

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ENDOWMENT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, June 22, 2010**

**10:05 A.M.**

Location: Legislative Office Building  
1020 N Street  
Room 100  
Sacramento, California

**Members of the Board in attendance:**

Ms. Stacey Aldrich, Chair  
Dr. Catherine Campisi  
Ms. Georgette Imura  
Ms. Ana J. Matosantos, represented by Ms. Jeannie Oropeza  
Mr. Bobby McDonald  
Mr. Lester Snow, represented by Mr. Blaine Lamb  
Mr. James Irvine Swinden  
Mr. Jon Vein  
Assembly Member Hector De La Torre  
Senator Christine Kehoe, represented by Ms. Deanna Spehn

**Staff in attendance:**

Ms. Mimi Morris, Executive Officer  
Ms. Marian Moe, Deputy Attorney General  
Ms. Carol Carter, Project Manager  
Ms. Lynnda Fair, Office Coordinator  
Mr. Peter Iliff, Intern  
Ms. Francelle Phillips, Office Manager  
Mr. Tony Planchon, Research Program Specialist  
Mr. Frank Ramirez, Project Manager  
Ms. Diane Sousa, Project Manager

**Also present:**

Mr. Fred Blackwell, City and County of San Francisco  
Assembly Member Joe Coto  
Mr. Sean Jeffries, Millennium Corporation  
Assembly Member Fiona Ma  
Mr. Victor Marquez, The Mexican Museum  
Mr. Saul Romo, City of Los Angeles  
Ms. Barbara Takei, Tule Lake Committee

**Also present (continued):**

Mr. Edde Wong, AIISF  
Mr. Louis Spisto, The Old Globe

**1. Roll Call**

Chair Stacey Aldrich called the meeting to order; Research Program Specialist Tony Planchon called the roll; a quorum was established.

**2. Chairperson's Report - None**

**3. Approval of Minutes from April 13-14, 2010 Meeting**

*Upon motion by Board Member Vein, seconded by Board Member McDonald, the April 13-14, 2010 Minutes were approved.*

**4. Executive Officer's Report**

Executive Officer Mimi Morris reported the following:

- Both the Senate and the Assembly have approved CCHE's budget request for 2010-11. The request included \$500,000 for additional projects and State operations funding for 2010-11 and is contingent upon passage of the budget by the Governor later this summer. Funding will still need to be requested for each of the four out-years – 2011 through 2014,
- The budget request also includes a re-appropriation of existing project funding to June 30, 2013, which gives CCHE the ability to encumber funds through that date and to liquidate those encumbrances by June 2015.
- Legislative leaders expressed concern over the survey requirement; and CCHE is now in the process of replacing the individual hired to help with the survey in January. It is hoped that someone will be on board for that task by early to mid-August.
- On April 13<sup>th</sup>, the \$7.66 million General Grant Fund balance was reserved in two categories, due to the unresolved nature of the Mexican Museum's application and request. The second group of funding reservations included today as Agenda Item No 10 is contingent upon the decision made by the Board with regard to the Museum (Agenda Item No. 5).
- CCHE staff was contacted by the Western Center Community Foundation and advised of their decision to withdraw their request for \$160,000, and there is now over \$250,000 in the general grant fund.

- The November meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.; the annual CCHE reception will follow immediately after the meeting. The Discovery Science Center in Santa Ana has graciously offered to host the reception in their museum.
- The Spring 2011 meeting will be held in northern California.
- The following projects have been completed or are near completion:
  - Oakland Museum opened up in mid-April.
  - Angels Flight had an official opening on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Delta Rocket is installed at the Discovery Science Center, and the project opens to the general public on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Sierra #3, the Sierra Railway steam locomotive, has been restored to its 1929 appearance and opens on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - The Richmond Plunge, the indoor municipal swimming pool, is scheduled to open on August 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - The rehabilitation of the Cesar Chavez Learning Institute as an educational facility, in Keene, California just outside of Bakersfield, has been completed.
- The grand opening of the La Plaza de Cultura y Artes (LAPCA) in the pueblo of Los Angeles, will be held on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Morris introduced Mr. Peter Iliff, a summer intern and student of architecture at the University of Oregon.

