

MEETING REPORT

CALIFORNIA INDIAN HERITAGE CENTER (CIHC) TASK FORCE MEETING May 12th -13th, 2005

PUBLIC MEETING

State Museum Resource Center- Art Space
2400 Port Street
West Sacramento, CA 95691

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Task Force Members and Designees present: Cindi Alvitre, Gen Denton, Walter Gray, Susan Hildreth, Cindy La Marr, Larry Myers, Jack Norton

DPR Staff present: Maria Baranowski, Leo Carpenter, Jr., Cuauhtemoc Gonzalez, Pauline Grenbeaux, Paulette Hennem, Julie Holder, Gina Diaz

CALL MEETING TO ORDER- La Marr

Meeting called to order at 9:15 am. Denton gave the opening blessing. Task Force members, California Indian Heritage Center (CIHC) staff, and guests introduced themselves.

REVIEW AGENDA- La Marr

M/S- Hildreth/Alvitre to approve the agenda. Motion unanimously approved.

UPDATES- Gray

New Task Force Appointments- DPR Director Coleman has appointed a Northern California Indian representative, Jack Norton, and a Southern California Indian representative, Cindi Alvitre. Would like to have the Resources Agency designee vacancy filled by the next Task Force Meeting.

Task Force Expenses- Still seeking money to fund meetings as state funds cannot be used. When the new governance structure is adopted it will be easier to have pay for Task Force meeting expenses.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON GOVERNANCE- Gray

As facilitator for this subcommittee, Gray reminded members that one of the Task Force's statutory responsibilities is to recommend a governance structure guided

by the language of the vision statement. Gray described how a partnership between the state and the California Indian people might work and noted that there is a tradition of private nonprofit support for cultural programs throughout the country. There are various models for partnerships between non-profits and the state, such as the Secretary of State/ State Archives, and the California Museum for History, Women, and the Arts.

M/S- Hildreth/Alvitre to approve the Subcommittee on Governance Report as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

BOARD RESOLUTION-

The Task Force reviewed a draft Board Resolution which is supported by DPR Director Coleman. The group also discussed various issues such as: the time frame and whether the nonprofit will come before legislation is passed; what would happen if the nonprofit ceased to exist; and would any group strongly oppose the legislation. A Subcommittee on Nonprofit Organization and Bylaws will be created. Draft bylaws would be brought back to the full Task Force for review. All Task Force members will be involved in the new Nonprofit Organization and Bylaws Subcommittee. See attached.

M/S- Hildreth/Norton to adopt Proposed Governance Board Structure Resolution as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

LUNCH- 12:00pm

RECONVENE- 1:07pm

PROGRAMMING AND MASTER PLAN UPDATE- Baranowski

Posted a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) for a Master Planning firm in January 2005 and convened a selection committee in February 2005. Received 15 proposals from all over the country and chose six to interview. EDAW was chosen- presented themselves with Ralph Appelbaum and Associates from New York. Their job will be to assist in deciding what the story is and then to design what the facility will be. Still in negotiations with EDAW. The time for this project will be six months for programming and then six months for site and facility planning. Site needs to be confirmed by 4 months into the programming phase.

Baranowski reviewed time line for the planning phase and she named members of who is on the EDAW team.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Mace DeLorme- Hopes to see an emphasis on getting tribal people to be on the non-profit board. Mr. DeLorme is from the Susanville Indian Rancheria.

In a letter, Walter Gray III, Hupa Tribal member, expressed concern that his firm was not consulted. Baranowski explained the State's process for public notice

and also how groups that had previously expressed interest in the CIHC were notified about the RFQ.

UPDATE ON ADVISORY GROUPS- Henum

Lead people for each of the six established Advisory Groups reported on their progress: Henum on Collections Management, Frank La Pena on Contemporary Art, Baranowski on Operations, Holder on Library, Research, and Archives, Grenbeaux on Interpretive Themes, and Carpenter on Cultural Programming and Tribal Participation.

ADJOURN: 3:45pm

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DPR Staff present: Maria Baranowski, Leo Carpenter, Jr., Gina Diaz, Paulette Hennum, Julie Holder, Cuauhtemoc Gonzalez, Pauline Grenbeaux, Scott Nakaji, Bill Orme, Warren Westrup, Warren Wulzen

CALL MEETING TO ORDER- La Marr

Meeting was called to order at 9:39am

OLD BUSINESS- La Marr

APPROVAL OF MEETING REPORT- La Marr

M/S- Gray/Denton to approve September 30- October 1, 2004 Task Force Meeting Report. Motion approved unanimously.

TASK FORCE MEMBER ADVISORY GROUP ASSIGNMENTS- La Marr

Staff made the following assignments for each of the Task Force members to serve on an Advisory Group: Gray on Collections Management, Alvitre on Contemporary Art, Norton on Interpretative Themes, Denton on Cultural Programming and Tribal Participation, Mungary on Operations, La Marr will monitor progress in all, Myers will have no advisory group responsibilities as he is working on the Site Subcommittee.

