

# THE COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED

Board of Directors Minutes –January 8, 2018

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Board of Directors Minutes – March 19, 2018

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**February minutes** were approved as read.

**Roger Showley** was introduced as our newest member and made introductory remarks on his background and enthusiastic support of the park and our mission.

**Auto Museum project:** Ron Roberts has recommended a grant of \$45,000, which must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. This amount would cover the cost of tiles for a second panel. In addition, Peggy Matthews left the Committee \$25,000, which may also be applied to the project. Mike has met with three fund-raising professionals to date, investigating the possibility of enlisting such services in raising funds for the remainder of the Auto Museum mural project and future work in the Palisades area. Each would require payment in advance and cost is a serious consideration in a cost-benefit analysis.

Robert Thiele reported on a structural evaluation of the Auto Museum front wall and parapet showing they are structurally sound. Some repairs to the parapet will likely be needed prior to tile application. The City should be responsible for exterior repairs and maintenance on the structure, but we should be prepared to cover the cost should that become necessary.

**Palisades Project:** Robert included a working map of the Central Mesa and Palisades, indicating possible parking areas to replace those lost in the event of restoration of the fountains formerly located in the Palisades area.

The desirability of getting Comic-Con on board for future Palisades planning and development will be a high priority.

**Open House San Diego:** Volunteer names were taken to cover the Open House San Diego event.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Bonner reports a change in our investments and reviewed recent and annual statements.

**EBTC:** Tom Jackson reported that the Building Committee has approved the installation of tile flooring and splash guards in all the bathrooms. This will greatly

extend the life of the floor and facilitate cleaning and maintenance, which has been an ongoing issue. Funds are already in place to cover the cost. The low bidder so far is Coles Flooring. The long-planned solar project for Casa de Balboa appears to be nearing reality, with the bid going to Baker Solar Electric. No firm start date for installation has yet been announced.

Submitted,

Tom Jackson, Recording Secretary

# THE COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED

Board of Directors Minutes – April 16, 2018

Present: Kevin Bentz, Jim Bonner, Rich Bregante, Ron Buckley, Danny Codd, Betsy Frankel, Pamela Hartwell, Tom Jackson, Welton Jones, Mike Kelly, Jerry Kolaja, Dick Lareau, Fern Murphy, Ross Porter, Kay Rippee, Roger Showley, Lynn Silva, Robert Thiele, John Wilson.

March minutes approved as read.

**Auto Museum Murals:** Board of Supervisors has approved Ron Roberts' \$45,000 grant which will enable the second phase of tile work. The border tiles, in order to maintain a consistent color appearance, will be done first. Tile donations – Directors are asked to purchase at least one tile as a good faith gesture and asked to tell friends about the program. Information is available on our website. A table will be set up at the Annual Meeting luncheon to provide information on tile sales and the project itself.

**Palisades:** Robert Thiele suggests that the technology, engineering and political considerations in play for the Auto Museum project also apply to the Municipal Gym and to the Comic-Con artwork. The ficus trees outside the Auto Museum are undermining the foundation of the structure. Increasing parking east and behind the Aerospace Museum and Starlight Bowl are being discussed. Timing of Palisades parking area reconstruction with opening of the Comic-Con venue was suggested as beneficial. Ultimately, Parks and Recreation will make that decision.

The Palisades proposed redevelopment is being kept separate and apart from the "Jacobs Plan" parking garage behind the Organ Pavilion. The future of that plan is still in limbo, pending possible further legal challenges.

The recent Open House San Diego attracted a few visitors. Those who were interested enough to pursue membership or offer support is unknown.

Mike and Welton Jones attended Comic-Con visioning workshop. Adam Smith and Keegan Chetwynd at Comic Con are supportive of our Palisades plans—especially restoration of the Plaza.

**Annual Luncheon:** We have received a \$1,500 gift in support of the luncheon from Heritage Architecture.

**Fund-Raising:** Mike has interviewed six candidates for grant writing and fund-raising support. One was willing to work on an hourly basis. No decision has been made.

Mike suggested we may be helped by convening a Board Retreat in the near future to strategize our approach to the Palisades project. At least one pre-meeting to plan our approach to such a retreat was suggested for those who are willing to participate.

**Treasurer's report:** Jim Bonner presented our financial reports

**EBTC:** Tom Jackson reports that the solar project in discussion for months on the roof of the Casa de Balboa has been taken over by The Museum of Photographic Arts and the San Diego History Center. They will jointly own and be responsible for the costs and maintenance. All other tenants are relieved of responsibility and will not share in any costs or savings from the project.

