

MINUTES
WAR MEMORIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, November 14, 2002

The Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco met in regular session at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 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 Leones, Trustee Shultz;

Absent: Vice President Jarman, Trustee Balianz, Trustee Moscone, Trustee Roth.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Horn called for approval of the minutes of the October 10, 2002 regular meeting of the Board. On motion of Trustee Farrow, seconded by Trustee Haas, the minutes were unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Veterans Building Seismic Safety Bonds: President Horn reported that while Proposition C, the Veterans Building Seismic Safety Bonds, received a 55% majority vote on November 5, it was a great disappointment that Proposition C did not receive the 66-2/3% affirmative vote required for the passage of a general obligation bond measure. President Horn said that Proposition C received a tremendous amount of support and endorsements from elected officials, the media, political groups and other organizations, and that receiving 55% affirmative votes shows that we were successful in raising the visibility of the Veterans Building issue and that the Veterans Building is important to San Francisco.

President Horn stated that the Veterans Building bond proposal would not have been possible without the outstanding work and assistance of numerous participants. In particular, President Horn acknowledged and thanked the following individuals and groups for their hard work and support:

- Our bond proposal sponsor, Supervisor Gerardo Sandoval, and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, who unanimously approved placing Proposition C on the November 5 ballot.
- Elected officials including Mayor Willie Brown, Senator Dianne Feinstein and Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi who actively supported Proposition C.
- The American Legion War Memorial Commission and the many other veterans organizations that supported Proposition C; and Wallace Levin, LeRue Grim and Vince Rios for their participation in the Proposition C campaign.

- Many Veterans Building licensees, including the Performing Arts Library & Museum, City Arts & Lectures and San Francisco Performances.
- Numerous organizations including the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, San Francisco Labor Council, SPUR, United Nations Association of San Francisco, Tom-Eliot-Fisch Architects, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Jim Haas of Civic Pride.
- San Francisco media organizations for their endorsements, including former Trustee Darrell Salomon, columnist for the *Independent*, and Bob Ross of the *Bay Area Reporter*.
- The City's Department of Public Works, including a special commendation to Jim Buker, whose outstanding work in developing the Veterans Building project scope and cost estimate were the foundation of the bond program proposal.
- The War Memorial Board of Trustees, each of whom was integral in developing and supporting the Veterans Building bond program.
- Beth Murray, Greg Ridenour and the War Memorial staff who worked tirelessly over the last year to get Proposition C on the ballot and to provide the foundation for a campaign that enabled Proposition C to receive the support of a majority of the voters.

President Horn noted that securing a two-thirds vote is difficult in the best of circumstances, and Proposition C faced a number of unfavorable challenges including the weakened economy, a very long and complicated ballot—including a number of other measures involving large amounts of money, and organized opposition from several veterans groups. He stated that in light of the election outcome, Trustees will need to review and re-evaluate various information and alternatives to determine how best to proceed from here. President Horn suggested that this process include studying the recent election results and demographic data; updating and re-evaluating Veterans Building seismic and safety information and considering temporary measures and/or contingencies to assure the safety and security of the those who use the Veterans Building; investigating if there are opportunities for leadership and funding from the private sector in a subsequent Veterans Building bond proposal; studying the veterans' opposition presented against Proposition C and developing a strategy to address opposition issues; considering if another "stand-alone" bond proposal for the Veterans Building would be likely to succeed, or if we should work towards including the Veterans Building in a larger public bond program with other similarly situated City buildings; and reviewing and resolving the interests and beneficiary status of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art with regard to the Veterans Building.

Trustees Bashford and Shultz commended President Horn for his outstanding and diligent work in developing the Veterans Building Seismic Safety Bond program proposal, and for his unwavering commitment in leading the campaign in support of Proposition C. The Trustees applauded President Horn for his outstanding leadership and efforts on the Veterans Building bond program proposal.

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 Shultz, seconded by Trustee Leones, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-38

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

National Federation of Filipino American Associations Address by the President of the Philippines (approved by President Horn on 10/21/02)	October 29, 2002	\$1,650.00
KFOG Radio 17 th Annual Concert for Kids	December 2, 2002	\$5,000.00
Mana, Allison & Associates Private corporate event	April 13, 2003	\$5,000.00

HERBST THEATRE

San Francisco Police Department	January 2, 10, 2003	\$850.00
Unity Church of San Francisco Easter Services	April 20, 2003	\$575.00
Bread & Roses Benefit Concert	February 13, 2002	\$575.00
Department of Public Health Community Mental Health Services Conference	February 21, 2003	\$450.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 02-39

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

HERBST THEATRE

AcroSports Circus Show	May 18, 2003	\$575.00
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GREEN ROOM

Community Health Network of S.F.	November 24, 2002	\$550.00
CCSF – Department of Public Health		
Health Realization Homeless Thanksgiving Dinner		
(request for rental waiver denied)		

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

RESOLUTION NO. 02-40

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that Purchase Order Nos. WM030127 through WM030168 are hereby approved.

REGULAR ITEMS**Request of San Francisco Symphony to remodel and upgrade the Symphony Store in Davies**

Symphony Hall: President Horn stated that Trustees received a copy of the letter from the San Francisco Symphony regarding their proposal to remodel and upgrade the Symphony Store area on the orchestra level of Davies Symphony Hall. He noted that the Symphony reports they have engaged an architect and prepared preliminary conceptual plans for store modifications, and are ready to make a presentation to the Board of Trustees. President Horn referred this proposal to the Building Committee for review and recommendation.

Request of San Francisco Opera to remodel the Opera Box Office in the Opera House:

President Horn stated that Trustees received a copy of the request from the San Francisco Opera to remodel the interior of their Opera Box Office space in the Opera House. The Opera advises that the Opera Box Office, which currently operates during the day at 199 Grove Street, will relocate back to the Opera House at the end of the year, and that the requested modifications will facilitate a more efficient work space. President Horn referred this request to the Building Committee for review and recommendation.

GOOD AND WELFARE

President Horn reported that Sharon Walton, who has served as the War Memorial's acting Booking Administrator for the past three months during Jennifer Norris' leave, will depart at the end of November. President Horn extended thanks to Sharon for her outstanding assistance during the last three months.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jim Long, Second Vice Commander of American Legion Post 315, stated that he hopes veterans will be given more consideration in future proposals for the Veterans Building, and expressed concerns about any reduction in veterans space in the Veterans Building and the lack of veterans' representation on the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Robert Frank, leader of the Veterans Coalition, stated that his organization wants to make sure that veterans' rights are preserved, and urged the Board of Trustees to work with them on future plans for the Veterans Building to insure the preservation of veterans' rights.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Gregory P. Ridenour
Executive Secretary