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**MINUTES
COLTON HALL MUSEUM AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
April 24, 2006, 3:30 p.m.
City Council Chamber**

Present: Commissioners Welling, Todd, Selfridge, Solitario, Washburn, Schneider, Theodore, Morris, Reese and Stock

Staff: Kim Bui-Burton, Douglas Holtzman, Jim Conway and Chalet Catlin

Excused: Commissioners Ansel and Buskirk

I. FIELD TRIP

Staff took commissioners on a field trip of the various historical sites that are overseen by the division. Colton Hall, Presidio of Monterey Museum and Lower Presidio Historic Park, Worker Shacks and Pacific Biological Lab were highlighted.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Todd called the regular meeting to order at 4:11 pm.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting of March 27, 2006. **MOTION:** Commissioner Selfridge made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2006 meeting with the corrections by commissioner Washburn. Seconded by Commissioner Welling. All ayes, motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comment.

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Activity report - Kim presented on oral report to the Commission of the Division's March activities. She highlighted the March 8th Colton Hall Birthday, which coincided with the National Dozen Distinctive Destinations Award given to the City by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. A reception was held in Colton Hall for this event which was followed by the Birthday celebration and cake. A total of about 125 people came through the museum that day. March 10th was the very successful Alvarado Gallery opening with four artist showing. Jim shared with the Commission that the Alvarado Gallery had a number of sales the opening night and continues to have sales. Kim also shared with the Commission Jim's involvement with walking tours of the historic sites around town to visiting planners and delegations. Kim also brought the commission up to date on the Budget situation. The Commission had a number of comments regarding the process. Doug gave his insight into the timeline of the procedure and told them he would let them know which meeting to attend to make the Commission's case for funding. Jim informed the Commission of the Army's use of resources at the presidio.

B. Third Thursday - MMA Opening/Colton Hall Museum - Jim gave a report regarding the MMA/Colton Hall Third Thursday event. He briefly gave a history of the MMA event

and told the Commission about our sponsorship for this date. The city thought that it would be a good night to highlight Colton Hall as well. We had a nice turnout of about 100 people and it seems that this could be something we do once a year. He also shared that staff had put together exhibit panels for the MMA highlighting Monterey development.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ad-hoc Committee report - Sculpture Repair - Commissioner Todd suggested that the Ad-hoc Committee report and Item B Monument Repair Funding - NIP be addressed at the same time. Commissioner Todd shared with the Commission that she was happy with the Commission's attendance at the April 20th NIP meeting. She also reminded the Commission that the voting for NIP projects will be held on April 27th and urged everyone to attend. Commissioner Selfridge felt that our project had a positive response and had other neighborhood support. Jim informed the Commission of the handout he had prepared for the NIP committee and told them of the amended cost that was requested (\$77,000).

B. Monument Repair Funding - NIP - See Item A.

C. Status of Memorial for Commissioner Nash - Commissioner Todd told the Commission that since MPC was doing their own memorial to Commissioner Nash that the City's bench Memorial would be enough. Staff will get back on track with this project and update the Commission.

D. Colton Hall Fundraising -. The Commission discussed at length what the needs of the division were. Staff suggesting compiling a list of projects that would need funding. Artifact restoration, and continuing maintenance of artwork were two that came to mind. It was decided to keep this on the agenda. The Commissioners were hopeful that the Angel idea be revisited for next year and staff reminded them that there was seed money available for a fundraising event. The Commission directed staff to provide a priority list of needs for future fundraising. The Commission also decided to come back to the next meeting with more ideas. Commissioner Reese asked that before they moved on to new business what the status of the Commission was in regard to the three month grace period given by the City Council. Commissioner Welling gave a quick overview of the situation to Commissioner Reese. Staff commented that a report to the mayor and council about the Commissions progress and activities would be appropriate and that the sub-committee to council would probably make a recommendation at the May 16 city council meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Donation - Sculptures and Various publications, Mistretta Donation. Jim gave his recommendation to the Commission. **MOTION:** Commissioner Washburn made a motion to accept the donation. Seconded by Commissioner Selfridge. All ayes, motion passed.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS

A. Todd: Noticed that a member of the public had joined us and asked her to introduce herself. Judy Marra stated she was a student of the Salinas Adult School and was attending this meeting as a requirement for one of her classes. She was interested in the process and may come to other meetings. Commissioner Todd encouraged her to attend more meetings. She also encouraged the Commission to attend the Thursday NIP voting meeting.

B. Stock: Shared with the Commission that it was wonderful to see the new people on the Commission.

C. Theodore: No comment.

D. Solitario: Asked the staff about the Vault and wanted to arrange a time to visit the location. Staff will schedule.

E. Washburn: Asked about the May 6th event at the PG Museum. Staff informed her that we were asked to participate in the event highlighting California Symbols. Colton Hall will display the Nahl Grizzly painting, the Bear Flag and the State seal. Jeff Lanzman, our museum attendant will be working the event. All Commissioners were encouraged to attend. She also asked about "The Dancers" painting which will be lent out for exhibit to the MMA and then the Oakland Museum. Staff informed her that the painting is kept in the Vault until being lent out.

F. Welling: Commented on a NIP proposed mural project. Jim informed him that it was a misunderstanding and that the project had never been brought before our Commission. The project was for a study to be done not an actual project.

G. Reese: Thank you to all on the Commission.

H. Schneider: Felt that the field trip was interesting.

I. Selfridge: Asked about the fundraising.

J. Morris: No Comment.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A. Chair Todd adjourned the meeting at 5:15 PM.

B. Next Meeting: May 22, 2006, 4:00 PM, City Council Chamber

Minutes by Chalet Catlin