

MINUTES:ART BEAL FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 14, 1992

This annual meeting was rescheduled from our normal second Thursday in January (9, 1992) because:1-Fran Dukehart and Steve Rebeck were out of town and;2-the board had received requests from three individuals interested in joining the board. They are Elizabeth Appel, Joseph Beckett, and Michael Rice.

The Meeting took place at 2:P.M. at Nitt Witt Ridge. Those who attended were all of those mentioned above and Seymour Rosen, special advisor to the Art Beal Foundation from Saving and Preserving Arts and Cultural Environments (S.P.A.C.E.S.). The meeting was called to order by President Fran Dukehart.

The first order of business was to provide those attending with a brief overview of the formation of the Art Beal Foundation and how the current board got involved. This was provided primarily by Steve. Fran mentioned her estimated need for \$12,000. to re-establish the foundation.

The next order of business was nomination of the board.

Steve Rebeck nominated Elizabeth Appel. The vote was seconded by Fran. Elizabeth gave a brief statement on her qualifications and was then voted in unanimously.

Fran then nominated Michael Rice and was seconded by Steve. Michael gave a brief statement on his qualifications followed by a unanimous vote for approval.

Steve Nominated Joseph Beckett which was seconded by Elizabeth. Joseph (who prefers and who will be referred to from hereon as Joseph Michael or Joseph) gave a brief statement as to his qualifications and was voted in unanimously.

Seymour Rosen congratulated the new board and suggested we use Art's strength to gain support from the local community and to continue our near 20 year efforts by keeping a positive outlook. He suggested we, "single out issues".

Joseph felt our goal was to open "The Ridge" to the public. "We are Art's hands", he said.

Fran Encourage stability in the organization and felt we should deal with the press and others judiciously.

Elizabeth proposed we develop allies in our efforts.

Steve suggested have 3 new board members from the community would help community relations.

The next order of business was the nomination of officers.

Steve nominated Elizabeth Appel. Mike seconded. The floor was open to discussion. Elizabeth indicated her willingness to take on the position. Nominations were closed and Elizabeth received a unanimous vote as president from the board.

Joseph nominated Fran as Vice-President which was seconded by Elizabeth. After a brief discussion, nominations were closed and Fran was unanimously elected Vice-President.

Fran nominated Steve as Secretary/Treasurer. The nomination was seconded by Joseph. After a brief discussion, nominations were closed and Steve was elected Sec./Tres.

Steve informed the board of problems of the foundation having a checking account. B of A has taken over accounts from Santa Barbara Savings. We discussed opening a "household" account to run operations at the Ridge.

Seymour suggested we talk with the bank president about setting up a checking account. We might also want to contact the B of A Foundation and the Wells Fargo Foundation.

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Elizabeth wondered if we might benefit by having the property organized into one parcel. Also, Elizabeth identified problems of insurance, waivers (for people visiting and/or working on the property) and problems associated with being an "attractive nuisance". Elizabeth felt we should check with an attorney concerning personal liability. We also need to develop relationships with civic organizations. We are unknown for example with Chamber of Commerce in San Luis Obispo despite past efforts.

Elizabeth also desire new letterhead. A new letterhead should utilize our landmark status, photo of Ridge.

Michael felt we should place the grounds in order. He is concerned about appearance and fire risk. We should develop: site plans, topographical map and structural plans. We should prioritize efforts, integrate topo and site-plan efforts, develop structural repairs based on existing needs, promote historical identification, develop professional services ie: law, banking, accounting and architecture, develop a building fund and a household fund for taxes, and monthly utilities. Fundraising should be high priority.

Joseph thought we might consider selling 1" or 1' squares of the Ridge.

Seymour thought we might offer (nationally) a night at Madonna's Inn. We might establish an "advisory Board" to seek pledges, use recognizable titles, institutions, universities, etc. to gain credibility. Possibly a model of the Ridge would stimulate interest. Steve suggested Gary and Pandora Karner (Cal Poly Architecture Dept.) might assist. Hall of Records might reveal covenants, conditions and restrictions. We might consider "backtracking" use of land. We might mount a sign for services provided, tiles for services and/or donations--identifying supporters on a wall.

In regards to taxes, we might petition for taxes to be eliminated due to on going construction activities.

Seymour also felt we should contact attorney concerning use of Art's image.

Elizabeth offered to compile list of priorities ie: insurance, letterhead, and joining chamber.

The board felt we should join the Cambria Chamber of Commerce.

The board felt we need to know more about running a historical monument. Seymour felt we should draft a letter to neighbors and inform them of our efforts. The Ridge has a negative image, however, it is a valuable asset to the community. We need to enlighten and begin dealing with service organizations, gaining their confidence.

Fran felt we should reach out to periodicals like those specializing (like New Shelter). Promote holistic, environment and sound universal messages.

The meeting concluded and adjourned. A walk around the property to examine Joseph's findings concluded the days activities.