

JOHN EHN PRESERVATION PROJECT 1987

FILE STARTED FEBRUARY 20, 1987

PLAN

1. WACHS OFFICE

Councilman Joel Wachs
District 2
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012-4802

Evelyn

485-3391

~~sent package~~
1A. ~~DECIDE ON CONTENTS AND GATHER PACKET FOR WACHS OFFICE TO~~
INTRODUCE THEM TO THE SITE AND THE PROBLEM

Package to ~~TO INCLUDE SOME OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: MAP, BOOK,~~
NEWSPAPER STORIES, STATE AWARD, SITE PLAN, NEWSLETTERS *#1)?*

1B. ~~SEND TO (SR WILL DECIDE & GET ADDRESSES):~~

MS. LEE RAYMER, ART DEPUTY
MS. PATTI WILSON, ART DEPUTY

*sent package 2/87 to
Joel Wachs*

1C. ~~WRITE COVER LETTER~~

2. PACKET TO THE FOLLOWING

2A.

GENE AUTRY MUSEUM
460-5636
AUTRY OFFICE
TV STATION

*James Nottlage - Curator (818) 841-7656
P.O. Box 710
Los Angeles, CA 90078*

*(John Ferrero Dist 4)
485-3337*

TO DO: INQUIRE ABOUT A DONATION TO THE MUSEUM

2B.

KNOTTS BERRY FARM
TO DO: INQUIRE ABOUT A DONATION

2C.

CALICO

2D.

DISNEY

2E.

CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD (?)
NANCY FERNANDEZ, SEC.
SENT AWAY FOR AND RECEIVED CITY MONUMENT FORMS & CRITERIA
WILL SEND XEROX TO ROSEMARIE

City Attorney - Mark Brown 485-4247
he gets involved with landmarks

THE PROBLEM:

John died. In order to pay the inheritance tax, John's family (the heirs to John's estate) must sell 2.6 acres of land. The site, Trapper's Lodge, is located in the middle of the 2.6 acres of land.

The family would like to keep all of John Ehn's work together. Their first choice is to keep everything on site. They also must consider moving the work. If the work must be moved, they would like to keep everything together and relocate the work in one place that would be accessible to the public. They would consider giving the work to a public institution. Their worst fear is that the work will be sold piece by piece and forever dispersed.

from SR's notes:

Problem—family must sell site—need new home

2.6 acres boot hill ^{two} one lots

no current buyer—self-storage interested

Environmental Assessment to move sculptures 3-5 months \$600 1 1/2

statues solid 20' biggest sculpture

no immediate need to dismember

family ok's publicity

statues solid—20' h biggest sculpture

1. keep on site
2. move everything & recreate
3. to keep statues together
4. give rest to public institutions
5. sold by piece

To move family wants Mitigated Negative Declaration

EIR

Mary Frank & Assoc 627-5376 Ruthanne
Joan Kuyler

BCL

437-4148

David Reiser

Martin Weil

Christy Johnson McAvoy 851-8854

(818) 781-1200

Robert Bond Phd.
Dr James? Don~~ton~~
Hist Valley College

Dear _____,

We want to introduce you, if you are not already aware of it, to a wonderful artwork and state historic monument in your district. We also want to make you aware of its potential destruction in 1987.

The front yard of John Ehn's motel in Sun Valley near the Burbank airport provides a mythical history of the Wild West. Old Trapper's Lodge consists of large sculpted characters and of rock and wooden tombstones—often combined in a single image—that John modeled after moving from the East in the 1940's. The statues are vividly painted and the tombstones and surrounding plaques vividly inscribed. Inside the motel office are old tools, animal skins, other collected memorabilia ~~and~~ museum quality

assemblages. Because of inheritance taxes the family is being forced to sell a 2.6 acre site which includes ^{the} 2 lots which encompass the monument. Currently, interested buyers are not willing to allow the family to exclude the 2 lots from the sale.

John Ehn's Old Trappers Lodge, located at 10340 Keswick, Sun Valley, California 91352, is a State Historic Landmark #939. We have enclosed some information about the site including a map, site plan and newspaper articles. SPACES and/or the family would be more than happy to conduct a personal tour for you or your staff.

We hope that you will be able to suggest ways to save ^{the} site. We will call you to further discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

Seymour Rosen
Director

cc: Rosemarie Farish, Old Trapper's Lodge

SPACES 1804 No. Van Ness Los Angeles, CA 90028 (213)463-1629

● Potential Sites

- Knotts Berry Farm Admin Off (714)827-1776
PO Box 5002 Buena Park, CA 90620-9985
- Hall Mr. Robin Hill, Dir Design & Planning Department (714)220-5232
- Mr. Tom Kelly, 1853 No Raymond Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801 (714)971-0622
- at Knotts - Cartoons of You (714)821-3462
- Roy Rogers Museum - Mr. Roy Rogers (619)243-4547
15650 Seneca Road Victorville, CA 92392
- 6 Flags Magic Mountain - Mr. Jim Blackie-VP of Maintenance (805)255-4100
PO Box 5500 Valencia, CA 91355
- Disneyland - Mr. Dick Nunis-President Administrative Offices (714)999-4024
1313 No Harbor Blvd. Anaheim, CA 92801
- Disney Imagineering Van Roman (in charge of art) (818)956-7455
- SPACES (213)463-1629
1804 No Van Ness Los Angeles, CA 90028
- Monterey Peninsula Museum - Jo Farb Hernandez-Director (408)372-7591
559 Pacific Street Monterey, CA 93940
- Museum of American Folk Art - Dr. Robert Bishop-Director (212)481-3080
444 Park Avenue South New York, NY 10016-7321
- California Institute for the Arts (805)255-1050
24700 Mc Bean Parkway Valencia, CA 91355
- Otis-Parsons Art Institute - Al Nodal-Gallery Director (213)251-0500
2401 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90057
- The Cultural Foundation (Art Park) - Madeleine Landry - Director (818)887-2787
21800 Oxnard - Suite 350 Woodland Hills, 91367
- Long Beach State University
- Long Beach Museum
- Los Angeles Zoo - Dr. Warren D. Thomas, D.V.M., Zoo Director, (213)664-1100
Los Angeles Zoo 5333 Zoo Drive Los Angeles, CA 90027-1498
- Ms. Carlotta Giersch-GLAZA or Diana Parris-Secretary
- Cal State Fullerton (714)-773-3471
Jim Jenkins - Art Dept. Fullerton, CA 92634 2776 ← off T 12-1
- Gene Autry Museum (213)460-5636
5858 Sunset Blvd. PO Box 710 Los Angeles, CA 90078
- Contact: James H. Nottage, Curator (818)841-7656
- Oakland Museum - Harvey Jones-Curator (415)273-3401
1000 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94607
- Los Angeles County Museum of Art
- Western Hotel in Lancaster - got a call from a woman named Melody who said she is contacting Nick Melvilucci? who will call if he is interested

~~Tree People 12601 Mulholland 818-769-2063 Lipkus Wans After~~
~~Hope Town Fran (805)526-8009~~
Mary Lou Howard - Burbank City Council (818) 953-9708



Hope Town

Fran (805)-526-8009

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