



Colton Hall Museum
and
Cultural Arts Commission

Minutes

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2009

4:00 P.M.

Council Chamber
Few Memorial Hall of Records
Monterey, California

Commissioners
Fatima Dias, Chair
Tandy Messenger, Vice-Chair
John Greenwald
Esther Rodriguez
Elizabeth Schneider
Sandra Solitario
Bill Wojtkowski
Ex-Officio Commissioners
Rose Marie Ansel
Erna Morris
Robert Reese
Morgan Stock

CALL TO ORDER – 4:00 PM

ROLL CALL - Commissioners present: Fatima Dias, John Greenwald, Erna Morris, Esther Rodriguez, Elizabeth Schneider, Sandra Solitario, Bill Wojtkowski
Commissioners absent: Tandy Messenger, Robert Reese, Morgan Stock, Rose Marie Ansel,
Staff present: Kim Bui-Burton, Jim Conway, Claire Rygg

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. April 27, 2009

Motion by Rodriguez to approve the minutes. Second by Solitario. Motion approved with one abstention.

The Commission welcomed Bill Wojtkowski as the new member of the Colton Hall Museum and Cultural Arts Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS allows you, the public, to speak for a maximum of three minutes on any subject which is not on the agenda. Any person or group desiring to bring an item to the attention of the Commission may do so by addressing Commission during Public Comments or by addressing a letter of explanation to: Library Director, Monterey Public Library, 625 Pacific Street, Monterey, CA 93940. The appropriate staff person will contact the sender concerning the details.

Selfridge – People should attend the next City Council meeting on June 24 and express their views on what they want for their community.

REPORTS

2. Museum and Cultural Arts Division Activity Report – April 20 – June 13, 2009

Conway presented a slideshow of Colton Hall created by Artifact Specialist Nancy Newman and Cultural Arts Assistant Chalet Catlin. The slideshow will be presented during the Founders' Day, Saturday, June 27 at the Carmel Mission. Dias inquired if locations would be added to images and Solitario suggested adding narration and showing slideshow to local motels.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Update of City of Monterey Budget – Bui-Burton reported that the City Council will meet on Wednesday, June 24 to present final budget for 2009-2010. Staff provided monetary figure of \$15,492 needed to restore museum attendants' hours. Staff has been tracking museum attendance during the year. It was recommended to City Council for a 20% reduction which reduces the museum's budget by \$60K. The reduction includes cutting the museum hours in half, reducing the cultural arts assistant hours from 30 to 20 hours, and the reduction of promotion, outreach, printing. Focus on stewardship throughout the City. PBL will be maintained with volunteers acting as guides. Conway encouraged Commissioners to attend the City Council meeting and encourage keeping Colton Hall hours intact.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Approval of Staff Recommendation for Installation of a Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Plaque in front of Colton Hall

Motion by Wojtkowski to approve staff recommendation. Second by Solitario. Motion approved.

5. Approval of Staff Recommendation for Acceptance of donation of a David Jacks' Check
Motion by Rodriguez to approve staff recommendation. Second by Schneider. Motion approved.

6. Approval of Staff Recommendation for the Green Family donation of a Monterey Angel
Motion by Greenwald to approve staff recommendation. Second by Rodriguez. Motion approved.

7. Commission Consideration of Fundraising to Maintain Colton Hall Hours – **Greenwald, Solitario and Wojtkowski will make up a sub-committee to work with Kim Bui-Burton to make recommendations for fundraising. Sub-committee will meet after the City Council meeting on June 24 and report back to Commission in September 2009.**

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement or make a brief report on his or her activities. In addition, the Commission may provide a referral to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any Cultural Arts or Colton Hall Museum matter, or direct staff to place a request to agendaize a matter of business on a future agenda.

Greenwald – The Cooper-Molera Store recently hired a manager and the store is now selling soap made from herbs and flowers from Cooper Molera garden. A seamstress is making costumes for purchase, local artisans are making crafts and jewelry and the store has an excellent selection of books on California history.

Rodriguez – will be out of town for next two meetings.

Dias – Should have volunteer sign-up sheet at every Commission meeting for Commissioners to volunteer for events.

NEXT MEETING

Colton Hall and Cultural Arts Commission Meeting – Monday, July 27, 2009 – 4:00 pm – City Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT

The Colton Hall Museum and Cultural Arts Commission meeting packet may be reviewed by the public at the Library. Information distributed to the Commission becomes part of the public record. A copy of written material, pictures, etc., should be provided for this purpose.

The City of Monterey is committed to include the disabled in all of its services, programs and activities. Please speak to the Museum Division at **646-5648**

24 hours in advance of the meeting to make the necessary arrangements.

CITY OF MONTEREY'S 24-HOUR SUGGESTION HOTLINES:

Voicemail: 646-3799
FAX: 646-3793
Email: suggest@ci.monterey.ca.us
WebPage: <http://www.monterey.org>



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

2009 SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 4	10:15am Fourth of July Celebration
Monday, July 27	4:00 pm Cultural Arts Commission – regular meeting – City Council Chambers
Monday, August 24	4:00 pm Cultural Arts Commission – regular meeting – City Council Chambers
Friday, September 25	5:30 pm Alvarado Gallery Opening
Monday, September 28	4:00 pm Cultural Arts Commission – regular meeting – City Council Chambers
October 8 – 11	History Fest
Monday, October 26	4:00 pm Cultural Arts Commission – regular meeting – City Council Chambers
Monday, November 23	4:00 pm Cultural Arts Commission – regular meeting – City Council Chambers
Friday, December 4	6:15 pm Christmas Tree Lighting

Thursday, December 10 5:00 pm Christmas in the Adobes
Saturday, December 12 5:00 pm Christmas in the Adobes

Post agenda: City Hall, www.monterey.org
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Assistant Director, Museum & Cultural Arts Manager