

## 58TH ANNUAL MEETING

[ HELD REMOTELY ]

VIA ZOOM

01.23.2021

**Meeting called to order at 2:05 PM by Debby Aceves, Board President**

### 1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

D. Aceves welcomed Trust members and guests and appreciated attendance by Life Honorary Directors and members of Los Distinguidos who have contributed enormously to ongoing preservation and restoration work, and to the financial stability of the Trust. She stated that despite COVI-19 and the traumas of 2020 many good things have happened at the Trust. She introduced both current and outgoing Board members and thanked them for their many contributions.

### 2. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF 57TH ANNUAL MEETING

**M/S/C Doordan/Seder** to approve the minutes of January 25, 2020. No abstentions.

### 3. MOTION TO APPROVE BOARD ACTIONS OF 2020

**M/S/C Arnold/Doordan** to approve Board actions taken in 2019. No abstentions.

### 4. MOTION TO APPROVE AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS

**M/S/C Wood/Cr. Makela** to approve the Amended and Restated Bylaws, dated November 23, 2020. No abstentions.

### 5. NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Nomination Committee Chair Zomalt presented a slate of four candidates nominated for election as Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation Board directors for 2021 that represented a wide range of experience and background: Jeff Haight, Salvador Guerena, Andrea Steward, and Kai Tepper.

D. Aceves called for nominees from the floor and with none, moved to approve the slate of nominees; the slate was approved with no abstentions

### 4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

D. Aceves was pleased to report that much was accomplished in 2020 despite the stresses of the COVID19 pandemic and many Zoom meetings. Aceves enjoyed her three years as president. With reference to the proposition that history matters, she acknowledged the energy and support she received from the board and Trust staff.

### 5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Petersen reviewed SBTHP's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Plan, which is a core component of the Strategic Plan.

Highlights of the year included:

- Major repairs at 131-137 East De La Guerra Street; El Cuartel and Canedo Adobe; and the Moullet House Landscape Project.
- In the public sphere, she highlighted the local student program "Where We Are From," and the very popular Virtual Lecture Series now available online.
- Solidarity with the community through partnerships with outside groups. Inviting Divinitree Yoga to use the open-air courtyard Casa of De La Guerra as a safe space for yoga classes open to the public is but one example.
- Website improvements allowing the public to quickly learn about Trust activities and lectures.

Peterson warmly thanked both her hard-working staff and president Debby Aceves for their support and dedication to the cause during this challenging year.

In memoriam, she noted the sad passing of Kellam deForest, Judy Pearce, Bud Decker, and Jack Romero, whose enthusiasm and engagement over many years with Trust projects and programs contributed so much to the history and relevance of the Presidio.

## 6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Slattery reported on the newly audited financial statements and the healthy results of the Trust's activities for the year.

The Statement of Activities Slattery presented on-screen demonstrates key revenue amounts, including rental income (\$1M), investment income (\$338K), contributions and grants (\$201K), facility rentals (\$73K), and various other revenue sources. The Statement of Financial Position demonstrates key asset, liability, and net asset amounts, including cash (\$1M), investments (\$7.6M), and a new EIDL COVID-19 loan (\$100K.)

While revenues were strong, the Trust did experience some COVID related impacts in the third and fourth quarter due to the shutdown of museum operations and facility rentals. Although expenses exceeded revenues for the year, the Trust's finances remained stable and able to support programs and operations.

Looking forward to this current year, the Trust has proactively managed and monitored its budget over the past 6 months by cutting budgeted expenses by 30% to help weather the ongoing impacts of COVID-19. Due to this prudent use of resources, the Trust has not experienced any deterioration in its financial condition since the end of this past fiscal year. The financial condition remains strong.

## 7. CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS REPORT

Program Manager for California State Parks Nat Cox noted that, like everywhere, 2020 was a transformative year, involving changed work arrangements, sanitation issues and safety oversight. The year put into focus the value of public land and open space, exemplified by the extreme increase in day use. Cox and staff will continue to work behind the scenes to help events occur safely and to secure project funding. State Parks appreciates its partnership with SBTHP.

## 9. COMMUNITY AWARDS PRESENTATION


D. Aceves announced that in lieu of annual Community Awards she would instead acknowledge and honor accomplishments of outgoing board members Craig Makela, Kevin Snow, and Mary Louise Days.

**Life Honorary Director** was given to Terease Chin.

D. Aceves closed the meeting by thanking all in attendance. She called for a motion to adjourn the 58th Annual Meeting at 3:15PM

**M/S/C Cr. Makela/Doordan** to adjourn the Annual Meeting. No abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Snow  
Board Secretary