



MARIN COUNTY CIVIC CENTER CONSERVANCY

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REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 24, 2022 DRAFT MINUTES

Held at Marin County Civic Center, Room 324A
San Rafael, California

Present: Mark Hulbert, Cheryl Lentini, Steve Petterle, Suki Sennett, Lynn Downey, Joan Brown, Stephanie Moulton-Peters (through Item 5)

Absent: Sandra Fawn, Annette Rose, June Miller

Staff: David Speer, Ari Golan, Marin County Parks, Dean Joyner, County Safety Officer; David Vaughan, Department of Public Works, Carol Aquaviva, Anne T. Kent
California Room

Guests: Jonathan Bernstein, Civic Center Docent

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Suki Sennett called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

2. **OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

Jonathan Bernstein advised that the docent program has been very well attended since the beginning of June, with 15-20 visitors regularly joining the tour on Friday mornings. He suggested that while preregistration is preferred for the tours, the availability of a QR code in the cafeteria museum for last minute sign-ups has helped increase tour participation.

3. **CONSIDERATION ON THE REAPPOINTMENT OF STEVE PETERLE:**

Joan Brown moved/Lynn Downey seconded the reappointment of Steve Petterle. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. **REORGANIZATION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR:**

Mark Hulbert made a motion to nominate himself as Chair/Joan Brown seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Suki Sennett made a motion to nominate Steve Petterle as Vice Chair/Mark Hulbert seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

5. **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT SOUTH ARCH:** Dean Joyner, County Safety Officer advised the group about increased concerns related to the safety of pedestrians crossing the street under the South Arch. He relayed a recent incident where he was almost hit by an inattentive driver trying to get to the building entrance using the crosswalk in that archway. The group discussed past solutions and possible future improvements.

David Speer suggested that a working group be formed to consider this issue. The group agreed that the same subcommittee of members who worked on the signage project (Joan Brown, June Miller, Cheryl Lentini, and Steve Petterle) would also work on this along with representatives from Sheriff's parking enforcement, Fire, DPW Traffic and

David Vaughan. This working group will come up with a comprehensive approach that addresses both the safety and visual concerns presented.

Stephanie Moulton-Peters invited everyone to visit the Marin City 80 exhibit at the Bartolini Gallery and excused herself from the rest of the meeting.

6. UPDATE ON PLANNING FOR THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIC CENTER:

Libby Garrison was unable to attend. Carol Aquaviva presented an overview of the events planned to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Civic Center, including a vintage car show, special docent tours, a panel of County employees discussing what it is like to work in the building, cake, a performance by the County Crows, and special gifts/souvenirs.

The photo club, including David Vaughan will be available to share their expert knowledge of architectural photography, and a screening of *Gattaca* is planned. Suki Sennett mentioned that she has several photos from the actual filming of the movie and will give them to Carol to display at the event. Suki also agreed to provide an introduction to the screening.

Joan Brown asked about the possibility of food being served during the event and will discuss her ideas with Carol outside of the meeting. Carol invited the group to share any other suggestions with her or Libby.

7. CIVIC CENTER ELECTRICAL BACKUP EQUIPMENT LOCATION UPDATE:

David Speer reported that the subcommittee of Mark Hulbert, Steve Petterle, Joan Brown, Ari Golan, Dean Joyner and DPW determined that the electrical equipment can be located at the base of Peter Behr Drive, about 40 feet from the edge of the sidewalk that is well screened by trees and bushes. He thanked the subcommittee for their time and cooperation with staff to get this done.

8. FUTURE CONSERVANCY TOUR OF CIVIC CENTER EXTERIOR WITH PARKS:

David Speer advised the group that Parks/Open Space Superintendent Ari Golan would be interacting more with them and suggested that all or some of the group participate in touring the property to get an overview of what is going on and then come back to talk about Parks' philosophy for landscaping.

Ari Golan updated the group on the recent tree removal project and invited the group to view the area around the Civic Center, including the accent areas, terraces, archways, jail hill, and walkway, and provide input on direction for future changes.

There was discussion about the area to cover, accommodations for different physical capabilities, and timing for the tour. The group agreed that the September 28, 2022 meeting agenda would be for an informational tour of the Civic Center exterior. Parks will lead the tour and provide information on various locations and David Speer and Dean Joyner will work on accommodating the Conservancy members and participating public who aren't able to walk long distances.

9. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 25, 2022 MEETING:

Suki Sennett moved approval of the May 25, 2022 minutes as read/Cheryl Lentini seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

10. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2022 MEETING:

David Speer advised that Lynn Downey and Stephanie Moulton-Peters were absent on June 22, 2022.

Suki Sennett moved approval of the June 22, 2022 minutes with correction as read/Cheryl Lentini seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

11. MEMBER ITEMS FOR UPDATES:

Cheryl Lentini advised that she will be out of the country for two months, beginning on September 24. She will miss two meetings.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 10:09 AM.

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