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MINUTES

COLTON HALL MUSEUM AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

October 23, 2006, 4:00 p.m.

City Council Chamber

Present: Commissioners Todd, Selfridge, Theodore, Washburn, Welling, and Morris

Staff: Kim Bui-Burton, Jim Conway, Chalet Catlin, Judy White

Absent: Commissioners Schneider, Solitario, Ansel, Reese, Stock and Buskirk

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Todd called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting of October 23, 2006. **MOTION:** Motion made by Commissioner Welling to approve minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Washburn. All ayes, motion passed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Dan Albert spoke his appreciation of the commission.

IV. STAFF REPORTS

A. Activity report – The vault tour was great and everything kept very well. History Fest. Jim reported on the walking tour of the Lower Presidio Historic Park on 10/7, 25 people participated in the walking tour and a total of 50 people through the museum that day. DLI had an on-going PowerPoint presentation with history starting back to 1920s and 1930s to today. Volunteer Stan Spurlock provided a display on Lt. Warner, with maps. The following Saturday, Oct. 14 at Colton Hall the reenactment video of the 1849 convention was shown for 22 people. Because the video has been shown a number of times, Jim reported we will be doing something different next year. No Commissioners at either event

Commissioner Washburn – The Friends of the Library house tour went well and made double the amount of money from last year.

Kim is working with the City Attorney on fishing baskets who is concerned about setting a precedence and is working on language that will be provided.

Kim was in New Orleans this past week at the National Summit on Heritage Preservation sponsored by the President's Advisory Council. It included people from all levels of government and agencies from across the country on Heritage tourism. Representatives from Department of Interior, Department of Defense and Secretary of Interior were present. First Lady Laura Bush was a conveyor and was in a working group with Kim so Kim talked about Monterey and what we're doing about historic

preservation and heritage tourism. What Monterey does is not done in majority of other local communities.

Kim reported it was very interesting to see what state New Orleans is in since Hurricane Katrina. Many streets without activity and most home's not occupied and most major hospitals not open. The residents who stayed and survived say it was because of the great community efforts. They need tourism back to financially survive and the French Quarter restaurants and stores are open.

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 January.

C. Update on NIP Monument Repair Project - Jim sent out six Request for Proposals, but received only one bid. Jim will talk to the company, Architectural Resources Group, who submitted the bid to negotiate on bid price and NIP funds available. Depending upon cost, may do only part of proposal. When checking with the other conservators who received the RFP, Jim found most didn't bid because they were too busy. If negotiations fail with ARG, we will submit second RFP for new bids.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Status of City Memorial for Commission Nash – Kim set 11/15 for date to finalize meeting with Doug Stafford. Possible sites include in front of Old Jail or at the sculpture garden at the Monterey Museum of Art. Jim to be contact person. Commissioner Todd feels it should be within Colton Hall environment.

B. 2007 Angel Fundraising Project Update – Commissioner Selfridge to contact artists. Commissioner Todd and Washburn to propose a generic cover letter with project information, on Colton Hall letterhead and need to create a letter to artists with timeline. Commissioner Todd spoke to Rick Johnson of the Old Monterey Business Association, who indicated they could use their labels on letters to businesses and could have a spot at the Tuesday Farmer's Market. Commissioner Welling suggested getting list of businesses in Monterey with business license from Revenue to use as guideline to send letters to all/most city businesses with store-fronts. Commissioner Todd would like storefronts with front windows to display angels and the first 30 to reply will be selected. Commissioner Welling suggested if business do not have space to display angel, any contributions would be appreciated and this information could be included in cover letter.

Chalet is working with Jason on the existing angel inventory to be completed by November 6 so the following week a contractor can start putting them up, to be completed prior to Thanksgiving. Jim indicated there are approximately 96 angels stored at Europa Furniture Store, Presidio and West Garage. The angels are heavy and hard to hang and difficult to restore. Commissioner Washburn will report the approximate percentage of angels that needed to be restored at November meeting. The City Manager had glass ornaments of the angels made for Dubrovnik – one of Monterey's sister cities—as a gift. Commissioner Todd would like to pursue getting some of these made to sell. Commissioner Morris indicated schools and Sunday schools may like to paint the angels and requested a pattern of the angel. Commissioner Welling has pattern of the angel.

Commissioner Theodore visited three locations as possible places for venue, but most did not have enough room or was too expensive. The Library could be the best option of these locations, but the committee will check House of the Four Winds (Monterey Civic Club) and the Masonic Hall and report at next meeting. Need to determine actual budget for the event, but won't know until the number of artists is finalized. Kim to look into whether insurance would be required at any of these venues.

C. Call for Music recommendation – Music Committee reviewed the 8 respondents to the Call for Music and recommended – Kim Angelis, Voci a Cappella, and Heartstrings. Canta Flor chosen as an alternate. Remaining Funds of \$4,600 in the music account. Staff to recommend performance dates at the November meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Washburn made a motion to approve sub-committee's recommendation for the 2007 Music Series, seconded by Commissioner Selfridge. All ayes, motion passed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Call for Art---Received 21 applications. Staff will provide packets next week for the commission. A PowerPoint presentation will be presented at the next meeting with a staff recommendation for the number of shows and artists. Presentation will display pictures and artist bios. The November meeting will run longer than usual.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS

- A. Commissioner Todd thanked Commissioner Washburn for a great luncheon and suggested making an annual event.
- B. Commissioner Todd mentioned the Alvarado Gallery opening on November 3, and asked for volunteers to assist Commissioner Welling volunteered to pour wine. Staff will provide the normal hors d'oeuvres. Kim to bring chips and dips. Commissioner Washburn will bring fruit plate. Commissioner Todd will bring something – not yet decided.
- C. Commissioner Washburn announced the All Saints Craft Faire, which is same day as Sunset Faire and usually the same day as Church of the Wayfarer fair.
- D. Jim thanked the Museum staff for all of their hard work in the department, including the two museum attendants who keep Colton Hall open 362 days and year.
- E. Kim thanked everyone for the Friends of the Library House tour, which was very successful. Commissioner Selfridge commented how many people came from out of town for the tour. Commissioner Washburn said her neighbors were unaware of this event. Pictures are at MPLFriends.com.
Commissioner Selfridge mentioned the Friends of the Mayo Hayes O'Donnell Library fundraiser on 11/18 10 am – 4 pm at the Carriage House featuring approximately 8 local artists, with 25% of their profit going to the Library. Money will go toward a special chip to be inserted into book for theft protection.
- F. Commissioner Selfridge will determine pattern and thickness of plywood needed for angels.
- G. Commissioner Welling to provide Commissioner Morris with pattern of angel on plywood.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Chair Todd adjourned the meeting at 5:02 PM.
- B. Next Meeting: November 27, 2006, 4:00 PM

Minutes by Judy White