**Donations for luncheon raffle** at the annual meeting were requested. Lynn Silva will be the contact.

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Board of Directors Minutes – June 18, 2018

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**Review of Annual Meeting:** The Committee's honoring of Sandy Shapery seems to have helped generate more interest in finding a solution to the electricette issues of where people can take them and where Shapery can rent them. No descendant of Juan Larrinaga was found to accept his award. Mike is still searching for a family member. Income for the event was \$9,505. After expenses, net profit was \$3,197 [not final]. Donors were thanked for raffle items.

**Auto Museum Murals:** A lot of interest has been generated in the murals, leading to more tile purchases. We need to expand our donor base beyond current membership, especially going forward with the greater Palisades Plan. It may be possible to have groups such as Auto Museum, SOHO and Friends of Balboa Park send information on our behalf. Mike has asked the Board of Supervisors for another \$30,000 grant.

**Palisades restoration:** Mike, Robert Thiele, and Roger Showley have been meeting with several park stakeholders and others in order to obtain input and support for the Palisades project. For some, parking is the key. Robert has generated possible reconfigurations of parking. One option removes 108 spaces, adds 136, gaining 28 parking spaces.

**Food in the Park:** Roger Showley spoke about the future of food and beverage entities in the Park as an income producer. City should return income from food and beverage operations to the Park rather than adding to the general fund.

**Holiday Party** will be at Tom Ham's Monday Dec 3. A brief discussion was had regarding entertainment for our annual Holiday Party. We'll ask Ross Porter for ideas.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Bonner reported net income of \$62,796.

**Electric Building Tenant Committee:** Tom Jackson reported on fire alarm system at Casa de Balboa. The City agreed to install an updated system and will provide "fire watch" during business hours. Fire Marshal has told tenants they must provide this after hours. This would apparently require someone to be present for this duty between closing and opening hours. We are seeking clarification.

Submitted, Tom Jackson, Recording Secretary

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Board of Directors Minutes – August 20, 2018

Present: Jim Bonner, Ron Buckley, Danny Codd, Betsy Frankel, Pamela Hartwell, Tom Jackson, Welton Jones, Mike Kelly, Jerry Kolaja, Dick Lareau, Vince Marchetti, Fern Murphy, Robert Thiele, Bob Wohl.

June minutes approved.

**Auto Museum update:** An additional grant of \$7,000 was received from the County. Tile donations from individuals and 3 non-profits are over \$30,000 to date. Since the Board had previously approved completion of the tile project, it was decided to order the next phase of tiles from the company costing \$42,000 down and \$84,000 when completed.

Mike and Robert Thiele met with Herb Johnson, new CEO of the Auto Museum regarding the tile project and the greater Palisades "Pan American Plaza Rehabilitation Project," the title announced at our annual luncheon in June.

**Pan American Plaza Rehabilitation:** Robert Thiele stated we need to create partnerships with other players and, perhaps critically, with the Mayor's office. There are over 16 different entities involved in or which have an interest in Palisades restoration.

The Committee of 100 is not in a position to complete the Pan American Plaza project on its own. The Mayor and other stakeholders / key players need to help reach a consensus on the project. This could include a task force with support from the Mayor's office. Vicki Estrada, who wrote the 1979 Master Plan and 1982 Central Mesa Precise Plan, has been joining our team in meetings with stakeholders.

**Casa de Balboa:** Mike has asked Marie Wiggins for a list of submitted repair projects on the structure during recent years. A roof survey revealed serious flaws in some of the concrete-based decorative elements along the parapet which could present a danger to passers-by. Other items include exposed fiberglass, damaged caulking and peeling and faded paint, particularly along the south and west portions. Ms. Wiggins has promised a list, yet to be received.

**Jacobs Plan:** Contractors are experiencing cost increases due to the delays caused by the appeals. The judge's ruling, when made final, will signal a construction start, according to firms involved. They plan to proceed, regardless of any future appeals.

**Jim Bonner:** Financial report for period from July 1 to August 19 was submitted. It shows a net income of \$12,602 for the period.

**Tom Jackson EBTC:** No current report from Casa de Balboa (EBTC).

**Mike Kelly:** We have received word that C100 is included in the wills of C100 members Jack Redfern (died 2018) and his wife Irma (died 2016).

Board Members who have not paid their annual dues are asked to submit them immediately. Other options are to buy a tile for \$500, which includes annual membership, or for \$1000 which includes a Life membership

The US Post Office has begun requiring that we display on all mailings an abbreviated version of our longer name in order to mail at a non-profit rate.

**Submitted by** Tom Jackson, Recording Secretary

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Board of Directors Minutes – September 17, 2018

Present: Jim Bonner, Ron Buckley, Danny Codd, Betsy Frankel, Pamela Hartwell, Welton Jones, Mike Kelly, Vince Marchetti, Barbara Brown, Robert Thiele, Cub Parker, Roger Showley, Bob Wohl.

