

FULLERTON ARBORETUM COMMISSION

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
June 8, 2016
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*Approved
9-14-16*

The 183rd meeting of the Fullerton Arboretum Commission was held in the Pavilion Classroom at the Fullerton Arboretum.

Commissioners present: Kristin Prior, Tony Florentine, Joe Felz, and Greg Saks

Others Present: Gregory Dymont, Director
Gregory Pongetti, Living Collections Curator
Marta McDaniel, Recorder
Miguel Macias, Education Manager
Steve Eldredge, Friends President
Mary Dalessi, Friends Past President
Laura Hultman, Financial Reporting Manager

Commissioner Felz called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Item: Approve Minutes of March 9, 2016 - Felz

Commissioner Felz asked for a motion to approve the March 9, 2016 minutes.

**MSC – Prior motioned to approve minutes
Seconded by Florentine and carried.**

2. Review Financial Worksheets with Added Budget Line - McDaniel

McDaniel reviewed worksheets.

Budget line added stating the amount of funds spent in comparison to previous year.
Exhibit A

OLD BUSINESS

3. Director's Report – Dymont

Dymont said the GIS project presentation is pushed back until next Commission meeting so that more Commissioners could be in attendance.

Dymont announced that Dr. Jose Cruz would be leaving CSUF and moving to New York to become president of Lehman College. This leaves the Commission with an empty CSUF seat.

Dymont said the Arboretum hosted the first annual Intern Expo, as directed by Dean Knutson-Miller. The event was a success and much appreciated by the donors. Dr. Schenk presented several research projects completed by his students and several other students were able to make presentations as well. In fact, one of the donors was so impressed that they made a \$60K pledge for the lake research project.

Dymont said Valley Crest, Pace Engineering and Guida Land Survey had done pro-bono work on the lake project and provided enough specifics that the Arboretum will be able to bid out the project for completion. The hope is to make the lake a sustainable irrigation system that uses lake water to irrigate the grounds, providing nutrient rich water, and then fill the lake with fresh water.

Dymont said the Arboretum will pursue the project and present at the next meeting. The project is expected to cost between \$500k to \$2 million.

Dymont said the MySun Foundation had given another donation for \$64k to connect students to technology. A program will be developed to fulfill requirements.

4. Friends Report – Eldredge

Eldredge said Veggiepalooza in March had lower net than last year but on budget. Will continue with event. Green Scene in April had lower net than last year as well, and slightly lower than budget. Victorian Tea in May, "Around the world in 8 'tea' Day" was a fantastic event that sold out and a good time was had by all. Funds allocated to supporting the house and final numbers are not in yet. Heritage House's 40th Anniversary had many supports in attendance. The Boy Scouts did the flag ceremony like they did 40 years ago and Greg Dymont and Jorice Maag spoke about the early years.

Gala is June 18th and will be fantastic! Ticket sales are higher than last year. Professor Lawrence Yun has been involved with art work. The honoree this year is Monkey Business. Blues & Brews will be August 20th, tickets are available online, already have 8 or 9 breweries signed up. Native Plant sale will be in November and the Cactus & Succulent sale in December.

Eldredge said Friends are drafting the budget for next year. Friends will support the Arboretum with \$125,000 from Chaparral and contributions, this is \$10k less than last year. Labor costs continue to increase and they represent more than two thirds of the budget.

OTHER BUSINESS

Felz said the City of Fullerton was also partnering with Hart Community/Monkey Business to provide some residence space and a training kitchen and bakery around Raymond and Commonwealth.

Felz said the City wanted the Arboretum's expertise on issues of residential bee keeping. The City was considering the issue for residents.

Dymment said Arboretum was allowed to keep bee hives because it was on state land and it was part of the agricultural/farming program.

ADJOURNMENT

Felz adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

The next Commission meeting will be held Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Lucinda Williams, Fullerton City Clerk and
Secretary for the Fullerton Arboretum Commission

By Marta McDaniel

Marta McDaniel, Administrative Analyst and
Recording Secretary for the Fullerton Arboretum Commission
Exhibit A: Financial Worksheets FY2015/16