STATUS REPORT ON NORTHGATE SITE- Myers

Grenbeaux reviewed a letter sent to the Task Force members in December 2004 by DPR Director Coleman describing the site and issues related to it.

Grenbeaux described local community concerns, including what the center will bring to the area's civic life as well as concern for preserving the natural beauty of the American River Parkway. She shared a list of stakeholders and a summary of the meetings attended. The project has received a lot of support from the City

of Sacramento and numerous other agencies. Myers, Baranowski, Grenbeaux, and Gonzalez went to the meetings.

She described the Update Citizens Advisory Committee and, while noting that it is not a cross-section of the diversity in the County or City, it is a good sounding board for how local stakeholders view the project. Save the American River Association (SARA) which advocates for open space and the American River, is a good indicator of concern of the environmental community.

Grenbeaux described the broad range of reactions to the project, in particular, the unease with the amount of development the CIHC would require in the Parkway. Several ideas were suggested during UCAC meetings and public workshops. One concept emerged from all the discussion that seems to have sufficient support from stakeholders and local agency staff(s) to all the CIHC to go forward. This concept would have the CIHC facilities that focus on interpretation on the north side of the river (within the American River Parkway), facilities for offices and artifact storage (functions not currently allowed in the Parkway) on the south side of the river, and a pedestrian bridge over the river that connects the two.

Grenbeaux introduced a series of presenters to address different aspects of the Northgate site.

Sunny Williams- Sacramento County Planning

Described who is on the UCAC and what the American River Parkway Plan Update process is. The UCAC is made up of 25 citizens. This will be an element of the City of Sacramento's and the County of Sacramento's General Plans. She explained plans for the UCAC meetings on May 17, June 20, and June 27. By that time they will have a clear vision of what the UCAC and the community for what is happening with the CIHC. CEQA is planned to be completed in 2006 as well as its adoption by the UCAC, Sacramento, and Sacramento County. The American River Parkway Plan Update is proposed to be adopted by 2007 by the State Legislature. The consultants, MIG, will have a draft report out by the end of June which will include recommendations about the CIHC facility.

Frank Cirril- President Emeritus, Save the American River Association
Voiced concern because what is proposed currently is not compatible with the current American River Parkway Plan. Formed select committee to address issues related to the CIHC. It is possible that the project will work with the "split facility" idea.

Bob Overstreet- Sacramento City Parks Director
Stated that he doesn't think that there are any fatal flaws that would prevent the CIHC from going to the Northgate Site. Flexibility is key. Sacramento would like the CIHC to be part of downtown Sacramento and key visitor attraction. This project would bring more access and more appropriate and legitimate uses of the parkway. Talked about the two planned residential mixed use projects pending for the Richards Boulevard area. The plans include new destinations, a museum mile, theatres, and parks. The rail yards are planned for redevelopment also. Overstreet urged the Task Force to continue with the Northgate site dialogue and mentioned the possibility of creating other revenue producing activity on the south side of the river associated with the CIHC.

La Marr asked about the homeless and what will happen to them if the CIHC goes to the Northgate site and when Richards Boulevard gets redeveloped. Overstreet answered that the redevelopment plan is happening now and that they are working to solve what is going to happen with the homeless. People and investors are coming forward and the economy is coming back.

Denton asked about who would control the land and about ceremonial places and the homeless.

Don Smith- Senior Planner, Regional Transit
Regional Transit is working on two big projects: Truxel Road to the airport and a station within the Dos Rios area, a 2 mile space without a Light rail stop. In order for RT to build a stop near the CIHC on the south side of the river there would first need to be a ridership study done to determine where the stop would be current ridership in the area is in the low to middle range.

Private parcels and acquisition- Westrup
Two private property owners are talking with us and it is looking very positive. There are viable funding sources, SAFCA, the City of Sacramento, and Sacramento County, that will not take money away from the project. Westrup hopes to have some assurance to the Task Force in July for options to buy the properties.

Denton asked who will own them. Westrup answered that some kind of interagency agreement would have to be negotiated, and that this kind of arrangement is not unusual.

BREAK, RECONVENE 11:15am

Grenbeaux offered to arrange tours of the Richards Boulevard area for Task Force Members.

Ralph Torres- Chief, Engineering Division, DWR
Introduced himself and described the role of the Department of Water Resources. Acknowledged that flooding does happen in the Northgate area. He raised two questions: Can you live with the risk? And can you design around it? Said that he would review reports and other documents dealing with flooding at this site for the Task Force. How can the engineering be done to work around the flooding? Stay above the 100 year flood plain at least 1 ft above. Could easily design to have access to the site.

Natural and Cultural Resources Studies- Orme and Carpenter
Orme reported that there is nothing preventing development of the Northgate site with regards to natural resources.

