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PETITION FOR REFORMING AND OR UPDATING
"THE ART BEAL FOUNDATION"

To those persons interested in the restoration of the property known as "Nit-Wit-Ridge", and the welfare of one Art Beal, we respectfully submit this petition for your endorsement.

It is our opinion that certain public support must be gained and recognized in order to proceed in the orderly renovation of the structure, as well as providing a means for its (the foundation) continuance.

The following circumstances point very clearly that it is past time for the needed changes.

- a. The very welfare of the creator (Mr. Beal) has seemingly not been provided. If there are provisions, Mr. Beal has not been made aware of them. Provisions should include shelter, food, clothing, ect. (We acknowledge the fact that Mr. Beal has been allowed to live at the property).
- b. The general appearance of the grounds and structure has been allowed to decay and no general maintenance policy initiated.
- c. Acts of Nature (falling trees, land-slides, earthquakes, erosion) have caused much damage; because this damage has not been repaired, it is causing even more damage at an alarming rate.
- d. Communication of the "foundations" activities and policies should be made more readily available to the public. Many individuals have volunteered aid, only to become discouraged because they couldn't get through the "red tape" system.

To preserve and elevate the stature of both the foundation and Mr. Beal's creation, the general changes (and goals) we propose are;

- a. Reform (or Revise) the format of the foundations by-laws.
 1. Elect officers to proper positions; to promote more "business-like" practices.

2. Establish guidelines for promotion and administration activities.

b. Set up temporary and long-term procedures for repairs, maintenance and restoration.

c. Establish working relationship between Art Colleges and the foundation.

1. Example; Trade "work-party" donated labor, for a time and place the college could hold special classes at the ridge.

d. Establish a board of directors. Their function would be to make certain that the various activities written in the by-laws were carried out. This may be done simply by a statement of progress issued by the chairman or elected official at the end of each month.

e. In order for the foundation to be self-supporting, it must extend itself to the public; offering a visual and inspirational environment. We submit the change from "Nit-Wit-Ridge" to "The Art Beal Creative Arts Museum".

In order to effect these changes, we propose the following course of action:

a. A notification of this instruments existance and its purpose is to be sent to all members of the present foundation.

b. That a public meeting be arranged and the foundation members (or their representatives) be invited. It is our express desire to work with them to bring about this reform.

c. That all parties interested in the above statements or activities be invited to such meeting. It will be open to discussion in any constructive area.

d. Through popular support, this meeting will effect such changes as necessary to update or revise the foundations activities and stature.

Upon signing this petition, you are not in anyway obligated to actively participate in its functions, but rather, your signature simply states that you are sympathetic and in agreement with its statements.

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