

FULLERTON ARBORETUM COMMISSION

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

June 14, 2017

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*Approved
9-13-17*

The 187th meeting of the Fullerton Arboretum Commission was held in the Pavilion Classroom at the Fullerton Arboretum.

Commissioners present: Tony Florentine, Frank Mumford, RJ Stager, Greg Saks, Doug Chaffee, Anil Puri

Others Present: Gregory Dymont, Director
Marta McDaniel, Recorder
Miguel Macias, Education Manager
Steve Eldredge, Friends President

Commissioner Mumford called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Item: Approve Minutes of March 8, 2017 - Mumford

Commissioner Mumford asked for approval of the March 8, 2017 minutes.

MSC – Minutes accepted and approved unanimously.

2. Review Financial Worksheets ending March 2017 - McDaniel

Financial worksheets reviewed page by page.

(Exhibit A)

3. JIC appointment - Mumford

Mumford said the commission had two seats on the Joint Investment Committee. One seat needed a volunteer. Commissioner Florentine nominated Commissioner Chaffee to fill the empty JIC seat.

MCS – Nomination accepted and approved unanimously.

4. Establish Quasi-Endowment Fund at California State University Fullerton Philanthropic Foundation - Dymont

Dymont said in fiscal year 2013-2014 the trust accounts needed to be streamlined. With the assistance of Laura Hultman, the trust accounts were combined and rolled over into a quasi-endowment fund at Philanthropic Foundation. However, the quasi-endowment fund was not formally recognized at that time and now it is necessary for it to be a formal resolution recognized by the Commission.
(Exhibit B)

**MSC – Florentine motioned to establish the Quasi-Endowment Fund
Seconded by Puri and carried.**

Florentine requested to see the balance on all accounts at next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

7. Director's Report – Dymont

Dymont said the Arb-Net Accreditation site visit occurred in April. Dr. Murphy Westwood conducted the site visit and was very pleased by the Arboretum. Dr. Westwood commented that she suspected the garden would rate a level 4 accreditation; however, she would need to take findings back to the committee.

The committee gave the garden a level 3 accreditation with the caveat that if the Arboretum were to undertake seed collection in the natural habitat, it would achieve the level 4 rating.

The staff will begin expanding the ceanothus collection by collecting seed from the natural habitat in the Santa Ana Mountains.

Dr. Westwood was also very impressed by the Nursery and our collection of endangered plant species.

We have also uploaded our plant data-base to the international Botanic Gardens site and have received hits from Germany.

Dyment said the Mysun Foundation and the College of Communications, Department of Travel & Tourism have collaborated to bring us the interns at the front gate. A graduate student developed a program designed to develop tourism. The interns greet the guests, talk to them about the garden and deal with issues visitors may have. They also collect donations and survey the guests about the visit to the garden.

Dyment said Mysun Foundation gave a gift to have the Orange County Conservation Corp. repair the roads, pathways and clear out the cattails in the lake.

Mysun will also sponsor the renovation of the front entryway. The entryway will get stonework, new irrigation and firehose stripping in the parking lot. The firehose is a donation from the Fullerton/Brea Fire Department.

Dyment said we are researching industry standards on memorial bench policy and pricing. Policy created will help shadow the demise of the memorial benches as well as increase the price per bench.

9. Friends Report – Eldredge

Eldredge said Veggiepalooza was about the same as last year, but better than budget.

Green Scene was slightly better than last year, many new vendors.

Stewards of Place reception honoring student researchers working at the Arboretum was a success. The Friends awarded two scholarships. Would like to build it into a bigger event.

Victorian Tea sold out again this year. It netted \$6000 or so for the house.

Gala is this Saturday, June 17th. Should be a great evening honoring Dr. Harry Norman.

Blues & Brews is August 19th and should be another successful event.

Volunteer Breakfast is September 23rd honoring all of our volunteers.

Moto Botanica event in June 2018. It is in the planning stages for the Motorcycle Industry Council sponsored motorcycle event, including curated museum exhibits and a 1-day motorcycle event featuring new and custom motorcycles displayed throughout the grounds.

JIC meeting scheduled for November 1, 2017 at 4pm

Finances, so far, are performing better than budget. We are on track to keep our commitments to the Arboretum for the next year. As discussed before, many challenges in keeping our historic events fresh and worthwhile. We are trying to add new events to keep our support increasing.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chaffee said a new City Manager is in the works as well as interviews for the top three candidates for Chief of Police. There is also a new Community Services Director.

Florentine asked if President Garcia had expressed a point of view regarding the relationship with the City of Fullerton.

Saks said the Master Plan is in the process of review. Many sections of the plan go to public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Mumford adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

The next Commission meeting will be held Wednesday, September 13, 2017

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 ending March 2017
Exhibit B: Draft Quasi Endowment Fund Resolution