be returned to improve Balboa Park.

Treasurer's report: Jim Bonner distributed the report and answered questions. All recurring insurance and tax return expenses have been paid for this year.

President's report: Mike Kelly noted that C100 was recognized by the Historic Resources Board with a certificate for our part in bringing back the electricettes.

Welton Jones reported on status of Starlight Bowl renewal.

Pam Miller had requested that some of us stay after address envelopes and write notes for membership acknowledgements. Thanks to all who did.

Submitted,

Mike Kelly

THE COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED

Board of Directors Minutes for September 19, 2016

Present: Kevin Bentz, Danny Codd, Vince Marchetti, Pamela Hartwell, Tom Jackson, Welton Jones, Mike Kelly, Fern Murphy, Gladys Novinger, Ross Porter, Kay Rippee, Lynn Silva, Robert Thiele, John Wilson, Bob Wohl

Guests: Steve Stopper, accompanied by several of his staff, presented an overview and update on progress toward restoring the **Starlight (Ford) Bowl** to full usage. A slide presentation enabled the members to view the current bowl condition, efforts toward cleanup and many possibilities for future use as an active venue. The overriding theme was said to be sustainability once initial expenditures (an estimated \$1 million) for repairs and upgrading are raised. The group currently has \$370,000 toward this goal. A number of businesses have pledged support going forward. They are exploring the possibility of doing a fundraiser on the bowl site. The Board agreed to lend its support to the effort.

The **Jacobs plan** was discussed. While funding remains an issue, many consider its eventual construction all but inevitable. There are, apparently, some Council members who are not fully supportive at this point. SOHO could possibly file another lawsuit.

The issue of **signage**, both within and external to the Park, especially designed to point out alternatives to the Cabrillo Bridge entry, was raised by John Wilson. There is still a dream that the bridge will one day return to its pedestrian roots.

The **Cabrillo Bridge lamp restoration** project is moving forward. The first light standard has been restored and returned to the bridge. Six more have been removed.

The **Auto Museum** is highly supportive of the mural project to replace the four panels which once faced the plaza above its entrance. Mike and Robert Thiele showed renderings of partially completed art work for the banners which will, eventually, give way to permanent tile panels. It is very detailed work, still being colored in at this point.

Mike announced that Jim Bonner has been ill.

Submitted, Tom Jackson

Recording Secretary

THE COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED

Board of Directors Minutes – November 21, 2016

Present: Kevin Bentz, Jim Bonner, Rich Bregante, Ron Buckley, Danny Codd, Pamela Hartwell, Tom Jackson, Welton Jones, Mike Kelly, Vince Marchetti.

New City Council member, Chris Ward, was introduced to the Board as Todd Gloria's successor. He has a wide background in urban planning, a deep concern about addressing San Diego's (and the Park's) homeless issues, and plans to address infrastructure and public safety. When asked, he stated he might have voted against the Jacobs plan. He cited his suspicion of the parking study as too optimistic. The City is facing large budget deficits over the next two years. Other priorities might take away projected funding from the City. Private funding for the Jacobs plan has decreased from 2012 to 2016. Some Measure J funds will likely come to Balboa Park, but the amount will not be nearly enough. He seemed to consider the project too expensive overall.

The San Diego High lease was discussed. The Board's view is that a fair lease, based on current property values, should be negotiated. The funds from that lease should be directed to offset operating and infrastructure costs in the park.

Mike asked if the City's building survey, including Balboa Park, was complete. Mr. Ward promised to look into it. He also pledged to be as even-handed as possible with respect to the various entities in the park, not favoring one group over others.

Cabrillo Bridge lamp restoration – almost complete. The last few have been removed and should be reinstalled within two weeks. C100 led the initiative for this project.

Auto Museum murals artwork – Two panels nearly complete, border art still under review. The wish is to feature the principal artwork with borders as near the original as possible. Final two panels are in progress. The tile version will likely cost in excess of \$50,000 for each of four—a separate fundraising issue for future consideration.

Plaza de Panama project funding received City Council approval. Bonds to finance the parking structure behind the organ pavilion - \$30 million. City will provide \$10 million. Donors will finance about 39 million for bypass centennial bridge, road and improvements to Plaza, El Prado, Esplanade with Jacobs potentially covering shortfall. There are gaps in funding at this time. Most feel the project is a *fait accompli*, pending

final funding. Mike reiterated C100's position, referring members to our website for a copy of the letter he sent to the Mayor and City Council.

Ron Buckley noted that the project, as designed, is not compliant with Federal historic standards or with existing Park plans.

Save Starlight project is ongoing. There is currently no known opposition to this effort. Board voted unanimously to allow C100's name and logo in fundraising efforts. This permission can be revoked.

Awards for 2017 Annual Luncheon – 50th Anniversary of Committee of 100. Whom to honor was discussed. A new award, possibly "Founders' Award," strictly for Committee members and leaders was put forth for consideration. No final decision on either the name or parameters was made.

Treasurer's report: Jim Bonner returned after his recovery and received a warm welcome. He presented a report giving a year-to-date balance sheet review, plus the past two months' profit and loss statements.

EBTC (Casa de Balboa) report: Tom Jackson reported that the window project put forth by the Model Railroad Museum appears to be on hold. Support is lacking from other stakeholders. The projected rooftop solar project is on hold, pending a funding source. The recently renovated bathrooms in the building have ongoing problems with faucets the City opted to use. They are activated by battery packs, since the City did not wish to fund hard-wired hookups for each. Rechargeable batteries are costly and prone to failure. We are asking the City to reconsider the long-term costs and the public health concerns of continuing with this product.

Holiday Party. Mike Kelly encouraged all board members to attend 12/1 at Tom Hams.

Submitted by Tom Jackson, Recording Secretary