

FULLERTON ARBORETUM COMMISSION

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
March 13, 2019
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*Approved
9-11-19*

The 194th meeting of the Fullerton Arboretum Commission was held in the Pavilion Classroom at the Fullerton Arboretum.

Commissioners present: Greg Saks, Kristin Prior, RJ Stager, Marie Johnson and Doug Chaffee

Others Present: Gregory Dymont, Director
Gregory Pongetti, Living Collections Curator
Marta McDaniel, Recorder
Miguel Macias, Education Manager
Kathie Kingett, Friends President
Steve Eldredge, Friends Board member
Harriet Bouldin, Development Manager
Christopher Swarat, Interim A.V.P., EIP
Lynn Stewart, Director of Business Development, EIP
Katie Savant, Director of Local & Community Relations
Mary Dalessi, Friends Board member
MaryLynn Samaha, Friends member

Commissioner Saks called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Saks introduced Dr. Marie Johnson, Dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and newest Commissioner.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Item: Election of Commission Officers – Saks

Commissioner Saks asked for nominations for President of Commission. Commissioner Prior nominated Saks for President. Commissioner Stager seconded.

MSC – Nomination accepted and approved unanimously.

Commissioner Saks asked for nominations for Vice President. Saks nominated Commissioner Dabirian for Vice President. Commissioner Chaffee seconded.

MSC – Nomination accepted and approved unanimously.

2. Action Item: Approve Minutes from December 12, 2018 – Saks

Commissioner Saks asked for approval of the December 12, 2018 minutes.

MSC – Minutes accepted and approved unanimously.

3. Action Item: Approve Funding for Termite Fumigation of Oak Hall - Dyment

Dyment explained that Oak Hall needs fumigation for subterranean termites and drywood termites. Approval of funds was requested to complete the fumigation process. Three bids were requested and Fenn Termite was the best bid. Fenn also does a lot of work with CSUF campus and is a trusted vendor.

(Exhibit A)

MSC – Approval for Funding for Termite Fumigation of Oak Hall was accepted and unanimously approved.

4. Action Item: Approve Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 - McDaniel

Budget presented page by page.

(Exhibit B)

MSC – Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 was accepted and approved unanimously.

5. Review Financial Worksheets – McDaniel

McDaniel reviewed Financial Worksheets page by page.

(Exhibit C)

6. Director's Report – Dyment

Dyment said the Admission Fee Proposal vote was taken off the agenda because the CSUF Facility Management Plan (FMP) is not complete and is taking longer to complete than expected.

Chaffee read an email that has been circulated regarding the university's FMP and the upcoming meeting for April 10th asking for community support for the Arboretum.

Saks said the townhall meeting is April 10th from 10am to 2pm. Saks will try to obtain meeting schedule to encourage support.

Dyment said the Arboretum meadow will produce its own Superbloom very soon. Just like Anza Borrego and Death Valley are putting on a great show, so will our meadow. Pongetti put together a wildflower guide to help identify the plants.

7. Grounds' Report – Pongetti

Pongetti said the American Rose Trials for Sustainability Trial Site is installed. The purpose of the trial is to try new rose cultivars from several nurseries to determine climate region sustainability. There are trials sites throughout America and evaluations will occur twice per month from April to November. Judges will be Jayne Luetzow from Fullerton College and Amy Bulone.

Pongetti said there is a Leaf Decomposition Rates Collaborative Project on the Arboretum grounds. The purpose of the project is for the southern California ecological undergraduate network seeks to use the existing infrastructure at regional colleges to examine how urban habitat modifications influence decomposition processes and the carbon cycle. There are other colleges involved: Pomona College, CSU Los Angeles, CSU San Marcos, University of Redlands, Whittier College and Occidental College. This pilot project in support of NSF funding to solidify research collaborations across southern California colleges and universities. The litter bags are buried for four months and then it is determined how much decomposition has occurred. 3 of 5 sites at CSUF are in the arboretum.

Pongetti said there are a couple of semester long class projects at the arboretum. Theoretical solutions to real world problems. Chem 492 – sustainability Projects – is looking at Mycorrhizae testing in redwoods to determine soil health and biodiesel manufacturing on campus to use in arboretum equipment. Also, Civil/Environmental Engineering EGCE 556 is looking at the ponds and stream system restoration and collecting rainwater from rooftops to use for irrigation.

Pongetti said Veggiepalooza is this weekend. Vegetables have been growing for the past 3 months but a very cold February has made it a difficult season for the plants.

8. Friends Report – Kingett

Kingett said Veggiepalooza is this weekend and over 20,000 plants were sowed by the horticulturist and plant committee volunteers for this event.

Green Scene will be next on April 6th and 7th. We have a new format this year so there is less wear and tear on the garden and visitors will be encouraged to stroll and enjoy the garden after making their purchases.

Our Steward of Place will be April 23rd. Students will explain the research they have been conducting in the arboretum and two \$1200 scholarships will be awarded.

The Victorian Tea will be May 5th. This event is put on by the Victorian Society from our Heritage House and sells out each year. It will be followed by our Summer Solstice Party in the Garden on June 15th. Last year we began our new format and it was very successful.

Blues and Brews will happen on August 17th. We had over 1000 people attend this event last year.

We will have our Anniversary Reception and Golden Oak Award presentation on October 27th to kick off the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the opening of the Arboretum.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Saks adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m.
The next Commission meeting will be held Wednesday, June 12, 2019

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: Fenn Termites Fumigation estimate
Exhibit B: Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020
Exhibit C: Financial Worksheets Jul-Jan 2019