

Birge Fountain Committee Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday, May 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 P.M. by Chairman Alan Lockett

Members Present included Jim Allen, Ken Kienbaum, Alan Lockett, Chuck Nass, and Dan Richardson

Members not present: Chuck Jacobsen

Guests in attendance from the Landmarks Commission were Kori Oberle and Pat Blackmer
Minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting were approved as read on a motion by Nass/Kienbaum—
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Three CD's amounting to 11452.63

Landmarks Commission Recommendation for Birge Fountain:

Kori Oberle reported that the Landmarks Commission recommended at its last meeting that the Birge Fountain Committee engage the use of a professional conservator of fountains to look into the current condition of the Birge Fountain and make prioritized recommendations to the Birge Fountain Committee as to preventive maintenance to forestall any future damage to the landmark fountain. Oberle stated that the Fountain is a historic landmark and has been on the current site for over 100 years. She also indicated that there may be grant money available to help cover the cost of such professional help in assessing the condition and future of the fountain.

Chuck Nass moved that the Landmarks Commission go ahead and look for grant money for this project and that a report back to the Birge fountain Committee be made with the results of said search. Second by Jim Allen. Motion carried.

No timeline was set, but it was agreed that a report by the Fall of 2016 meeting of the Birge Fountain would be appropriate.

Maintenance items for the Fountain:

1. Lower Bowl—Chuck Nass reported that he consulted an area pool company to determine what could be done about the deterioration of the lower bowl of the fountain. At a cost of \$2500 a new white liner can be installed in the lower bowl. A new liner may be needed in the upper bowl—yet to be determined. Money to come from the city maintenance budget.
2. Lights—Nass reported that the current lights are inadequate. Research needs to be done to determine appropriate lighting for the fountain as to type and brightness.
3. Painting—Nass reported that the fountain will be shut down a month early this fall to accommodate a painting project. It may be costly due to the need for detailed work painting.
4. Water pump—Are adequate amounts of water moving through the fountain—questions asked. Nass reported that the tubing in the fountain collects mineral build up due to hardness of the water.
5. Landmark Plaque at fountain. Lockett suggested that the plaque need an upgrade.

Storage of Cherubs:

1. Currently the original cherubs from the fountain are stored in Alan Lockett's office area as they have been removed from a commercial storage area by the Landmarks Commission.

2. The question as to storage and preservation of the original cherubs has been referred to the Landmarks Commission to be reported back at the next Birge Fountain Committee meeting the fall of 2016

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Future Agenda Items:

1. Grant report from the Landmarks Commission regarding a hiring of a professional fountain conservator.
2. Birge Fountain Committee officer elections
3. Cherub preservation/What? How? Where?

Meeting Adjourned at 4:05 p.m. on a Nass/Allen motion. Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned by Lockett at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Dan Richardson, Secretary