

**CALIFORNIA CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ENDOWMENT
BOARD MEETING - DAY TWO
DRAFT MINUTES**

**Thursday, August 23, 2007
9:00 A.M.**

Location: Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building
914 Capitol Mall, Room 500
Sacramento, California

Members of the Board in attendance:

Ms. Susan Hildreth, Chair
Ms. Suzanne Deal Booth
Mr. Mike Chrisman, represented by Mr. Bryan Cash
Ms. Georgette Imura
Ms. Carmen Martinez
Mr. Robert V. McDonald
Mr. Michael Genest, represented by Mr. Vince Brown
Ms. Betsy Reeves
Mr. James Irvine Swinden
Mr. Jon F. Vein

Representing the Assembly:

Assemblymember Karen Bass, also represented by Mr. Max Espinoza
Assemblymember Hector De La Torre

Representing the Senate:

Senator Christine Kehoe, represented by Ms. Deanna Spehn
Senator Don Perata, represented by Mr. Greg Schmidt

Staff in attendance:

Ms. Diane Matsuda, Executive Officer
Ms. Marianne Moe, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Rachel Magana, Executive Secretary

****continued from the previous day (Wednesday, 8-22-07)****

7.b. Planning Grants Applications

Executive Officer Matsuda explained that planning grants are grants given to nonprofit organizations, as well as public agencies, and deal with specific or technical documents that help to create a good foundation for their eventual capital assets projects. For example, planning grant documents can be for things like design development, construction, or schematic design.

Ms. Matsuda presented a summary of the thirteen Round 3 planning grant applicants that scored the average overall score of 70 percent or above:

Division One

Proposed Planning Grant Number 2. Stanislaus County Agricultural Science Foundation, Stanislaus County.

Amount requested: \$199,560.39

Purpose: to create plans for a 65,000 square foot facility on agriculture to open in 2009.

Chair Hildreth mentioned that the Foundation had requested the same amount in Round 2 and were in final consideration at that time (although they were not funded).

Proposed Planning Grant number 5. Nevada County Land Trust, Nevada County.

Amount requested: \$300,000

Purpose: to rehabilitate a Julia Morgan building built in 1905.

Chair Hildreth mentioned that the Trust had also requested the same amount in Round 2 and were in final consideration at that time (although they were not funded).

Proposed Planning Grant Number 8. Museum of African Diaspora, City and County of San Francisco.

Amount requested: \$175,000

Purpose: to reconfigure their first and second floor of the facility.

Executive Officer Matsuda commented that the Museum is a former applicant not in final consideration last year. An article about the Executive Director leaving the Museum has been included in the Board information packet.

Proposed Planning Grant Number 10. Friends of La Laguna, Los Angeles County.

Amount requested: \$50,000

Purpose: to rehabilitate 14 custom designed and hand-crafted concrete play structures by Benjamin Dominquez.

Proposed Planning Grant Number 11. Petaluma Museum Association, Sonoma County.

Amount requested: \$15,000

Purpose: to create maintenance manual for the Museum, this is a former Carnegie Library.

Division Two

Proposed Planning Grant Number 2. Friends Foundation of the California African American Museum, Los Angeles County.

Amount requested: \$300,000

Purpose: to continue their plans to reconfigure their facility.

The Foundation was a CCHE planning grant recipient in Round 2 for \$100,000.

Proposed Planning Grant Number 3. Pacific Locomotive Association, Inc., Alameda County.

Amount requested: \$50,000

Purpose: to rehabilitate an 1870 depot station as a museum.

Division Three

Proposed Planning Grant Number 1. Oakland Zoo, Alameda County.

Amount requested: \$300,000

Purpose: to expand the zoo to include three native zones focusing on ecology, coastal Indian lifestyle, and protected species.

Proposed Planning Grant Number 2. COPIA, the American Center for Wine, Food and the Arts, Napa County

Amount requested: \$300,00

Purpose: to reconfigure their facility to include more information on the history and origins of wine.

Division Four

Proposed Planning Grant Number 1. Port of San Francisco, City and County of San Francisco.

Amount requested: \$300,000

Purpose: to rehabilitate Pier 70 and include the restoration of the 30 historic buildings located at the pier.

Chair Hildreth commented that, even though it is a planning grant, this was the second priority for the City and County of San Francisco,

Proposed Planning Grant Number 5. City of Belvedere, Marin County.

