

## FULLERTON ARBORETUM COMMISSION

### MINUTES REGULAR MEETING December 14, 2011

The 169<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Fullerton Arboretum Commission was held in the Pavilion classrooms at the Fullerton Arboretum.

Commissioners present: Eugene Jones, Kay Miller, Pat Carroll, and Joe Felz

Others present: Gregory Dymont, Director  
Monique Shay, University Counsel  
Chris Barnhill, Living Collections Curator  
Mary Dalessi, Friends President  
Becki Hartke, Education  
Anne Thiele, Recorder  
Peter Uys, Arboretum Staff  
Dr. Jidong Huang, CSUF, Electrical Engineering

Jones called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No public comments.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **1. *Approve minutes of September 14, 2011 – Jones***

Minutes submitted, correct date on page 4 to reflect December 14, 2011.  
Approved.

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

2010 – 2011 Financial Worksheets reviewed. (Exhibit A)

**3. Action Item: Approve: Destination Science non-exclusive license to use Fullerton Arboretum facilities for summer of 2012 - Dymant**

Dymant referenced the contract between Destination Science and the Fullerton Arboretum Authority for summer 2012. (Exhibit B)

**MSC – Felz motioned to approve 2012 Fullerton Arboretum Authority Non-exclusive License to Use Fullerton Arboretum Facilities by Destination Science. Seconded by Carroll and carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Felz said the Fullerton Redevelopment Agency will most likely be eliminated on February 1, 2012. The court challenge in mid-January will determine if redevelopment agencies will be eliminated or able to pay the State to remain an agency. Jones asked how much the payment would be and Felz stated the cost would be 6 million to buy in. Jones asked how the elimination of the Fullerton Redevelopment Agency would affect the Joint Powers Agreement and Dymant said if there is no Redevelopment Agency, there would be no partner and in turn, no Joint Powers Agreement. Carroll asked if the City of Fullerton would step in to fill the role of the Redevelopment Agency. Felz said he was uncertain.

**4. Director's Report – Dymant**

Dymant reported the 2010-2011 Arboretum audit is now in progress.

Dymant said the front entrance sign is now in place.

Dymant said Westrux International has donated a 2006 Isuzu 16' box truck with lift gate valued at \$30,000.

Dymant said the fence project will begin after commencement in May 2012 and should be completed by August 2012.

Dymant said Barnhill will be participating in the opening of the Fullerton Museum's Exhibit, California Golden Dream on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Dymant said he's been discussing funding opportunities with Professor Scott Hewitt, Chemistry and Biochemistry, regarding issues of sustainability.

Dyment said Professor Sara Johnson, Anthropology, has discussed grants with the USDA regarding funding programs to determine how to rid areas of vermin and rodents.

Dyment spoke about Jamie Dee, CSUF History student who interned for Education Manager, Becki Harke during fall semester of 2011. Dyment passed out copies of History Internship Reflective Essay written by Dee last semester. The essay contains insight into scholarly activity within campus. (Exhibit C)

## **5. Review –Demo Location Based System software – Uys, Huang**

The Commissioners walked to Orchard Lawn to watch the demonstration of the Location Based System software. Uys and Huang used a laptop to demonstrate how the system will work once the project is completed.

## **6. Grounds Report – Barnhill**

Barnhill was happy to report the Arboretum did not sustain any wind damage.

Barnhill said the California Native Meadow has been planted with over 2000 plants and involved many volunteers.

Barnhill said the grounds crew is working on a new lawn program at Heritage House. A patchwork lawn used for teaching purposes is sponsored by various companies: Kellogg, Pacific Sod, Stover and Monterey.

Barnhill said a new railing was installed at Heritage House, which is safe and historically accurate.

Barnhill said electrical was installed from the Nature Center to the five Sycamores at the Pavilion.

Barnhill said the Farm Stand would be open this weekend and invited everyone to stop by and buy some vegetables.

## **7. Education & Museum Report**

### **Bus Scholarships**

Hartke said the Midsummer Night Gala held July 2011, had a number of donors give to the Bus Scholarship program. The Friends raised over \$5,000. The goal was to assist schools with the cost of transportation in order to visit to the Fullerton Arboretum. The scholarship applications were made available in late

September and to date approximately 30 schools have applied for the bus scholarship. The scholarships are given to classes ranging from kindergarten to eighth grade and requests have come from the cities of Fullerton, Anaheim, Santa Ana, Garden Grove, Tustin, Compton, and Fountain Valley.

### **CEEP or Children's Environmental Education Program**

The CEEP program began its tours in early October and will be happening most Thursday mornings through May. Thirteen different schools will be participating throughout the 2011-12 school year. We had nineteen teachers participate in this year's Teacher In-Service.

### **Spring Classes**

Hartke said education is in the process of creating the classes for February – June 2012. At the end of this year we will be mailing out postcards letting people know they should head to our website to learn about the new classes for spring 2012. There they will find the dates and descriptions for the classes. The thought behind the postcard is that we will still generate interest in our programs, but also save trees and money by not creating a multi-page program brochure as we have in the past.

### **Museum News**

The Orange County Agricultural and Nikkei Heritage museum as had over 3,700 visitors since the opening of New Birth of Freedom. As a result, the exhibition has been extended through May 2012. We are currently in the process of purchasing a movable wall system for the museum and planning a multi-year exhibition schedule.

## **7. Friends Report – Dalessi**

Dalessi said the Friends have put together a new issue of Sowing Seeds with the Annual Report for 2010-2011. (Exhibit D)

Dalessi distributed an appeal letter sent to members requesting donations to expand the Farm. The letter included a sketch of the proposed Farm Expansion. (Exhibit E)

Dalessi said the Friends raised an extra \$50,000 last year and asked the Fullerton Arboretum to put together a 'wish list' of needed items. Dymant compiled a list of items for the grounds, museum and education, such as: two

new Gators, moveable exhibit walls, scissor lift and electrical work. The Friends board agreed to donate to the Arboretum to cover the 'wish list'.

Dalessi said the Friends have a new Board Member, Scott Hewitt, who will begin serving on the Board in January.

Dalessi thanked Barnhill for his help repairing the Green House.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Felz spoke about the early planning project 'College Town' which will be at the south end of campus and encompass 70 acres. Felz said you can follow the project at [Mindmixer.com](http://Mindmixer.com).

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

The next Commission meeting will be held Wednesday, March 14, 2012

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

2010 - 2011 Financial Worksheets (Exhibit A)

Destination Science non-exclusive license to use Fullerton Arboretum facilities for summer of 2012 (Exhibit B)

History Internship Reflective Essay (Exhibit C)

Sowing Seeds with the Annual Report for 2010-2011 (Exhibit D)

Friends Appeal Letter (Exhibit E)