



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, California 93950

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
FROM: Thomas Frutchey, City Manager
MEETING DATE: February 3, 2010
SUBJECT: ACCESSION AND DEACCESSION OF SELECTED ITEMS FROM AND TO THE PERMANENT MUSEUM COLLECTION
CEQA: Does not Constitute a "Project" per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines

RECOMMENDATIONS

Approve the attached resolution to accession and deaccession selected items from and to the Museum permanent collection, in accordance with Council Policy 200-5, as recommended by the Museum Director and approved by the Museum Advisory Board.

DISCUSSION

The Arizona State Museum has requested the return of eight funerary artifacts on loan to our Museum since 1952. This request was made in order for the Arizona State Museum to satisfy a North American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) request by the White Mountain Apache Tribe. In addition, the comprehensive inventory of permanent collection items recently conducted by Museum staff has identified three objects that were donated to the Museum's permanent collection in the 1980s that were never formally accessioned into the Museum Collection.

The Museum Advisory Board has approved both the accession and deaccession requests. Council approval is needed to complete the deaccession process, and is also being sought for the accession request. Council could choose to not accession the twine baskets and Klamath River Tribes hat, in which case the Museum could either use these items in the Museum's education collection or request that the City consider them surplus and sell them to support acquiring new Museum collection items. Council could also choose to not deaccession the eight items on loan from the Arizona State Museum; staff believes that such an action might deviate from NAGPRA regulations and result in complications from either the Arizona State Museum, the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and/or the Federal Government. A decision to not deaccession would need to be supported by substantial evidence; staff knows of no such evidence.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. 10-___
2. Memorandum from Lori Mannel, Museum Director, dated January 25, 2010, re: Accessioning and Deaccessioning Artifacts
3. Memorandum from Mark Walker, Museum Curator, dated January 25, 2010, re: Deaccession recommendation
4. Memorandum from Mark Walker, Museum Curator, dated January 25, 2010, re: Accession of artifacts

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

THOMAS FRUTCHY

Thomas Frutchey
CITY MANAGER

RESOLUTION NO. 10-___

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE AUTHORIZING THE ACCESSION AND DEACCESSION OF ARIFACTS FROM AND TO THE PERMANENT COLLECTION

WHEREAS, The Pacific Grove Natural History Museum maintains a permanent collection; and

WHEREAS, eight items in that permanent collection, as indicated below, are on permanent loan to the Museum from the Arizona State Museum:

<u>Item</u>	<u>PGMNH Inventory #</u>
La Plata Gray ware pitcher	PGMNH #4/25
La Plata Black on white bowl	PGMNH #4/26
Gila polychrome bowl	PGMNH #4/27
McDonald corrugated bowl	PGMNH #4/28
Fragment of woven cloth band	PGMNH #4/29
Cotton cloth, irregular in outline	PGMNH #4/30
Cotton cloth, regular in outline	PGMNH #4/31
Fourmile Polychrome bowl	PGMNH #4/82; and

WHEREAS, the eight objects listed above are funerary items and the Arizona State Museum has notified the Museum that these items are to be repatriated by the Arizona State Museum to the White Mountain Apache tribe under the NAGPRA (North American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act) agreement; and

WHEREAS, it is our desire to return these eight items to the Arizona State Museum; and

WHEREAS, three items, as indicated below, were donated to the Museum in the 1980s but have never been formally added to the permanent collection:

- Twine storage basket (Temporary #152). Donated by Marie Schatz (gift certificate dated 17 April 1984). This basket is from Northern California.
- Twine stitch basket (Temporary #119) from Thompson River. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ashbrook Lincoln (gift certificate dated 28 December 1981).
- Klamath River Tribes Hat (Temporary #248). Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ashbrook Lincoln (gift certificate dated 26 November 1982); and

WHEREAS, local experts have carefully reviewed these three artifacts and agree that these artifacts would be a valuable addition to the Museum's permanent collection; and

WHEREAS, as required by Council Policy 200-5, the Museum Advisory Board has approved both the accession and deaccession requests; and.

WHEREAS, as is also required by Council Policy 200-5, Council approval is needed to complete the deaccession process, and is also appropriate for the accession process;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are adopted as findings of the City Council as though set forth fully herein.

SECTION 2. The City Council does hereby formally approve the deaccession of the eight items on loan from the Arizona State Museum identified above.

SECTION 3. The City Council does hereby formally approve the accession of the two baskets and one hat identified above.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall become effective immediately following passage and adoption thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE this 3rd day of February, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

CARMELITA GARCIA, Mayor

ATTEST:

JIM BECKLENBERG, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAVID C. LAREDO, City Attorney

