

# PACIFIC GROVE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

## Museum Board Meeting

### Minutes

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May 12, 2010

Present: Sharon Blaziek, Sue Renz, Esther Trosow, Judy Wills

Absent: John Pearse

Guests: Geva Arcanin (Foundation Liaison) and Tama Olver

Meeting called to order by Sue Renz (Vice-Chair) at 3:38 PM.

#### **I. Approval of Agenda**

Agenda approved unanimously

#### **II. Election of Officers**

The slate of officers that was nominated at the Board's April 14, 2010 meeting was approved unanimously. They are: Chair, John Pearse; Vice-Chair, Sue Renz; Secretary, Judy Wills.

#### **III. Approval of Minutes**

There are three changes to the April 14, 2010 Minutes:

1) Paul Finnegan had seen the draft minutes that went before the City Council and had a correction regarding his comment about meeting with council members. Under *Public Comments*, the second paragraph third sentence, it should be changed to state: Paul Finnegan met with Robert Huitt and Bill Kampe and has spoken with the Mayor and

Deborah Lindsay about a meeting to express his feelings about Board retention.

2) Under *New Business*, second paragraph first sentence, change to: As we started to discuss revamping 200-5 (1993), Trosow brought to our attention that there was an updated version of 200-5 (2008) that only some of the Board had recalled seeing, although we remembered voting on these changes. Later in the same paragraph, it needs to state that no action was taken.

3) Also under *New Business*, Trosow reminded us that she had read an email from Tom Frutchey, City Manager, stating that the Foundation/City lease agreement is still under review, adding we need to know what updates are being made.

Approval of minutes is being held over until the June meeting.

#### **IV. Public Comments**

None

#### **V. Correspondence**

None

#### **VI. City Council Liaison Comments**

Our Liaison, Deborah Lindsay, has resigned from the City Council. After the City Council appoints a new member in June, a new liaison for the Museum Board will be chosen.

## **VII. Museum Foundation Liaison Comments**

1. Arcanin reported on the opening reception for the latest exhibit, “Illustrating Nature”.
2. The next exhibit to open June 20, with an opening reception on June 19, will be about the artist, Albert T. De Rome.
3. There is an AAM meeting coming up in L.A. and some of the Museum staff are attending.
4. AAM has changed its cycle for accreditation from a 10 year cycle to a 15 year cycle, but the Museum is still set for a visit in December 2010.
5. Renz asked Arcanin a question about whether the Board could have a copy of the newly finished inventory of the Museum’s collection. Renz will ask City Manager, Tom Frutchey, for a copy.
6. Trosow asked Arcanin why the “Illustrating Nature” exhibit was only being held for one month. Arcanin explained that this is student art and the students are done with their studies and are leaving the area and need their art to take with them. Arcanin further explained that this show was a joint effort with CSUMB and the Museum. They shared the cost of \$500 for the food and publicity.

## **VIII. Museum Director’s Monthly Reports**

Read and accepted with no comments.

## **IX. Board Member Comments**

Wills read a letter from John Pearse (emailed to board members) about his thoughts on when to write our

Purpose Statement and revamp 200-5. Pearse recommended tabling both of these items until after having a planning session.

A Motion was made to not table the two documents and proceed ahead today. The Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

#### **X. Old Business**

A. 1. The *Procedures* document revision, moving a parenthesis, was approved.

A. 2. Trosow and Renz each presented draft versions of a possible *Purpose Statement*. After a lengthy discussion with the board members and guests, it was agreed to put this item on the agenda for the next meeting in order to continue our discussion of the Board's purpose. We will each have copies of the draft *Purpose Statements* to visually refer to at that time.

B. After further discussion about revamping 200-5, it was decided that this would be a large task and a special meeting was called to work only on updating 200-5.

Renz will get an updated Foundation/City Agreement from Tom Frutchey.

A Special Meeting will be called on Wed., May 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM.

#### **XI. New Business**

After reviewing Mayor Garcia's letter dated April 30, 2010, a mini summit/planning session will be scheduled for the end of June after a new *Purpose Statement* and the

updated 200-5 are both done. The Board will present its changes to 200-5 and new Purpose Statement at that time.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Next meeting will be a Special Meeting on Wed., May 26, 2010 at the Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Wills  
Member and Secretary, Museum Board, City of Pacific  
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