

MINUTES
WAR MEMORIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, July 11, 2002

The Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco met in regular session at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2002, in the Trustees' Board Room, War Memorial Opera House, President Horn presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Horn, Trustee Bashford, Trustee Bechtle, Trustee Farrow, Trustee Haas, Trustee Moscone;

Absent: Vice President Jarman, Trustee Balianz, Trustee Leones, Trustee Roth, Trustee Shultz.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Horn called for approval of the minutes of the June 13, 2002 regular meeting of the Board. On motion of Trustee Moscone, seconded by Trustee Farrow, the minutes were unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Symphony "Summer in the City": President Horn reported that the San Francisco Symphony and San Francisco Arts Commission opened their annual "Summer in the City" series in Davies Symphony Hall on July 6, which series will continue through August 2. On behalf of the Trustees, President Horn extended best wishes to the Symphony and Arts Commission for a successful summer season.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Rental Requests: Ms. Murray stated that rental requests include a request from the San Francisco Symphony to use the Davies Symphony Hall parking area from August 30 through September 6, 2002, to install a tent for their opening night pre-performance dinner on September 4. She noted that the Symphony also requests use of its one catering exemption for 2002-03 for opening night festivities. Ms. Murray stated that remaining rental requests are routine and requested their approval. On motion of Trustee Haas, seconded by Trustee Farrow, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-25

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that the following rental requests are hereby approved:

LOUISE M. DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL

San Francisco Symphony Symphony Opening Night Parking lot tent for Pre-Performance Dinner (Catering exemption)	September 4, 2002	\$5,000.00
San Francisco Symphony 2002 – 2003 Season (partial)	September 1, 2002 – January 31, 2003	\$135,575.00 vs. 10% \$143,575.00 max.

HERBST THEATRE

Youth Speaks Grand Slam Finals: 7 th Annual Youth Speaks Teen Poetry Slam	March 29, 2003	\$575.00
San Francisco Opera Center “Youth’s Magic Horn” a Mahler recital	November 25, 2002	\$575.00
AIDS Emergency Fund 20 th Anniversary Gala, Silent Auction and reception in Veterans Lobby	November 20, 2002	\$1,450.00
Integral Yoga Institute Talk by Sri Swami Satchidananda	March 20, 2003	\$575.00
Philharmonic Baroque Orchestra Benefit Concert	March 17, 2003	\$575.00

Additional Rental Requests: Ms. Murray requested approval of additional rental requests as submitted. On motion of Trustee Moscone, seconded by Trustee Farrow, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-26

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that the following additional rental requests are hereby approved:

WAR MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE

Goldman Environmental Prize Foundation Goldman Environmental Prize Ceremony and post-ceremony reception	April 14, 2003	\$5,650.00
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LOUISE M. DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL

Pentatone Music B.V. Russian National Orchestra, Kent Nagano, conductor Recording Sessions	August 12 & 13, 2002	\$3,500.00
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HERBST THEATRE

Korean Master Chorale Choir Concert	August 16, 2002	\$575.00
Bay Culture "A Wok Across the Golden Gate"	August 3, 2002	\$450.00

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Revenue, Appropriations and Building Projects Reports for June 2002: Mr. Ridenour referred to the revenue, appropriations, and status of building projects reports for June 2002, and requested a resolution to approve June 2002 housekeeping expenditures as submitted. Mr. Ridenour noted that final postings for Fiscal Year 2001-02 will be completed by the Controller in mid-August, following which final revenue and expenditure reports for 2001-02 will be provided to Trustees. On motion of Trustee Bashford, seconded by Trustee Haas, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-27

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that Purchase Orders Nos. POWM1275 through POWM1292, and RQWM02000035 and ENWM02000005, are hereby approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Building Committee:**

