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MINUTES

COLTON HALL MUSEUM AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

September 25, 2006, 4:00 p.m.

City Council Chamber

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

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

Absent: Commissioners Ansel, Schneider, and Reese

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Todd called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Commission gave a warm welcome to Mary Buskirk.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting of August 28, 2006. **MOTION:** Motion made by Commissioner Welling to approve minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Solitario. All ayes, motion passed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Comment

IV. STAFF REPORTS

A. Activity report - Kim presented to the commission Jim's activity report covering August and September. The commissioners requested further information regarding the move of the historic city records from the City Attorney's office to the vault. Jim and Kim explained how the transfer was essential to the preservation of these archives. Kim also informed the commission of a report she is making to the City Manager expressing the obligation of the city as stewards of these artifacts to have the appropriate climate-controlled, secure storage space. The commissioners requested a trip to the vault. Staff will coordinate a field trip before the October meeting. Kim informed the commission of the divisions involvement in the Dubrovnik delegation press conference held in Colton Hall on September 22. The city council has approved Dubrovnik as a sister city.

B. Update on Cultural Arts Grants - Kim told the commission that staff was collecting information regarding the past grants and will be presenting a staff report in October.

C. Update on NIP Monument Repair Project - Jim informed the commission that the request for proposal had been closed on September 22 with only one bid being submitted. After staff evaluates the proposal and investigates the city legal process, a report will be given to the commission at the October meeting.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Status of City Memorial for Commissioner Nash - Kim is arranging to meet with Doug Stafford assess the proposed sites for the bench. Chair Todd gave a brief biography of Commission Nash. Discussion followed regarding the benches that the commission had proposed. Staff informed them that no action was needed at this time. The commission recommended that one of the commissioners go along on the walk. Commissioner Welling agreed to go.

B. Fundraising Sub-committee report - Kim had checked with the finance director and confirmed that seed money could be used out of the Cultural Arts Donation Fund. Staff would like to recommend that no more than \$2000 be used out of the fund which would then be replaced. Extensive discussion regarding the each part of the fundraising process followed. Commissioner Selfridge has artists names to work on. Commissioners Solitario and Theodore were working on a venue. Commissioner Welling is to research the materials. Commissioner Todd is to contact local business for their support of the project. The purpose of the fundraiser was established: to restore/preserve the present collection of Monterey Angels and grow the Cultural Arts Grants. Staff stated that a current inventory will be conducted which can provide the commission with a status of the Angels' conditions. With that information the commission can assess a realistic fundraising goal. The commission discussed how to divide the proceeds of the fundraiser between the restoration of the Angels and the Cultural Arts Grants. Staff proposed that the committee approach the Friends of the Library to see if it would be possible to use the Library for the fundraiser. **MOTION:** Commissioner Selfridge made a motion to go forward with the project so as to contact artists. The project will be a silent auction. Seed money, not to exceed \$2000 from Cultural Arts Donation Fund will be refunded and proceeds from the fundraiser will be split between restoration of the Monterey Angels and the Cultural Arts Grant Fund. Details of the project will be discussed next month. Seconded by Commissioner Solitario. All ayes, motion passed. Discussion followed regarding merchant participation.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Donation - Tall Ship Photograph - Jim showed the photograph to the commission and gave his report recommending acceptance. Commission discussion. **MOTION:** Commissioner Washburn made a motion to approve the donation of the photograph. Seconded by Commissioner Selfridge. All ayes, motion passed.

B. Approval of Deaccession – Colton Hall Museum fishing baskets and corks - Kim presented the staff report to the commission. Many commissioners expressed strong feeling regarding the request of the donor. Jim explained the history of the donation, outlined the reason for deaccessioning under the current policies and explained the process of deaccessioning. Extensive commission discussion followed. **MOTION:** Commissioner Welling made a motion recommending to city council that we deaccession the fishing baskets and corks after we have received a letter from Mrs. Aliotti requesting the return of them. Seconded by Commissioner. Five ayes, 1 abstained. Motion passed. Staff to follow up with Mrs. Aliotti.

C. Call for Music Sub-committee appointment (Not on the Agenda) - Jim requested Chair to appoint a sub-committee to review the call for music so that a recommendation could be brought back to the commission by the October meeting. Commissioner Welling, Commissioner Selfridge, Commissioner Morris and Commissioner Todd were appointed.

VII. COMMISSION COMMENTS

A. Solitario: None.

B. Theodore: None.

C. Washburn: Asked various commissioners if they were able to do the tasks agreed upon regarding the fundraising project. Still waiting to hear what our mission is. She is going to the store (Cooper Molera Adobe) and find out when and where they sell angels and how much they go for. She is also selling tickets to the House tour.

D. Stock: Asked if any of the commissioners were going to paint an Angel. Commissioner Todd stated she already had her plywood and was planning on painting one.

E. Welling: Asked about the George Washington portrait that had been researched in the past and the status of the findings. Jim informed the commission that the painting could not be authenticated and the city did not pursue the donation. Asked about the finalization of the letters that were to go out to the businesses and artists. Discussion followed regarding letterhead. Kim stated she would look into it.

F. Selfridge: Asked if it would be appropriate to send a letter to Mr. Janssen thanking him for his efforts of restoring the Marsh building and inviting him to speak to the commission. Kim stated that would be appropriate. Jim suggested having Kim Cole from planning give an overview to the commission as the project has to report periodically to the Historic Preservation Commission. Staff to look into.

G. Morris: None

H. Buskirk: Stated she came to the commission to ask about the propriety of her ability to participate in the Call for Art. Staff is to check and get back to her.

I. Todd: Asked why Priscilla Gilbertson's name was not on as an ex-officio Commissioner. Kim stated she would follow up with that. She also heard that there was a new museum in town and that it was at the Catholic Church. She asked if anyone has seen that museum? Kim had heard that they had some exhibits put up about the Royal Presidio Chapel, but had not heard it called a museum. Jerry heard that it was one of the rooms off of the school and that the museum had originally been slated for the bee-keepers cottage. Anne stated that the Royal Presidio Chapel was on the October 15th tour and the commission could take a look.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Chair Todd adjourned the meeting at 5:29 PM.

B. Next Meeting: October 23, 2006, 3:30 PM, Vault Tour; 4:00 PM meeting in City Council Chamber

Minutes by Chalet Catlin