## 5. Review of Project with Reservation Removed

**Applicant:** Mexican Museum  
**Project:** Mexican Museum

Executive Officer Morris summarized the history of the project, described the documents recently submitted by the Museum, and concluded with the staff recommendation to reaffirm the decision made in February 2010 that removed the reservation of funding.

Assembly Members Fiona Ma and Joe Coto expressed their support for the Museum.

Museum representative Mr. Victor Marquez discussed some of the remaining issues, and reiterated that the Museum enjoys the strong support of the San Francisco Mayor's Office, as well as the unanimous support of the San Francisco City and County Board of Supervisors. He asked that the full \$2.4 million project funding award be reinstated or, as an alternative, the possibility of recapturing \$1.4 million.

Mr. Fred Blackwell, Executive Director of the San Francisco Development Agency, urged the Board to reconsider its prior decision. He discussed some of the Museum's salient financial details and accounting and expressed full confidence that the project would not

only move forward in a timely manner, but move forward in a way that the Board will be proud of if it decides to reinstate the funding award.

Mr. Sean Jeffries, Millennium Partners, San Francisco, pledged the support of Millennium and further stated that they are working aggressively with the Museum and look forward, together with the redevelopment agency, to its opening.

Board Member De La Torre stated that, at the end of the day, the project that the Board voted for is still happening and the Board should be supportive of that as much as it can.

Executive Officer Morris thanked the speakers for their comments, and added her support and appreciation for the collection that the project represents; describing it as a truly amazing collection of artifacts and artwork that is valuable to the State of California, to the nation as a whole, and, in fact, globally, as it represents tremendous documentation of human creative endeavors. She wanted it known that her concerns about the organization were very separate from her appreciation for the collection.

Mr. Marquez and Mr. Blackwell answered Board Member questions, and Board Members expressed some of their various concerns regarding the project.

Board Member Swinden recommended that the Board consider a reservation of \$1.2 million for the project; the money to be reserved for a period of one year. During that time the Board would expect that an executive director be in place, that administrative staff be held responsible for providing CCHE staff with the information it needs, and that a monthly or bi-monthly report be submitted to CCHE staff that verifies that the Board's requirements are being met.

After further discussion, Board Member Swinden proposed that the Board give \$800,000 as a planning reservation that the Museum would be able to use to put the project together and hopefully to be able to move it forward.

The Board deliberated further; Deputy Attorney General Marian Moe then summarized the motion: to reconsider the February 4, 2010, decision to remove the reservation of funding and to reinstate the reservation of funding, for planning purposes, in an amount up to \$800,000; that the Museum report back to the Board at its November meeting and demonstrate that it has had an executive director in place by October 1, 2010; that they submit a completed audit to CCHE staff 60 days from today's date; that the Museum report to the CCHE staff monthly; that they report their pre-development plan and, if any of the drafts are available before the November meeting, that those be submitted as well, as required by the Arts Commission; and that failure to comply with any of these milestones would be grounds for removal of the funding reservation. Further, the Executive Officer has discretion to specify what would be required from the Museum, and the requirements will include copies of the Museum's board meeting Minutes.

*Upon motion by Board Member Swinden, seconded by Delegate Lamb, the Board approved the motion as described above. The vote was 5-2-1: five "Yes" (Aldrich,*

*Swinden, Vein, Lamb, Campisi); two “No” (McDonald, Oropeza); and one “Abstain” (Imura).*

## **6. Review of Round One Projects**

### **6.1 Applicant: Angel Island Immigration Station Project: Angel Island Immigration Station Hospital Renovation**

Executive Officer Morris noted that the Applicant received two grants from CCHE. The first funded interpretative exhibits in the barracks. The second, larger grant funds the rehabilitation of the Angel Island hospital into an interpretative center. They now request an extension to December 2011. She concluded with the staff recommendation for approval.

