

FULLERTON ARBORETUM COMMISSION

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING **APPROVED 10-14-20**
March 11, 2020
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The 197th meeting of the Fullerton Arboretum Commission was held in the Pavilion Classroom at the Fullerton Arboretum.

Commissioners present: Greg Saks, RJ Stager, Kristin Prior and Amir Dabirian (via telephone)

Others Present: Gregory Dymont, Director
Gregory Pongetti, Living Collections Curator
Fran Colwell, Friends President
Marta McDaniel, Recorder
Miguel Macias, Education Manager
Christopher Swarat, A.V.P., EIP
Harriet Bouldin, Development & Volunteer Manager
Vanessa Johnson, Facility Rental & Sales Manager
Lynn Stewart, Director of Business Development, EIP
Mary Dalessi, Friends member
Katie Savant, Director of Local & Community Relations
Janelle Welker, Orange County Supervisor's Office

Commissioner Saks called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Item: Election of Commission Officers – President Saks

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

MSC – Nomination accepted and approved unanimously.

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

MSC – Nomination accepted and approved unanimously.

2. Action Item: Approve Minutes from December 11, 2019 – Commission President

Commissioner Saks asked for approval of the December 11, 2019 minutes.

MSC – Minutes accepted and approved unanimously.

3. Action Item: Approve the Conclusion of the Friends of the Fullerton Arboretum Support and License Agreement (Approved 9/8/1987) on June 30, 2020 as outlined in Section 11, P, of the agreement

Dyment said in 1987 the Commission made a formal agreement with the Friends to help support the Arboretum. The agreement was in the email. This agreement is sun setting and needs to be concluded as described in Section III, P of the agreement.

Dyment said that the new agreement with the Friends has been drafted and was sent to the Friends for review at the February Friends board meeting. They voted in favor of the new agreement and it is now with CSUF Contracts and Procurement for a final review of any legal language that may be required.

Dyment said the new agreement will be effective July 1, 2020.

Dyment asked Commission to vote in favor of terminating old agreement as instructed in said agreement.

Discussion followed about circulation of new Friends Agreement and if any further changes could be made to it. The new agreement has been through many drafts and the Friends voted on the final version at the February board meeting. Colwell and Eldredge met with campus several times to help with creation of the new agreement. New agreement will have a 5 year term with 1 year renewals after that.

Colwell echoed Dyment's comments. The Friends have been a part of the creation of the new agreement and it has the approval of the board. They look forward to a new relationship of continued volunteerism, philanthropy and student involvement.

Colwell also stated that Friends are working on a new business plan and bylaws and are confident new relationship will be successful.
(Exhibit A)

MSC – Approval for Conclusion of the Friends of the Fullerton Arboretum Support and License Agreement (Approved 9/8/1987) on June 30, 2020, as outlined in Section III, P, of the agreement was accepted and approved unanimously.

4. Director’s Report – Dymont

Dymont said working on the new agreement and now dealing with COVID-19 guidelines and how it will affect Arboretum.

5. Grounds’ Report – Pongetti

Pongetti said as part of the campus community we welcome collaborations with student projects:

- Several engineering projects – solar powered mist system installation in nursery for propagation, mobile security systems, children’s garden educational display, mobile people counters (EGCP 471)
- Chemistry project (CHEM 492) – sustainable projects include biodiesel and liquid soap made from used cooking oil
- Theoretical construction management projects (EGCE 472/556) related to arboretum projects in campus fundraising campaign (new facilities including a research greenhouse, ponds and stream system rehab, sustainability center featuring composting program, front parking lot renovations
- Public History grad student is researching cultivars of historical significance
- Marketing and Communications student project for Green Scene activities
- Farm to Titan fruit box’s first delivery to campus was February 17th, we were assisted by the SBDC, Small Business Development Center, to launch the project and the Latino Business Student Association volunteered to help harvest, clean, pack and deliver. The first box contained several varieties of citrus. Plan to coordinate different student groups in the future and use seasonal fruit

Pongetti said for Titan Recognition week a tour of the nursey will be given on April 14th at 1:30 pm as part of the university awards program.

Earth Day events are coordinated by COMM 497 students at the arboretum and a booth about sustainability for the 50th anniversary of the EPA.

The theater department has collected branches for the set of Vinegar Tom and As You Like It
Pongetti said we are part of the campus wide fundraising campaign.

6. Friends Report – Colwell

Colwell said since the last Commission meeting on December 11, the Friends have helped host:

The annual Veggiepalooza the weekend of March 21-22, with a members only sales event on Friday, March 20. Both plants and seeds will be available to the public this year by our horticulturists and plant committee volunteers.

Green Scene will be held the weekend of April 4-5. Our format this year will again focus on having exhibit areas on the hardscape areas of the Arboretum so that there is less wear and tear on the living collections. Visitors will then be encouraged to stroll and enjoy the garden after making their purchases.

Steward of Place will be held April 28th. CSUF students will explain the research they have been conducting in the Arboretum and two scholarships (Magg and Walkington) will be awarded.

The Victorian Tea will be Sunday May 3rd. This event is put on by the Victorian Society for the Heritage House and it sells out each year. It will be followed by our Summer Solstice Party in the Garden on Saturday, June 20th. This will be a farm to table dinner at the Bacon Pavilion. A 40th Anniversary celebration with the Golden Oak award being presented to Mary Dalessi.

The museum is still open with the Fullerton Arboretum 40th Anniversary exhibit as curated by CSUF student and faculty through June.

The Friends have two members of their Board of Directors on the CSUF Comprehensive Campaign (“It Takes a Titan”) Congress. John Carroll and Linda Parton.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Saks adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m.
The next Commission meeting will be held Wednesday, June 10, 2020.

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: Support Agreement and License for Fullerton Arboretum