

MINUTES
WAR MEMORIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, April 11, 2002

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

ROLL CALL

Present: President Horn, Vice President Jarman, Trustee Bashford, Trustee Farrow, Trustee Haas, Trustee Leones, Trustee Moscone;

Absent: Trustee Balianz, Trustee Bechtle, Trustee Roth, Trustee Shultz.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Horn called for approval of the minutes of the March 14, 2002 regular meeting of the Board. On motion of Trustee Moscone, seconded by Trustee Leones, the minutes were unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

San Francisco Ballet - Executive Director: President Horn reported that the San Francisco Ballet has announced that its Executive Director, Arthur Jacobus, is stepping down from his position after nine years, and has further announced the elevation of current Ballet Managing Director Glenn McCoy to the position of Executive Director effective immediately.

President Horn stated that during his nine-year tenure as Executive Director, Arthur Jacobus has been an integral force in the San Francisco Ballet's rise to world-renowned status. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, President Horn expressed best wishes to Mr. Jacobus.

President Horn also extended congratulations to the Ballet's newly appointed Executive Director Glenn McCoy. He noted that since joining the Ballet in 1987, Mr. McCoy has held the positions of company manager, general manager and managing director, and has appeared before the War Memorial Board of Trustees on numerous occasions. President Horn stated that the War Memorial Board and staff look forward to working with Glenn McCoy in his new position as Executive Director of the San Francisco Ballet.

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 Moscone, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-14

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

Gurtman & Murtha Associates Robert Wells Rhapsody in Rock	June 9, 2002	\$1,500.00 vs. 10% \$3,500.00 maximum
San Francisco Performances Philip on Film: Koyaanisqatsi	October 13, 2002	\$1,650.00 vs. 10% \$3,850.00 maximum
San Francisco Performances Philip on Film: Shorts	October 13, 2002	\$1,650.00 vs. 10% \$3,850.00 maximum

HERBST THEATRE

Century Pacific Cultural Productions Classical Recital	May 5, 2002	\$525.00
Kinsey Sicks	September 27 & October 4, 2002	\$2,000.00
Theatreworks USA 2002-2003 Season	November, 2002 – May, 2003	\$3,000.00
Hamazkayin Armenian Cultural Association National Chamber Orchestra of Armenia	May 12, 2002	\$525.00
San Francisco Performances 2002-2003 Season	September 2002- May 2003	\$24,626.00
Omni Foundation for the Performing Arts Eduardo Fernandez, guitar David Russell, guitar	December 1, 2002 April 11, 2003	\$1,150.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 02-15

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

HERBST THEATRE

Richmond/Ermet AIDS Foundation HELP IS ON THE WAY	December 8 & 9, 2002	\$1,150.00
Cityflight Newsmagazine "Ten Most Influential African Americans in the Bay Area"	February 1, 2003	\$575.00

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Revenue, Appropriations and Building Projects Reports for March 2002: Mr. Ridenour referred to the revenue, appropriations, and status of building projects reports for March 2002, and requested a resolution to approve March 2002 housekeeping expenditures as submitted. On motion of Trustee Farrow, seconded by Trustee Leones, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-16

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that Purchase Orders Nos. POWM1198 through POWM1228 and Interdepartmental Work Order No. JBREEX are hereby approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Veterans Building Planning Committee:

Veterans Building Seismic Upgrade and Improvements Project Proposal: President Horn reported that the Veterans Building Planning Committee held two public hearings, on March 21 and 22, 2002, to take public testimony on the draft Bond Program Proposal for the Veterans Building Seismic Upgrade and Improvements Project, and on preliminary and conceptual plans and proposals for future Veterans Building space utilization. He stated that Committee members, as well as all Trustees, received copies of the draft Bond Program Report and Capital Improvements Advisory Committee Request for the Veterans Building Seismic Upgrade and Improvements Project, which draft documents were submitted to the City's Capital Improvements Advisory Committee on March 20, as the first step in the review and approval process for placement of bond program proposals on the November 2002 ballot.