Mr. Eddie Wong updated the Board on the status of the project and assured them it would be finished on time, at the end of December 2011.

*Upon motion by Delegate Oropeza, seconded by Board Member Imura, the Board approved the extension.*

### **6.2 Applicant: Brava! For Women in the Arts/Brava Theater (Informational) Project: Brava Theater Center Phase Two**

Executive Officer Morris reported that CCHE has been informed by the State Department of Industrial Relations that the grantee has not complied with the prevailing wage law. Because non-compliance with the law is a violation of the grant agreement, CCHE has not paid an invoice submitted to them since learning of the violation, and have informed the grantee that they are disputing the invoice pending a correction of the violation.

## **7. Review of Round Two Projects**

### **7.1 Applicant: City and County of San Francisco Recreation Project: South Windmill Restoration Project – Golden Gate Park**

Executive Officer Morris stated that the Applicant has requested an extension to June 30, 2011, and staff recommends approval.

*Upon motion by Board Member Vein, seconded by Chairperson Aldrich, the Board approved the extension.*

## **8. Review of Round Three Projects**

### **8.1 Applicant: City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs Project: Vision Theater Renovation**

Executive Officer Morris reported that the Applicant has requested an extension to September 30, 2012, and staff recommends approval.

Mr. Saul Romo, City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, discussed some of the details of the extension.

*Upon motion by Board Member McDonald, seconded by Chairperson Aldrich, the Board approved the extension.*

- 8.2 Applicant: City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks**  
**Project: Echo Park Boathouse Rehabilitation Phase III**

Executive Officer Morris reported that the Applicant has requested an extension to June 30, 2012, and staff recommends approval.

*Upon motion by Board Member McDonald, seconded by Board Member Imura, the Board approved the extension.*

## **9. Round Four Projects with a Reservation**

Executive Officer Morris noted that the next 14 Round Four projects have had a reservation of funding since April 14, 2010.

- 9.1 Applicant: Discovery Science Space Center of Orange County (R4-13)**  
**Project: Completion of the Delta Rocket Historic Exhibit Program**  
**Resolution Number 2010.16**  
**Reservation of Funding Amount: \$500,000**

Executive Officer Morris stated the staff recommendation for approval of a categorical CEQA exemption and funding of \$500,000.

*Upon motion by Board Member Swinden, seconded by Board Member McDonald, the Board approved Resolution Number 2010.16.*

- 9.2 Applicant: Point Arena Lighthouse Keepers, Inc. (R4-12)**  
**Project: Save the Light**  
**Resolution Number 2010.17**  
**Reservation of Funding Amount: \$235,241**

Executive Officer Morris stated the staff recommendation for approval of funding of \$235,241.

*Upon motion by Board Member McDonald, seconded by Chairperson Aldrich, the Board approved Resolution Number 2010.17.*

- 9.3 Applicant: San Francisco Parks and Recreation (R4-30)**  
**Project: Palace of Fine Arts, Phase IIC, Historical Landscape**  
**Resolution Number 2010.18**

**Reservation of Funding Amount: \$500,000**

Executive Officer Morris stated the staff recommendation for approval of a categorical CEQA exemption and funding of \$500,000.

*Upon motion by Delegate Lamb, seconded by Delegate Oropeza, the Board approved Resolution Number 2010.18.*

- 9.4 Applicant: Crystal Cove Alliance (R4-32)**  
**Project: Crystal Cove State Historic District Park Museum**  
**Resolution Number 2010.19**  
**Reservation of Funding Amount: \$500,000**

Executive Officer Morris stated the staff recommendation that each of the mitigation measures that are applicable to the activities funded by the CCHE a condition of grant approval and approve the award in the amount of \$500,000.

*Upon motion by Board Member Swinden, seconded by Chairperson McDonald, the Board approved Resolution Number 2010.19.*

- 9.5 Applicant: San Jose Taiko (R4-08)**  
**Project: Okida Hall**  
**Resolution Number 2010.20**  
**Reservation of Funding Amount: \$500,000**

Executive Officer Morris stated the staff recommendation for approval of a categorical CEQA exemption and funding of \$500,000.