Amount requested: \$10,000

Purpose: to renovate the former 1896 Presbyterian Church now used as their City Hall.

Proposed Planning Grant Number 8. City of Selma, Pioneer Village Commission, Fresno County.

Amount requested: \$30,000

Purpose: to restore historic structures in the Pioneer Village.

Proposed Planning Grant Number 6. City of Soledad, Monterey County.

Amount requested: \$150,000

Purpose: to rehabilitate the Los Coches Adobe into a museum.

Executive Officer Matsuda stated that the cumulative total for the 13 planning grants is approximately \$2.1 million.

After public comments and Q&A with planning grant representatives, followed by Board member discussion, Chair Hildreth read into the record the agreed-upon amounts for each approved planning grant as follows:

Stanislaus County Agricultural Science Foundation: \$199,560.39

Nevada County Land Trust: \$300,000
Museum of the African Diaspora: \$150,000
Friends of La Laguna: \$50,000
Petaluma Museum Association: \$15,000
Friends Foundation of the California African American Museum: \$200,000
Pacific Locomotive Association: \$50,000
Oakland Zoo: \$300,000
COPIA: \$100,000
Port of San Francisco: \$200,000
City of Belvedere: \$10,000
City of Soledad: \$145,000
City of Selma: \$30,000

Board Member Swinden motioned that the amounts be approved by the Board; seconded by Board Member McDonald and unanimously approved.

7.c. Board deliberations on Project Grant Applications

Deputy Attorney General Moe updated the Board on additional information received since yesterday from some of the applicants' representatives.

Regarding the lawsuit filed against CCHE, Deputy Attorney General Moe advised the Board that, based on staff's preliminary review, she is optimistic that the Board has strong arguments that will allow the defeat of at least most of the lawsuit. However, as with any litigation, until it's gone through the courts there is a certain amount of remaining uncertainty. With that in mind, she asked the Board to consider holding back a certain amount of funding, approximately \$1.6 million, to allow some leeway in terms of options for the Board to move forward on the potential litigation.

Delegate Brown made a motion that the Board set aside the \$1.6 million relative to the potential litigation and notice the Board for a closed session at the September 2007 meeting to further discuss any matters of litigation; seconded by Board Member Booth and unanimously approved.

Chair Hildreth asked that a new grant total of available monies be calculated, denoting the decreased amount after deducting for the approved planning grants and the \$1.6 pending litigation funds.

The Board then began extensive discussions on the various project grant applications, which culminated over time in the gradual reduction of some requested amounts and the elimination of others. During this iterative process the Board sometimes asked clarifying questions of representatives of particular project grant applications on issues relating to their projects.

Deputy Attorney General Moe recommended that the Board make it clear that what they were doing at this meeting was reserving funding in specific amounts for each project; that this was not the final part of the process. At a time in the future those projects granted reserved funding would come back to the Board with the appropriate documentation needed for final approval.

Deputy Attorney General Moe also asked if the Board would make a motion to give the staff the authority to negotiate and enter into grant agreements for the planning grants approved earlier. Delegate Cash so motioned; seconded by Board Member Martinez and unanimously approved.

General Public Comment followed from Mr. Sef Murguia, representing the Northern California Indian Development Council.

Chair Hildreth announced that the next meeting date would be September 27 at a location to be determined.

Chair Hildreth next asked a Board member to make a motion that the Round 3 projects supported by the Board be read into the record and that the funding for those projects be reserved. Board Member Booth made the motion; seconded by Board Member Reeves.

Project reserved funding amounts follow:

Division 1

**Grant number 2. Fiddletown Preservation Society, Inc., Amador County.
Reserved funding amount: \$207,964**

**Grant number 10. Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos, San Luis Obispo County.
Reserved funding amount: \$861,167**

**Grant number 13. Point Arena Lighthouse Keepers, Inc., Mendocino County.
Reserved funding amount: \$1,209,375**

**Grant number 14. Tahoe Maritime Museum, Placer County.
Reserved funding amount: \$266,722**

**Grant number 20. Environmental Nature Center, Orange County.
Reserved funding amount: \$1,209,375**

**Grant number 24. Sahm Fow Chinese Community, Inc., Yuba County.
Reserved funding amount: \$331,546**

**Grant number 28. Kennedy Mine Foundation, Amador County.
Reserved funding amount: \$145,125**

**Grant number 36. Fullerton Historic Theatre Foundation, Orange County.
Reserved funding amount: \$1,983,375**

Division 2

**Proposed Grant number 2. Project Restore, Los Angeles County.
Reserved funding amount: \$1,935,000**

**Grant number 4. California Museum for History, Women, and the Arts, Sacramento County.
Reserved funding amount: \$1,935,000**

