

## FULLERTON ARBORETUM COMMISSION

### MINUTES REGULAR MEETING December 15, 2010

The 165<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Fullerton Arboretum Commission was held in the Pavilion classrooms at the Fullerton Arboretum.

Commissioners present: Eugene Jones, Pat Carroll, Kay Miller, Jane Hall,  
Tony Florentine and Steve Murray

Others present: Gregory Dymant (Director)  
Anne Thiele (Recorder)  
Chris Barnhill (Living Collections Curator)  
Mary Dalessi (Friends President)  
Ami Becker (Education)

Jones called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No public comments.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **1. *Approve minutes of September 9, 2010 – Jones***

Minutes submitted and approved.

##### **2. *Review Financial Worksheets – Miller***

Finances on target with revenue at 41% and expenses at 38%. Dymant thanked the Friends for their \$40,000 donation. (Exhibit A)

**3. Action Item: *Approve: Destination Science non-exclusive license to use the Fullerton Arboretum facilities for summer 2011 – Dyment***

**MSC – Miller motioned to approve Destination Science non-exclusive license. Seconded by Carroll and carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**6. Director's Report – Dyment**

Dyment said the Arboretum is using the On-Cell program on a 30 day trial basis. This program provides audio tour guides throughout the grounds. The staff has been recording information for specific sections of the garden. Visitors have two options; they can call the provided phone number and enter a request for each specific tour or download the audio tour to their iPod from our website.

Carroll said the University has something similar called iFullerton.

Dyment said this is the same type of system used at National Parks and museums. Dyment said we'd like to incorporate On-Cell with the upcoming Museum exhibit. Florentine asked the cost of the program. Dyment said the initial fee is approximately \$2,000 and \$150 per month for continual use.

Dyment said the remodel for the restrooms at the Nature Center will begin at the beginning of January and take about six weeks, depending on the weather.

Dyment said the Arboretum's general liability insurance was just renewed and increased by about \$350.

Dyment said the museum's new exhibit, Civil Rights to Civil War, will open on April 27, 2011.

Dyment said an annual appeal went out to members to fund the monument at the front entrance. Approximately 36 people have donated around \$1,600 to date.

Dyment asked everyone to vote for the Arboretum once a day for the "Intelligent use of Water Award" sponsored by Rainbird.

Dyment said the Arboretum website had no suggestions the last quarter.

Dyment spoke about the Farm Stand, which has been open four times and been a big hit. The Farm Stand has been set up both inside and outside the Arboretum and open days are posted on Facebook and our website.

Carroll said the Arboretum has done a great job with Facebook, with a nice blend of information. Dyment said that Associated Students, Inc. had suggested we use Facebook. Costello said there are 1,100 friends now on Facebook.

## **7. Grounds Report – Barnhill**

Barnhill said during the last wind storm the large stone pine at the front entrance fell, no one was hurt and there was no other damage. Barnhill saved the trunk and large branches and will place them in the Redwood garden.

Barnhill and the grounds staff reworked the path system throughout the Channel Islands for better access.

Barnhill said the grounds staff has been working on rehabilitating and expanding the plant collection the woodland garden. Barnhill and grounds staff are working on the Farm expansion project. Barnhill thanked Jones for the bee equipment and noted the staff has been tending the bee hives.

Barnhill said the staff will be working on the expansion of the Native Garden; the Southern California Native Meadow will include native perennials and grasses.

Barnhill spoke about identifying sponsors and said the Mojave garden has a small monument to the donors. The Children's Garden also has many signs with donor names listed.

Murray asked how the decision is made to expand the different collections. Barnhill said the Native Garden expansion is a natural expansion and visitors are interested in Native plants, dry gardening and flowers. The Farm is in a sunny, open area, prime for agricultural expansion. Dyment said the Arboretum's decision for new exhibits or collections reflect our Mission Statement. (Serve faculty, students and the broader community through education and scholarly activities).

## **8. Education Report – Becker**

Becker spoke about the two Supper Clubs held in October and November and thanked Florentine for offering wine provided by the Fullerton South Rotary. There were 15-22, very pleased attendees at each dinner. They were able to eat food from the garden in the garden. Becker said they would like to expand the dinner by doing a type of annual harvest dinner event, allowing more participants.

Becker said the Anaheim School district and another private school have joined the CEEP program, making it a 6-district program. CEEP is in its 7<sup>th</sup> year and has been funded for 2 years by the Fullerton South Rotary donation of \$10,000 per year. The funds pay for teacher training and buses for the students.

Becker said they've had many requests and have added Botanical Art to the education schedule.

Education is planning the first Celebrate Life! Health and wellness Festival, to include massages, yoga, meditation, chanting and other wellness classes and will be held throughout the garden on Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Becker said they're hoping to include the CSUF Center for Successful Aging.

Becker said Art Hansen, former Director of CPH, is working with education to develop 3 outreach events for the next museum exhibit, New Birth of Freedom: Civil war to Civil Rights in California. The events are tentatively planned for May, September and November 2011 with panel presentations and discussions on notable sites in Orange County related to our involvement in the Civil War, the little known Orange County case that made California the first state to end school segregation and two key turning points in ending segregated housing in Orange County which involved a Japanese-American trying to rent a home in Westminster, and a dramatization of the family story of decorated Japanese-American war hero, Kazuo Masuda, who was denied burial rights in Westminster cemetery. Plans for school outreach with students from CPH will begin in 2011.

Becker said she is collaboration with CSUF College of the Arts for Arts in the Garden this coming year.

## **9. Friends Report – Dalessi**

Dalessi said the Haunted Garden was a big success and made money this year.

Dalessi said the Victorian Christmas was a delightful production but had fewer visitors this year due to the rain.

Dalessi said the Friends are continuing to maintain volunteers but are working to get new volunteers. There are currently 300 regular volunteers at the Arboretum. Carroll suggested looking into CSUF students for new volunteers.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Jones adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m.

The next Commission meeting will be held Wednesday, March 23, 2011.

Beverley White  
Fullerton City Clerk and

Secretary for the Fullerton Arboretum Commission

By Anne Thiele

Anne Thiele, Administrative Analyst and  
Recording Secretary for the Fullerton Arboretum Commission

Financial Worksheets (Exhibit A)