

## FULLERTON ARBORETUM COMMISSION

### MINUTES REGULAR MEETING September 14, 2011

The 168<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Fullerton Arboretum Commission was held in the Pavilion classrooms at the Fullerton Arboretum.

Commissioners present: Eugene Jones, Kay Miller, Pat Carroll and Steven Murray

Others present: Gregory Dymont, Director  
Monique Shay, University Counsel  
Chris Barnhill, Living Collections Curator  
Mary Dalessi, Friends President  
Becki Hartke, Education  
Anne Thiele, Recorder  
Kim Apel, CSUF  
Peter Uys, Arboretum Staff  
Steve Eldredge, Friends V.P. of Finance

Jones called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No public comments.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **1. *Approve minutes of June 22, 2011 – Jones***

Minutes submitted, correct word 'free' to 'fee' on page 2. On page 4, add the year '2014'. Approved.

##### **2. *Review Campus Master Plan – Apel***

Dyment introduced CSUF employee, Kim Apel. Apel spoke about Cal State University, Fullerton's Master Plan and the impact on the Arboretum. CSUF is in the process of amending the Master Plan in order to expand student enrollment from approximately 25,000 students to 35,000 students. Apel said the Arboretum would not be affected and no green space would be used. Apel said the campus would be using existing parking structures and the only proposed change would be to widen East Campus Drive to four lanes but would not affect the Arboretum. Miller asked if the proposed sidewalk along the east side of the Arboretum was still possible and if so, would more space be needed to expand the East Campus Drive. Apel said the lane expansion will be to the existing curb.

### **3. Review Friends Year End Financial Statement - Eldredge**

2010 – 2011 Friends Financial Worksheets reviewed. (Exhibit A)

Eldredge reviewed Friends year-end financial statement.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **4. Director's Report – Dyment**

Dyment introduced Arboretum employee, Peter Uys who is working on a Location-based Services System for the Arboretum grounds. Uys is working with Engineering Department and says this proposed project would serve both the mission and strategic goals of the Arboretum by providing many educational and operations-related benefits. This system would be used for signage using the wireless network. Uys said they would test in 2 phases and the whole project would cost approximately \$20,000. (Exhibit B)

Dyment introduced Becki Hartke, recently hired full time at the Arboretum as the Museum Manager of Education and Interpretation. Becki has been the exhibit designer for the Arboretum's OCANH Museum for the last two years and was the Director of Exhibit and Graphic Design for six years at the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis Missouri. Hartke is also a volunteer at the Nixon Library. Hartke has over 20 years experience in museum design.

Dyment said Irma Lauren from the USDA visited CSUF Campus to meet with Department of Anthropology Professor Sara Johnson and discuss the U-Acre

Program. The Arboretum is part of a grant with Anthropology and Lauren came to visit the Arboretum Farm and was impressed with the quality of the Farm and how it will interact with the U-Acre Program.

Dyment said due to popular demand the current museum exhibit “Civil War to Civil Rights” will stay open until the end of February 2012.

Dyment said the Arboretum has partnered with David Slay, owner and chef of Park Avenue restaurant to host a fundraising “Farm Dinner” on October 16<sup>th</sup> at \$220 per person.

Dyment said the fence project on East Campus Drive is being presented to the President’s Advisory Board and is looking into funding options.

Dyment said Gene Jones, Mary Dalessi and himself attended the Fullerton Council meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup> and learned the Redevelopment Agency funding was passed and the Arboretum will receive this year’s contribution.

## **6. Grounds Report – Barnhill**

Barnhill said the grounds crew has dug over 1000’ of trenches and expanded irrigation to the east side near the farm and can easily water the 600 plus pumpkins recently planted. Barnhill said the grounds crew is in the process of ordering plants for the California Native Meadow Garden and will have finished planting in November. The garden will include 900 new plants and 300 other species.

Barnhill said the Farm Stand will be open Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and will begin a regular schedule on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month.

## **7. Friends Report – Dalessi**

Dalessi said the Midsummer Night’s Gala held in July had approximately 300 attendees. Dalessi said for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row the Gala has had a low-income auction but this year the auction did bring in approximately \$5,000 to sponsor transportation for the school districts to bring classes to tour the Arboretum.

Dalessi said Haunted Garden is being run by Student Assistant, Sydney Harrington and she was able to sign up around 150 CSUF students to volunteer for the Halloween weekend.

Dallessi said the Heritage House docents are preparing for the Victorian Christmas to be held December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.  
The next Commission meeting will be held Wednesday, December 14, 2011.

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

2010 - 2011 Friends Financial Worksheets (Exhibit A)  
Location-based Services System Proposal (Exhibit B)