

**MINUTES**  
**WAR MEMORIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**Thursday, June 8, 2006**

The Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco met in regular session at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2006, in the Trustees' Board Room, War Memorial Opera House, President Bashford presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: President Bashford, Vice President Horn, Trustee Bechtle, Trustee Farrow, Trustee Moscone, Trustee Reynolds, Trustee Shultz, and Trustee Tsakopoulos-Kounalakis;

Absent: Trustee Haas, Trustee Jarman, and Trustee Pelosi.

Staff Present: Elizabeth Murray, Managing Director  
Gregory Ridenour, Assistant Managing Director/Executive Secretary

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Bashford deferred approval of the minutes of the May 11, 2006 regular meeting of the Board until the July 13, 2006 regular meeting of the Board.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**San Francisco Opera - Opening of Summer Opera Season:** President Bashford reported that the San Francisco Opera opened its 2006 Summer Opera Season on May 27, 2006, with a magnificent performance of *Madama Butterfly*. He added, that for the first time in Opera history, the Opera presented a free, live simulcast of its opening night performance in Civic Center Plaza, which was attended and thoroughly enjoyed by over 8,000 people. On behalf of the Board, President Bashford congratulated the Opera and its General Director David Gockley on the overwhelming success of the Opera's first live simulcast, and extended best wishes for the continued success of the Opera Summer Season.

**MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Rental Requests:** Ms. Murray reported that rental requests as mailed to Trustees are routine and requested their approval. On motion of Trustee Farrow, seconded by Trustee Shultz, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-20**

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

**HERBST THEATRE**

California Institute of Integral Studies	October 6, 2006	\$630.00
Deva Premal and Miten in Concert		

City Arts and Lectures Linda Ronstadt & Ann Savoy	August 14, 2006	\$630.00
City Arts and Lectures 26 <sup>th</sup> Annual Literary Events	September 12, 19, 2006 October 11, 17, 23, 30, 2006 November 13, 2006 December 11, 2006 January 18, 2007	\$5,670.00
San Francisco Conservatory of Music Orchestra Concerts	October 9, 2006 November 7, 2006	\$1,260.00
Four Seasons Concerts 2006-07 Season	February 18, 2007 March 30, 2007	\$1,260.00
Kung Pao Kosher Comedy 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual George Bush Going Away Party	October 14, 2006	\$1,100.00
Symphony Parnassus 2006-07 Season Concerts	January 21, 2007 April 15, 2007 June 3, 2007	\$1,890.00
Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra 2006-07 Season	September 8, 2006 October 12, 2006 November 3, 2006 December 8, 2006 February 8, 2007 March 16, 2007 April 20, 2007	\$4,410.00
Melody Chorus Society Concert	January 14, 2007	\$630.00
Humanities West 2006-07 Season	October 20, 21, 2006 February 23, 24, 2007	\$2,520.00
Chinese American International School Soli Concert	July 9, 2006	\$630.00
Office of Supervisor Dufty Looking Back, Moving Forward: AIDS @25 Civic Observance	June 1, 2006	\$500.00
Office of the District Attorney Film Screening and Gender Panic Symposium	July 18, 20, 2006	\$1,260.00
Chinese American International School 2006 Winter Performance	December 5, 6, 2006	\$1,260.00
Chinese American International School 2007 Winter Performance	December 19, 20, 2007	\$1,260.00

Chinese American International School Graduation Ceremony	June 8, 2007	\$630.00
Rrazz Productions, Inc. Petula Clark	February 17, 2007	\$1,100.00
The Long Now Foundation Will Wright and Brian Eno in conversation	June 26, 2006	\$600.00

**FY 2006-07 Departmental Budget Update:** Ms. Murray stated that Trustees have today received a budget update summary showing the War Memorial's budget for FY 2006-07 as approved by the Mayor and submitted to the Board of Supervisors on June 1, 2006. She noted that since last month's budget report, at which time the War Memorial's 2006-07 budget showed a deficit of \$823,000 due to the Mayor's addition of \$821,000 in General Fund overhead charges, the Mayor's Office agreed to remove \$761,000 in overhead charges. Ms. Murray also noted that while the Mayor's budget does not restore hotel tax allocation amounts pursuant to the Municipal Code, the Mayor's budget does include increasing 2006-07 hotel tax allocations over the current-year reduced allocations by the 7.3% hotel tax growth projected in 2006-07. She stated that the 2006-07 proposed budget approved and submitted by the Board of Trustees included a 10% increase in hotel tax revenue; the 7.3% hotel tax increase approved by the Mayor reduces department revenue by \$221,000.

Ms. Murray stated that the current projected deficit of \$204,000 in the War Memorial's FY 2006-07 budget will be funded by current-year budget savings. She said that the FY 2006-07 budget now moves to the Board of Supervisors for review and approval, including hearings on department budgets before the Supervisors' Budget & Finance Committee later this month, and final budget approval in July 2006.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**Revenue, Appropriations and Status of Building Projects Reports for May 2006:** Mr. Ridenour referred to the Revenue, Appropriations, and Status of Building Projects Reports for May 2006, and requested a resolution to approve housekeeping expenditures as submitted. On motion of Trustee Bechtle, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 06-21**

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that Purchase Order Nos. WM06500189 through WM06500220 and Interdepartmental Work Order No. JEAT06500574 are hereby approved.

### **REGULAR ITEMS**

**RA Center, Inc. - Proposed Consent and Assignment Agreement:** Ms. Murray stated that Trustees have received a copy of the proposed "Consent and Assignment Agreement," requested by RA Center, Inc., to transfer and assign its rights and obligations, under its Food and Beverage Concession Agreement with the War Memorial, to RA Center, LLC, a new legal entity, as part of a proposed business reorganization. She stated Trustees have also received a copy of the letter dated May 5, 2006 from Joachim Splichal, founder and chef of RA/Patina, the subsidiary of RA Center, which operates the food and beverage concession services at the War Memorial and Performing Arts Center.

Ms. Murray stated that as outlined in the "Whereas" provisions of the proposed Consent and Assignment Agreement, RA Patina is proposing a business reorganization under which RA Center, Inc. will be merged into a new legal entity "RA Center, LLC," and RA Center, LLC will thus become the successor operator to RA Center, Inc. at the War Memorial and Performing Arts Center. She stated that while this reorganization

and merger will not cause or result in any changes to the RA/Patina operation at the War Memorial, the Food and Beverage Concession Agreement provides that any proposed assignment of duties or obligations by the operator must first be approved in writing by the War Memorial. Ms. Murray stated the proposed Consent and Assignment Agreement, as revised by the War Memorial and Office of the City Attorney, has been reviewed and approved by Deputy City Attorney Adine Varah, and has been executed by the authorized representative of RA Center, Inc.

Following discussion, and on motion of Vice President Horn, seconded by Trustee Farrow, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 06-22

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that it hereby approves the Consent and Assignment Agreement requested by RA Center, Inc., to transfer and assign its rights and obligations under its Food and Beverage Concession Agreement with the War Memorial to RA Center, LLC.

**Davies Symphony Hall Exterior Planters - Landscape Design Proposals:** President Bashford stated that as part of the War Memorial's capital project to upgrade and repair leaks in Davis Symphony Hall exterior planters, War Memorial staff has been working with DPW's Landscape Architecture Section on design proposals for new plantings in the perimeter planters. He noted that the landscape architect is preparing landscape design schematics for the War Memorial's consideration and approval prior to initiating project bid specifications. President Bashford referred this matter to the Board's Building Committee for consideration and adoption of recommendations to the full Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Bashford adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Gregory P. Ridenour  
Executive Secretary