

FULLERTON ARBORETUM COMMISSION

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING September 8, 2010

The 164th meeting of the Fullerton Arboretum Commission was held in the Pavilion classrooms at the Fullerton Arboretum.

Commissioners present: Eugene Jones, Pat Carroll, Kay Miller, Jane Hall, Bill Dickerson and Tony Florentine

Others present: Gregory Dymont (Director)
Anne Thiele (Recorder)
Chris Barnhill (Living Collections Curator)
Mary Dalessi (Friends President)
Ami Becker (Education)

Jones called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Approve minutes of June 9, 2010 – Jones*

Minutes submitted and approved with correction on page 6, change word 'profit' to 'proceeds'.

2. Action Item: Approval of front entrance – Dyment

Dyment said during the front entrance remodel the old Arboretum sign was torn down and bidding for a new sign was \$25,000. Dyment said student assistant, Salim Ramirez, designed a new concrete sign which incorporates the Fullerton Arboretum logo along with the Heritage House and OCANH Museum. Preliminary bids are around \$10,000. Copy of design handed out. (Exhibit A).

**MSC – Jones motioned to approve new front entrance sign.
Seconded by Carroll and carried.**

Comments: Carroll asked what the finished concrete would look like. Barnhill said they had a couple of options but were leaning toward a slate look to match the stone benches at the front. Jones suggested ASI be included somewhere at the front entrance, not necessarily on the large sign. Miller asked if it should include the date the Arboretum was established. Dickerson asked if this sign will be visible from the street or is it for visitors entering the Arboretum. Dyment said it will not be viewed from the street.

OLD BUSINESS

6. Director's Report – Dyment

Dyment said there were no financial work sheets since Thiele does not have access to the University's new financial system. Dyment noted that Education received \$8,250 from Destination Science Summer Camp, approximately \$1,100 more than last fiscal year. Dyment also said that Associated Students awarded \$33,415 to the Arboretum, up \$3,000 from last fiscal year.

Dyment said the new fencing has arrived and thanked Tony Florentine and Fullerton South Rotary. This fencing will be placed along the campus road from the front entrance to the maintenance gate.

Dyment said campus IT has asked to place a webcam on a light pole at the front entrance. Carroll asked if there will be a sign in place to let visitors know a "webcam is in operation". Shay recommended we post a sign. Florentine suggested the sign read: "Premises under surveillance". Carroll suggested incorporating a monitor in the offices using the webcam for security purposes.

Dyment said bids are out to remodel the 30 year old restrooms at the Nature Center.

Dyment said the Children's Garden has been completed and the grand opening will be September 26th at 6:30 p.m. Barnhill explained some of the additions to the Children's Garden, including an earth-bag house which was constructed of on-site dirt placed into sand bags, earth plaster and lime cement. Barnhill said the garden will teach children about the senses with areas designed for sight, sound and touch. The renovated Children's Garden was conceived, designed and built by the Arboretum staff.

Dyment said the farm was originally built to support education but with the wide variety of fruits and vegetables, the Arboretum has decided to set up a produce stand and will soon begin selling organic foods to the public. The Arboretum was certified by the Department of Food and Agriculture yesterday. The Arboretum has also partnered with Fullerton restaurant, Monkey Business Café. Staff from the Monkey Business work at the Arboretum farm and the Arboretum donates fruits and vegetables to the restaurant. Dyment said the goal is to expand the farm and sell produce from the Arboretum and possibly around campus.

7. Grounds Report – Barnhill

Barnhill said the gardeners are working in the Woodland area located behind the Palm Grove at the Heritage House.

Barnhill said the farm area is changing from summer crops to cold crops. The pumpkins were also planted and are already growing. Barnhill said CSU Physics Department will use Arboretum pumpkins for their catapult launch in November.

8. Education Report – Becker

Becker said the Arboretum's summer camp, "Inside our Wild Outside", was full to overflowing with 40 students and a waiting list of about 10. Volunteers are planning extend summer camp to a two week-long sessions next year.

Becker said the four Tuesday evenings in the Garden, offered by generous sponsorship of \$3000, continued with strong attendance and welcomed on average, 140 participants.

Becker spoke about a new class, the Arboretum Supper Club, which will be held on October 1st and November 5th using Arboretum produce with local grass-fed beef as a sponsor. Becker is still looking for a wine sponsor.

Becker spoke about a few other upcoming classes:

Permaculture is a five part series (sustainable resource use based on natural processes) and begins with a free lecture on Friday

Basketry Plants Used by Western American Indians lecture and Southern CA Native American Coiled Basketry workshop to be held again this year in October (first class was full with waiting list). This class is co-sponsored by Fullerton Arboretum and Archaeology Dept.

Education is continuing with 6 regular composting classes throughout the year and hoping to expand these classes in the future.

9. Friends Report – Dalessi

Dalessi said the next Friends Board meeting will be September 24th. The Board did not meet in July or August. An agenda item for the September meeting will be to donate \$40,000 to the Arboretum for restroom renovations.

Dalessi said the Gala was well attended with over 270 guests but the income was a disappointment.

Dalessi said the Friends Executive Committee is in the process of revising job descriptions and Greg Dymont is now the direct supervisor for the Friends staff.

Fullerton Uncorked will be held at the Arboretum on Saturday, September 26th at \$45 per person.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Carroll acknowledged ASC Executive Director, Bill Dickerson's retirement and thanked him for his support on campus and at the Arboretum.

Dymont thanked Dickerson for his efforts during the Arboretum's Capital Campaign fund raising and his assistance in finding a way to use the 2020 fund on a line of credit paving the way for the bidding and start of the Visit Center.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

The next Commission meeting will be held Wednesday, December 8, 2010.

Beverley White
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

Fullerton Arboretum Entrance Sign (Exhibit A)