**Grant number 7. Capital Unity Council, Sacramento County.
Reserved funding amount: \$1,451,250**

**Grant number 11. American River Conservancy, El Dorado County.
Reserved funding amount: \$483,750**

**Grant number 18. Crystal Cove Alliance, Orange County.
Reserved funding amount: \$1,451,250**

**Grant number 19. Western Center Community Foundation dba Western Center for
Archaeology and Paleontology, Riverside County.
Reserved funding amount: \$353,138**

**Grant number 23. Berkeley Society for the Preservation of Traditional Music dba
Freight & Salvage Coffee House, Alameda County.
Reserved funding amount: \$1,161,000**

**Grant number 24. San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association, City
and County of San Francisco.
Reserved funding amount: \$967,500**

Division 3

**Grant number 1. Discovery Science Center, Orange County.
Reserved funding amount: \$1,161,000**

**Grant number 8. Zoological Society of San Diego, San Diego County.
Reserved funding amount: \$967,500**

**Grant number 11. Museum of Latin American Art, Los Angeles County.
Reserved funding amount: \$1,239,368**

**Grant number 14. Pasadena Playhouse, State Theatre of California, Inc., Los Angeles
County.
Reserved funding amount: \$967,500**

**Grant number 15. Autry National Center of the American West, Los Angeles County.
Reserved funding amount: \$160,121**

**Grant number 16. California Academy of Sciences, City and County of San
Francisco.
Reserved funding amount: \$483,750**

**Grant number 17. Kidspace: A Participatory Museum dba Kidspace Children's
Museum, Los Angeles County.
Reserved funding amount: \$1,741,500**

**Grant number 22. Crocker Art Museum Association, Sacramento County.
Reserved funding amount: \$483,750**

**Grant number 25. The Old Globe Theatre dba The Old Globe, San Diego County.
Reserved funding amount: \$1,635,075**

**Grant number 26. Museum Associates dba Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles County.
Reserved funding amount: \$483,750**

Division 4

**Grant number 1. San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, City and County of San Francisco.
Reserved funding amount: \$1,451,250**

**Grant number 2. Parks and Community Services Department of the City of San Ramon, Contra Costa County.
Reserved funding amount: \$253,224**

**Grant number 5. City of San Dimas, Los Angeles County.
Reserved funding amount: \$677,250**

**Grant number 14. City of Santa Rosa Recreation and Parks Department, Sonoma County.
Reserved funding amount: \$822,375**

**Grant number 17. Redevelopment Agency of the City of Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County.
Reserved funding amount: \$1,935,000**

**Grant number 20. City of Merced, Merced County.
Reserved funding amount: \$1,935,000**

**Grant number 25. Oakland Redevelopment Agency, Alameda County.
Reserved funding amount: \$1,064,250**

**Grant number 31. City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, Los Angeles County.
Reserved funding amount: \$2,418,750**

**Grant number 35. City of Chowchilla, Madera County.
Reserved funding amount: \$698,724**

**Grant number 37. City of Roseville, Placer County.
Reserved funding amount: \$725,625**

**Grant number 46. City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, Los Angeles County.
Reserved funding amount: \$1,451,250**

**Grant number 48. Port San Luis Harbor District, San Luis Obispo County.
Reserved funding amount: \$649,228**

**Grant number 49. San Bernardino County Museum, San Bernardino County.
Reserved funding amount: \$1,935,000**

**Grant number 50. City of Sutter Creek, Amador County.
Reserved funding amount: \$870,750**

**Grant number 58. Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, Sacramento
County.
Reserved funding amount: \$290,250**

After all reserved funding amounts were read into the record the Board passed the reserved funding amounts unanimously.

Chair Hildreth asked for a motion to adjourn the meetings in memory of Walter Gray, a former Board member. Board Member Imura so motioned; seconded by Delegate Cash and passed unanimously.

Chair Hildreth thanked everyone and wished the project representatives good luck on their projects.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.