Trustee Bechtle reported that the Building Committee met at 1:30 p.m., prior to the regular meeting of the Board, to consider the request from the San Francisco Opera to install a commemorative plaque in the Opera House main lobby honoring the founders of the San Francisco Opera. Trustee Bechtle stated that the Committee viewed color representations of the proposed plaque, and heard comments from the San Francisco Opera, and descendants of the Opera founders who are donating the plaque. She noted that there had been at least three different versions of the list of founders' names, and that the plaque donors had researched and resolved discrepancies between the various lists. Trustee Bechtle reported that in response to questions from Committee members regarding the grammatically correct use of commas and other punctuation in the proposed plaque language, the plaque donors agreed to research the grammatical

questions and report back to War Memorial staff. Following discussion, and on motion of Trustee Bashford, seconded by Trustee Haas, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-28

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that the proposal of the San Francisco Opera to install a plaque commemorating the founders of the Opera in the main lobby of the War Memorial Opera House is hereby approved subject to satisfactory resolution of grammatical questions concerning the plaque's text.

Veterans Building Planning Committee:

President Horn reported on the status of the War Memorial's bond program proposal for the Veterans Building Seismic Upgrade and Improvements project, and outlined the schedule for the final consideration phase of the Board of Supervisors for placing this item on the November 2002 ballot.

President Horn reported that on June 17, the Board of Supervisors, by vote of 10 to 0, approved the recommendation of its Finance Committee and adopted the resolution of public interest and necessity for the Veterans Building General Obligation Bond proposal. He stated that this approval allowed the War Memorial to move forward with submitting the required ordinance that would actually place this item on the November 2002 ballot. The Veterans Building Bond Ordinance was introduced by Supervisor Sandoval on July 1, and was referred to the Supervisor's Finance Committee for consideration and recommendation.

President Horn reported that the Finance Committee hearing took place on July 10. Following departmental presentation and public comment, the Veterans Building Bond Ordinance was forwarded to the full Board of Supervisors without recommendation for consideration on Monday, July 15. President Horn noted that ordinances require two separate votes of the Board of Supervisors to pass, and ordinances on bond issues require approval of a super-majority of supervisors, or eight votes. Thus, passage of the Veterans Building Bond Ordinance will require that at least eight supervisors vote in favor of the Ordinance on July 15, and then again on July 22.

President Horn stated that during the hearing on July 10, the Finance Committee heard public comment from individuals, both in favor of and opposed to the Veterans Building proposal. He noted that several representatives of veterans' organizations stated their opposition to the proposal based on concerns about space allocated for veterans' use. At the conclusion of the Committee hearing, Supervisor Chris Daly offered to meet with the War Memorial and veterans to further discuss veterans' concerns. President Horn reported that Supervisors Daly and Sandoval have scheduled such a meeting for July 15 at 12:00 noon, in Veterans Building in room 207, and noted that War Memorial staff will work with the American Legion War Memorial Commission and other veterans' representatives to notify interested parties of this meeting.

President Horn encouraged all Trustees, veterans, licensees and others to attend the July 15 meeting of the Board of Supervisors to support approval of the ordinance to place the Veterans Building Bond proposal on the November 2002 ballot.

REGULAR ITEMS

Restaurant Associates/Patina Proposal for Renewal of Food and Beverage Concession and Catering Services Agreement: President Horn stated that Trustees have received a copy of the May 28, 2002 letter from Ed Sirhal, Senior Vice President-Development of Restaurant Associates, to Managing Director Beth Murray, in which Restaurant Associates/Patina proposes a five-year renewal of its current agreement with the War Memorial Board of Trustees, which expires August 31, 2003. President Horn referred this matter to the Presentors Liaison Committee for consideration and recommendation.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Marvin “Jay” Chronister – Retirement: President Horn reported that Jay Chronister, the War Memorial’s Building and Grounds Superintendent, retired on July 5, after 19 years of dedicated service. He stated that Jay has been an integral part of the War Memorial for the past two decades, and played an important role in the Opera House renovation and the many other major and minor projects in the War Memorial buildings. President Horn asked that a letter be sent to Jay Chronister expressing the Trustees’ thanks and appreciation for his 19 years of service to the War Memorial and best wishes on the occasion of his retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Horn adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Gregory P. Ridenour
Executive Secretary