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Dedication of New Civic Center Exhibit Space to Honor Charles McGlashan

San Rafael, CA - On Tuesday, March 27th at 9 AM, the Frank Lloyd Wright Civic Center Conservancy will be dedicating newly created exhibit space at the Marin County Civic Center in memory of the late Supervisor Charles McGlashan. The dedication ceremony will be attended by his wife, Carol Misseldine, and other members of his family, as well as County staff. The date coincides with the one-year anniversary of his untimely passing.

The opening exhibit, "Marin & the Realm of Frank Lloyd Wright", which was curated by County Librarian Laurie Thompson, tells the story of the design and construction of the Civic Center Administration & Hall of Justice Buildings. It features historical photographs, ephemera, documents and artifacts from the Marin County Free Library's Anne T. Kent California Room. The permanent collection was greatly enhanced by donations and loans from Elizabeth "Suki" Sennett, Marin County Supervisor Annette Rose and William J. Schwarz, AIA, Architect.

The main exhibit is complemented by two smaller ones: "Frank Lloyd Wright: In the Realm of Ideas" and "Homes & Buildings designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in California & Beyond." The space, formerly the gift shop adjacent to the cafeteria, was closed 2 years ago due to budget cutbacks. The Conservancy suggested that the space be reopened. Supervisor McGlashan, long an admirer of Frank Lloyd Wright, and who succeeded Supervisor Annette Rose as the Board-appointed representative to the Conservancy, requested that it be open permanently and available to the public during café hours, and secured funding support for the remodeling. A plaque dedicating the space to the late Supervisor, says in part, "this space is dedicated in honor of his commitment to preserving Frank Lloyd Wright’s legacy and a shared vision of open government".
The project was a collaborative effort led by County Architect David Vaughn, Librarian Laurie Thompson, David Speer from the County Administrator’s office, Building Maintenance staff led by Mike Norton and local contractor Dean Garcia of B&G Glass, who all shared a passion for the project and the building itself, and their effort shows in the attention to detail, maintaining Wright’s aesthetic throughout.

The exhibit will not be staffed but is open to the public as a self-guided-tour during the hours the Cafeteria is open, Monday-Friday from 7am-3pm.

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