

## FULLERTON ARBORETUM COMMISSION

### MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

June 11, 2014

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The 176<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Fullerton Arboretum Commission was held in the Pavilion classrooms at the Fullerton Arboretum.

Commissioners present: Kay Miller, Frank Mumford, Tony Florentine and Joe Felz

Others present: Gregory Dymont, Director  
Monique Shay, University Counsel  
Mary Dalessi, Past Friends President  
Miguel Macias, Education Manager  
Anne Thiele, Recorder

3:11 p.m. no quorum, started meeting with public comments.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dalessi spoke about a new volunteer committee working to develop the "story of the Arboretum". Dalessi passed out paperwork titled "The Case for another Fifty Years or More" written by Dick Foster (Exhibit A). Foster outlines ideas for the Arboretum to move forward including a presentation tailored to different audiences such as the University, garden clubs, City of Fullerton etc. The first meeting was held yesterday and Florentine suggested speaking to the Commissioners about it and welcoming their participation. Felz said it was a great idea, and to sync the presentation with the University's Strategic Plan.

**Miller called the meeting to order at 3:17 p.m.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Approve minutes of March 12, 2014 – Miller**

Minutes submitted and approved.

**2. Review 2013-2014 Financial Worksheets – Thiele**

Financial Worksheets reviewed page by page. (Exhibit B)

**3. Action Item: Approve Arboretum 2014-2015 Draft Budget – Thiele**

**MSC – Florentine motioned to approve the 2014-2015 Arboretum Draft Budget. Seconded by Mumford and carried. (Exhibit C)**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**4. Director's Report – Dymant**

Dymant said the water issue (too much iron) is now testing okay and the water is drinkable.

Dymant said Professor Garrett Struckoff, from Civil and Environmental Engineering is working on green roofs and their cooling effects.

Dymant said all the light standards are installed and the lighting project is complete.

Dymant said he spent yesterday afternoon with Don Shields discussing the future of the Arboretum. Don Shields will be receiving this year's Golden Oak Award at the Midsummer Night Gala.

Dymant said Dean Norman will be retiring on June 30, 2014. Kari Knutson Miller will be the interim Dean.

Dymant said the Friends plan on scheduling a JIC meeting soon after the beginning of the new fiscal year.

**5. Garden Report – Barnhill**

Barnhill is not present. Dymont said Barnhill's horticultural volunteer program for the grounds has continued to grow with approximately 40 cultivators in specialized areas.

**6. Education Report – Macias**

Macias spoke about the Environmental Education Programs at the Arboretum:

CEEP – 42 classes participated this fiscal year, with more than 1200 3rd graders. There are two PRISE interns that will be working on creating a curriculum to help expand this program to 4th and 5th graders.

JHEEP – 2013-2014 fiscal year was the pilot year for this program. The JHEEP Program reaches out to all 7th graders from Brea Jr. High School, about 500 students.

Macias said education will continue to offer composting classes for the fall and spring. A total of 178 residents attended these classes this fiscal year. He is planning to reach out to other cities that don't have a partnership yet.

Springtime in the Garden brought in 515 1st graders and kindergarteners.

Macias said all of the classes combined brought in a total of 1,276 attendees (excluding composting attendees).

This Fall, education will continue to offer popular classes: Yoga in the Garden, Botany Series, Birding, Nature Photography, Composting, and Eat the Yard series.

Macias said they've added new classes for the Fall: History of Botanical Art, Victorian Painting, Fairy Gardens, and a pruning class.

Since the water issue at the Fullerton Arboretum has been resolved, culinary classes will resume this Fall.

Macias said they have established ties with the CSUF's GearUP program with hopes of forming a partnership. High School freshmen, typically from underserved schools are brought to campus and the Arboretum, giving them a tour with similar JHEEP content.

Macias said they have had an information booth at special events such as the Agricultural Career Fair at Cal Poly Pomona, the Santa Ana Zoo, the P21 Sustainability Conference where approximately 50% of attendants who approach the booth had never heard of the Fullerton Arboretum. He's hoping to reach more

people as he will be having a booth at Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary and at the Prehistoric kids Day at Upper Newport Bay Muth Center this month.

## **7. Friends Report – Reynolds**

Mary Dalessi, Past Friends President sat in for Jack Reynolds. Dalessi said the Gala will be held Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Blues Brews & BBQ is Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> with the Rob Piazza and the Mighty Flyers Band.

Dalessi said the Friends will be hosting summer evening concerts, the first will be held Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> with blues music. July 28<sup>th</sup> will be a Barbershop Quartet and August 11<sup>th</sup> features jazz music.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Dyment said the Arboretum had staff/volunteers at the front gate for two weeks conducting a census and in turn double the donations at the entrance.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Miller adjourned the meeting at 4:24 p.m.

The next Commission meeting will be held Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Lucinda Williams

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

The Case for Another Fifty Years (Exhibit A)

2013 – 2014 Financial Worksheets (Exhibit B)

2014 – 2015 Draft Budget (Exhibit C)