August minutes approved.

**Auto Museum update:** Robert Thiele reported that RTK Studios in Ojai has ordered supplies and begun printing outlines on the tiles. Further payments will be delayed until early 2019 when tile production should be underway.

**Pan American Plaza Rehabilitation:** Mike Kelly, Robert Thiele, Roger Showley and Vicki Estrada met with Jen Lebron, Director of Public Safety & Neighborhood Services Policy & LGBT Liaison, and Bob Vacchi, Deputy Chief Operating Officer for Neighborhood Services in the Mayor's office to discuss pedestrianizing the Plaza de America (Pan-American Plaza).

**Friends of Balboa Park:** annual luncheon will be held on Friday, Oct 19. The date given in the meeting was wrong. We have been asked to support the Park & Rec BP employee picnic with a donation of \$250, which was approved. We will have the opportunity to speak briefly at the picnic.

**Casa de Balboa:** Mike Kelly has again advised Marie Wiggins and Balboa Park Senior staff that there might be a danger to the public from falling concrete flames of torches in the ornamentation on the Casa de Balboa. As far as we know, none of the requested repairs on the building have been made.

**Jim Bonner:** Presented the financial report.

**Submitted by** Mike Kelly

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September minutes approved.

**Auto Museum:** The murals, particularly the two on the right, are fading to black quickly. Mike has contacted the company for assistance. The murals were supposed to last for two years and have barely weathered one year. Permanent tiles for replacement are due in April. Should we attempt a temporary solution or remove the panels before the problem worsens, prep the wall for tile installation and wait for its arrival? Mike suggested we reduce the cost to purchase border tiles for the installation to \$250 each. The motion was made and approved.

**Pan American Plaza** (parking lot) project. The City is apparently working toward it. They know of our focus and, as a result, we have scaled back on our meetings with the City. Rich Bregante suggests we take a strategic planning role and approach the City Councilman for the district, Chris Ward, with this plan. Ron Buckley concurs and adds the concept of making a formal application for the project. Getting an early start would make it possible to avoid some of the normal reports, such as environmental, etc.

The ficus trees flanking the Auto Museum are also a focus. They should be removed by the City.

**Casa de Balboa:** A facilities maintenance inspection is due on the building, focusing on roof, exterior and ornamental areas.

**Vice president** Ross Porter has tendered his resignation as Vice President of the Committee. Welton Jones nominated Roger Showley for the position. That motion was unanimously approved by the Board. Roger has extensive community connections, a deep historic perspective and a love for the Park.

**Open House San Diego** is scheduled for March. We will again participate with the help of volunteers to staff a booth and engage visitors.

**Treasurer** Jim Bonner has expressed his desire to retire after 14 years as our treasurer. We will be open to suggestions for a person to fill that role in future. The Board thanks Jim for his extraordinary and devoted service. Jim gave financial report.

No EBTC report. Roger Showley would like to have a report on the Committee's finances, especially the Café income portion, and how funds are allocated.

Lynn Silva reports 15 people have signed up thus far for the Holiday Party. The required minimum is 25.

Submitted by Tom Jackson

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Annual meeting minutes – June 1, 2018

The annual meeting was held at the Balboa Park Club ballroom on Friday 6/1/2018.

Roger Showley made introductory remarks. Mike Kelly called the official portion of the meeting to order. Welton Jones read the names of board members to be voted on as a slate. The following board members were elected for three-year terms:

Kevin Bentz, Ronald L. Buckley, Danny Codd, David Frost, Rick Gulley, Michael Kelly, Pamela Miller, Roger Showley, Robert Thiele

The following officers were elected unanimously for the coming year:

Michael Kelly–President;  
Ross Porter–Vice President;  
James Bonner–Treasurer;  
Thomas Jackson–Recording Secretary;  
Betsey Frankel–Corresponding Secretary;  
Richard Bregante–Officer; Welton Jones–Officer; Pamela Miller–Officer

The official part of the meeting was adjourned.

Mike Kelly presented an update on C100 activities and plans for the Palisades.

Awards were presented by Council Member Chris Ward:

Gertrude Gilbert Award: Sandy Shapery for bringing back the electriquettes

Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue Award: Juan B. Larrinaga, Art Director 1935 Expo

This award was accepted by Jim Kidrick, CEO of the Air and Space Museum, home to the only remaining mural by Larrinaga in Balboa Park

Guest Speaker: Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, spoke on Resurrecting the Palisades

His talk was well received and will be made available online.

Roger Showley administered the raffle and closed the meeting by thanking all who contributed to the event.