*Upon motion by Board Member Campisi, seconded by Board Member Vein, the Board approved Resolution Number 2010.20.*

- 9.6 Applicant: San Jose Children's Discovery Museum (R4-27)**  
**Project: The Way Back Lot**  
**Resolution Number 2010.21**  
**Reservation of Funding Amount: \$499,788**

Executive Officer Morris stated the staff recommendation for approval of the CEQA findings and funding of \$499,788.

*Upon motion by Board Member McDonald, seconded by Chairperson Aldrich, the Board approved Resolution Number 2010.21.*

- 9/7 Applicant: Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos (R4-35)**  
**Project: Restoration Completion of the Dana Adobe**  
**Resolution Number 2010.22**  
**Reservation of Funding Amount: \$330,960**

Executive Officer Morris stated the staff recommendation for approval of a categorical CEQA exemption and funding of \$330,960.

*Upon motion by Board Member McDonald, seconded by Chairperson Aldrich, the Board approved Resolution Number 2010.22.*

**9/8 Applicant: Vista Irrigation District (R4-04)**  
**Project: Warner-Carrillo Ranch House Restoration Project**  
**Resolution Number 2010.23**  
**Reservation of Funding Amount: \$316,000**

Executive Officer Morris stated the staff recommendation for approval of a categorical CEQA exemption and funding of \$316,000.

*Upon motion by Board Member Vein, seconded by Delegate Oropeza, the Board approved Resolution Number 2010.23.*

**9.9 Applicant: Tule Lake Committee, Inc. (R4-34)**  
**Project: Saving an American Treasure**  
**Resolution Number 2010.24**  
**Reservation of Funding Amount: \$138,000**

Executive Officer Morris stated the staff recommendation for approval of a categorical CEQA exemption and funding of \$138,000.

Ms. Barbara Takei spoke in support of the project.

*Upon motion by Board Member Imura, seconded by Board Member Swinden, the Board approved Resolution Number 2010.24.*

**9.10 Applicant: City of Richmond (R4-15)**  
**Project: Richmond Plunge Restoration**  
**Resolution Number 2010.25**  
**Reservation of Funding Amount: \$134,193**

Executive Officer Morris stated the staff recommendation that the Board find the Negative Declaration prepared by the City of Richmond adequately addresses the environmental impacts of the project, that it make the mitigation measures described in Exhibit A a condition of approval, and that it find that with the implementation of the mitigation measures the project will have no significant environmental effects; further, that the Board approve funding of \$134,193.

*Upon motion by Board Member McDonald, seconded by Delegate Lamb, the Board approved Resolution Number 2010.25.*



- 9.11 Applicant: Friends of La Laguna (R4-25)**  
**Project: La Laguna de San Gabriel Playground**  
**Resolution Number 2010.26**  
**Reservation of Funding Amount: \$250,000**

Executive Officer Morris stated the staff recommendation for approval of a categorical CEQA exemption and funding of \$250,000.

*Upon motion by Board Member Campisi, seconded by Board Member Vein, the Board approved Resolution Number 2010.26.*

- 9.12 Applicants: Navarro-by-the-Sea Center (R4-29)**  
**Project: Captain Fletcher's Inn Stabilization Project**  
**Resolution Number 2010.27**  
**Reservation of Funding Amount: \$319,695**

Executive Officer Morris stated the staff recommendation for approval of the Negative Declaration and funding of \$319,695.

*Upon motion by Delegate Oropeza, seconded by Board Member Imura, the Board approved Resolution Number 2010.27.*

- 9.13 Applicant: Oakland Redevelopment Agency (R4-37)**  
**Project: Fox Theater Project**  
**Resolution Number 2010.28**  
**Reservation of Funding Amount: \$500,000**

Executive Officer Morris stated the staff recommendation for approval of the Negative Declaration and the mitigation measures and funding of \$500,000.