Carpenter stated that Native American consultations were done and that he would share detailed information with Task Force members individually if they had any questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alan Wade- President, Save the American River Association (SARA)
Described how the organization was founded. Supports the project but is concerned about the CIHC's location within the American River Parkway. Felt that the goals of SARA and the CIHC are compatible. Presented a gift to Chairperson La Marr and the Task Force.

Kevin Reagan- Parkway user
Expressed concern for preserving what is in the Parkway. Does not want unconflicting uses in the Parkway.

Hennum presented two letters about the site. One in support from the North Sacramento Chamber of Commerce and the one is opposition from a private citizen.

FOLSOM SITE UPDATE- Baranowski
Reviewed the characteristics of the site.

Natural Resources Survey- Orme
The Blue Oak is listed as a sensitive species. Would also have to protect wetlands or mitigate and protect the wildlife corridor around the creek.

Scott Nakaji said DPR does have some concerns about height and the view from the lake.

Cultural Resources Survey- Wulzen

Vast contrast between the sites in size, cultural significance, and vegetation. The Folsom site has a lot of historic mine tailings. Has hired a consultant to do the Cultural Resources survey of the area. Hopes to have as much info by the July meeting.

Nakaji stated that there are many established recreational users of the area and many stakeholders that would have to be worked with. He also suggests be as little development as possible in the area of Willow Creek.

LUNCH- 12:35pm

RECONVENE- 1:55pm

COMMUNITY OUTREACH- Carpenter and Gonzalez

Carpenter has been working with the Visitor's Center at Sumeg; the Southern Miwok in regards to the Wassama Roundhouse; the Elem Pomo on a prospective Roundhouse. Gonzalez has been working with the El Dorado Miwok and Miwok interpretation at Marshall Gold Discovery SHP; with Carpenter on a Miwok/ California Indian Site Stewardship program; will also be working with Student Assistant Dan Striplen on outreach to the Ohlone community.

OTHER BUSINESS-

Split Facility Concept-

La Marr inquired about how the concept came about. Grenbeaux explained that the concept came out of some push back from the other stakeholder groups that were uneasy about the footprint of development and parking that would happen in the parkway if the project were to go the Northgate site. The Update Citizens Advisory Committee (UCAC) wanted to see a concept that did not include all of the CIHC in the parkway

The "Split Facility Concept" would locate the interpretive center and Cultural Programming within the Parkway at the trailer park or on the county land. Some have suggested the building be limited to 30,000 sq. ft. at this location. The south side of the river would be the curation/ storage facility and offices. It was also suggested that the two be connected by a bridge.

Would EDAW help to identify the pros and cons of a split facility?

If the CIHC goes to Northgate the facility it will need to be a split facility to get the necessary local approvals. EDAW would have to evaluate how everything would work at the site with that requirement.

A member of the Task Force stated that if the CIHC had to compromise too much at the Northgate site; to try to have all the functions at the one side would just be an uphill battle.

La Marr noted there is a need to be flexible and that we can't hold ourselves to the 1991 study. Camping is not an issue; people can afford to stay in a hotel now.

Alvitre stated that the Task Force will have to anticipate the future use of the facility and be inclusive. If the project stays at the Northgate Site then with a split facility the CIHC can expand on the south side of the river. There are a lot of benefits, but she wants more information. Economic sustainability is also a concern.

Hildreth is concerned about operating costs and sustainability of running a split facility. How will this affect the timeline?

La Marr was curious to know where each of the Task Force members stood on the idea of the split facility.

Gray stated that they were all adjusting to the split idea. There are still many questions that need to be answered like: How far apart can they be? Just across the river or miles down the road? Grays initial reaction to the idea is that he would need more information to make an informed decision. Staff needs to provide more info to make the best decision.

Norton was curious to know how other institutions are dealing with split facilities. Are there difficulties with the NMAI?

Denton wondered if one section of the facility would be left behind?

La Marr believes that the homeless are something to be worried about. She also expressed some hesitancy at being a cornerstone of a redevelopment area. Still opposed to Northgate and need to be totally convinced that the site will work for her to vote for it.

Sunny Williams asked that the Task Force let the County of Sacramento know as soon as possible because they have other options for the use of the land.

Baranowski stated that a split facility would be two different projects with funding and costs associated with each. The Richards Blvd area has funding available for redevelopment whereas there are other costs of operating in the flood plain and there is also funding available for site acquisition within the flood plain.

Alvitre said that she would like to hear more about the Folsom site and what the community there thinks. Hope to make the decision by July.

Hildreth wants to hear more from other split entities and find out what their experiences have been. How will it affect the operation of the CIHC.

The Task Force decided that they would make a decision about the site and the split facility concept in July.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Peggy Berry- Are you flexible based on the current situation?

Louie Guassac- Kumeyaay

Would like to see a more regional presence of the CIHC such as, a Southern resource research center where people can find information about their tribes.

ADJOURN: 4:20pm