President Horn stated that a brief presentation of preliminary and conceptual plans for post-project use of the Veterans Building was made to the Committee and public. He recapped that during the last year, he and staff met with the American Legion War Memorial Commission on a number of occasions to discuss and review Veterans Building plans. President Horn reported that at its meeting on February 19, 2002, the American Legion War Memorial Commission adopted a motion to approve in concept the preliminary plans. He added that the Commission also directed a letter to all veterans groups that meet in the Veterans Building advising them of the Commission's action and inviting them to attend the Veterans Building Planning Committee meetings.

President Horn stated that the Committee heard testimony from a number of veterans concerning the plans for post-project veterans' office and meeting room space. He informed Trustees that the Committee also heard from representatives of the San Francisco Opera, the Performing Arts Library and Museum, and the Museum of San Francisco, concerning their organizations' proposals for and interest in future utilization of Veterans Building space.

President Horn stated that while the Committee took no action, the Committee asked staff to follow-up on suggestions concerning the layout of veterans' office space. He added that the Committee would be scheduling one or more additional hearings in late April and/or May.

Building Committee:

Opera Request to Install Commemorative Plaque in the Opera House: President Horn noted that at last month's meeting, he referred to the Building Committee the request of the San Francisco Opera to place a plaque in the Opera House main lobby honoring the founders of San Francisco Opera. He stated that the Building Committee meeting scheduled for earlier today was cancelled due to the sudden unavailability of Trustee Bechtle, Chair of the Building Committee, due to a death in the family. President Horn stated that at the request of the San Francisco Opera and the families of the Opera founders, he agreed to hear this matter today as a committee of the whole for the purpose of considering conceptual approval of the plaque, with the understanding that if conceptual approval is granted, all issues relating the plaque's design must be subsequently submitted to and considered by the Building Committee.

President Horn stated that Trustees have received a copy of the March 21 letter with attachments from Mr. Donald Dana regarding the conceptual design and placement of the plaque honoring Opera founders. He added that Trustees have today received a copy of Mr. Dana's April 9 letter to Beth Murray, clarifying the list of Opera founders to be included on the proposed plaque.

In discussion, Mr. Donald Dana, representing the families of the founders, clarified the names of the Opera founders to be included on the plaque. Mr. Russ Walton of the San Francisco Opera reiterated the Opera's support of this request as previously stated in Opera General Director Pamela Rosenberg's March 4, 2002 letter to the Trustees. He added that the Opera supports the proposed location for the plaque, which is in the main lobby, on the reverse side of the column on which the plaque honoring Gaetano Merola is located. In response to an inquiry from President Horn, Mr. Dana stated that the intention is to fashion the design of the founders' plaque after that of the plaque honoring Gaetano Merola, and that he anticipates being ready to return to the Building Committee with a design proposal in approximately one month. Following discussion, and on motion of Trustee Bashford, seconded by Trustee Haas, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-17

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that it hereby approves in concept the San Francisco Opera's request to install a plaque in the Opera House honoring the founders of San Francisco Opera, subject to subsequent consideration and recommendation by the Building Committee on the proposed design and location of the plaque.

REGULAR ITEMS

City Attorney Opinion - Future Uses of the Veterans Building: President Horn stated that in October 2000, the Trustees received an opinion from the City Attorney concerning future uses of the Veterans Building. This opinion was issued in response to the Trustees' request for advice and opinion with regard to the Trustees' authority, jurisdiction, restrictions and procedural requirements in considering and determining plans for future uses of the Veterans Building. President Horn noted that the City Attorney's opinion, dated October 18, 2000, was submitted to the Trustees as an attorney-client communication that is privileged and

confidential. He stated that as such, unless and until the Board of Trustees collectively determines to waive the confidentiality of this opinion and release it to members of the public, the document remains confidential.

President Horn stated that as the Board of Trustees is now in the active process of considering and determining plans for future uses of the Veterans Building, it is appropriate for the Trustees to consider and determine whether or not to waive confidentiality of this opinion and release the opinion letter to members of the public. Following discussion and on motion of Vice President Jarman, seconded by Trustee Farrow the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO 02-18

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that it hereby waives the confidentiality of the opinion of the City Attorney dated October 18, 2002, regarding "Future Uses of the Veterans Building," and releases the opinion letter to members of the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Horn adjourned the meeting at 2: 21 p.m.

Gregory P. Ridenour
Executive Secretary