*Upon motion by Board Member Vein, seconded by Delegate Oropeza, the Board approved Resolution Number 2010.28.*

- 9.14 Applicant: Landmark Heritage Foundation (R4-01)**  
**Project: 80 Years and counting – Is Help Coming for the “Little Castle?”**  
**Resolution Number 2010.29**  
**Reservation of Funding Amount: \$381,000**

Executive Officer Morris stated the staff recommendation for approval of a categorical CEQA exemption and funding of \$381,000.

*Upon motion by Board Member Campisi, seconded by Delegate Oropeza, the Board approved Resolution Number 2010.29.*

## **10. Round Four Projects with a Reservation Pending Mexican Museum Final Decision (Action)**

Executive Officer Morris remarked that CCHE staff has worked diligently to ensure that each of the following projects has the required long-term control of the project in question, are compliant with the requirements of CEQA, and there are demonstrated plans for the required match so that the Board can award their funding.

- 10.1 Applicant: Museum Associates dba Los Angeles (R44-33)**  
**Project: LACMA -- Exterior Rehabilitation of LACMA West**  
**Resolution Number 2010.30**  
**Requested Funding: \$500,000**

Executive Officer Morris stated the staff recommendation for approval of a categorical CEQA exemption and funding of \$500,000.

*Upon motion by Board Member Vein, seconded by Board Member Swinden, the Board approved Resolution Number 2010.30.*

- 10.2 Applicant: Social and Public Art Resource Center (R4-40)**  
**Project: Great Wall of Los Angeles**  
**Resolution Number 2010.31**  
**Requested Funding: \$150,000**

Executive Officer Morris stated the staff recommendation for approval of a categorical CEQA exemption and funding of \$150,000.

*Upon motion by Board Member Campisi, seconded by Delegate Oropeza, the Board approved Resolution Number 2010.31.*

- 10.3 Applicant: Zoological Society of San Diego (R4-03)**  
**Project: Elephant Odyssey Interpretive Elements**  
**Resolution Number 2010.32**  
**Requested Funding: \$275,000**

Executive Officer Morris stated the staff recommendation for approval of a categorical CEQA exemption and funding of \$275,000.

*Upon motion by Board Member McDonald, seconded by Board Member Swinden, the Board approved Resolution Number 2010.32.*

- 10.4 Applicant: Museum of Latin American Art (R4-14)**  
**Project: Setting the Pace for MoLAA's Future**  
**Resolution Number 2010.33**  
**Requested Funding: \$300,000**

Executive Officer Morris stated the staff recommendation for approval of a categorical CEQA exemption and funding of \$300,000.

*Upon motion by Board Member Vein, seconded by Delegate Oropeza, the Board approved Resolution Number 2010.33.*

- 10.5 Applicant: NTC Foundation (R4-28)**  
**Project: Restoration of the former NTC Officer Quarters**  
**Resolution Number 2010.34**  
**Requested Funding: \$300,000**

Executive Officer Morris stated the staff recommendation that the Board make each of the mitigation measures that are applicable to the activities funded by CCHE a condition of grant approval and approve funding of \$300,000.

*Upon motion by Board Member McDonald, seconded by Delegate Oropeza, the Board approved Resolution Number 2010.34.*

- 10.6 Applicant: John Marsh Historical Trust (R4-45)**  
**Project: John Marsh House: Steel Framing to Support Exterior Stone Walls**  
**Resolution Number 2010.36**  
**Requested Funding: \$200,000**

Executive Officer Morris stated the staff recommendation for approval of a categorical CEQA exemption and funding of \$200,000.

*Upon motion by Board Member Swinden, seconded by Board Member McDonald, the Board approved Resolution Number 2010.36.*

## **11. Public Comments - None**

## **12. Board Member Comments**

Per Board Member Swinden's request, Executive Officer Morris provided additional details about the survey process that is underway.

## **13. Administrative Matters**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup> in southern California, followed by a reception at the Discovery Science Center in Santa Ana.

The next meeting will be March 2011. A poll will be conducted to determine the specific date.

## **14. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.