

MEETING REPORT

CALIFORNIA INDIAN HERITAGE CENTER (CIHC) TASK FORCE MEETING

September 16, 2005

PUBLIC MEETING

Resources Building
1416 9th Street, Rm 917
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Task Force Members and Designees present: Gen Denton, Walter Gray, Larry Myers

via telephone: Bill Mungary, Jack Norton

DPR Staff present: Maria Baranowski, Cuauhtemoc Gonzalez, Pauline Grenbeaux, Paulette Hennum, Daniel Striplen, Noah Tilghman

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Gray

Meeting called to order at 9:08 am. Denton gave the opening blessing. Gray called role because of members attending by phone.

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION TASK FORCE MEMBER APPOINTMENT – Myers

Myers announced that he had appointed a new Task Force member, Tim Bactad, of the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians. Myers explained how Bactad was nominated and reviewed his reasons for appointing Bactad.

Gray acknowledged that Chairperson Cindy La Marr had resigned from the Task Force after the July 25-26, 2005 Task Force meeting. La Marr was fundamental to the establishment of the Task Force. Gray proposed that the Task Force consider a resolution to recognize La Marr's contribution to the Task Force and the California Indian Heritage Center and invite her to continue to participate in the project.

SELECTION OF TASK FORCE CHAIRPERSON – Gray

Gray stated that the Task Force would not vote for Vice Chairperson but that the Executive Secretary of the Task Force, DPR Director or Designee, would serve as Chair in the absence of the Chairperson.

Mungary stated that he felt that the role of Chairperson should be someone who is in Sacramento, has been on the Task Force since its inception, and someone who has the knowledge of who is involved in the planning process. Mungary nominated Larry Myers for Chairperson of the California Indian Heritage Center Task Force for the term of three years. Norton seconded the motion. Norton motions to close nominations. Denton seconds the motion.

Role call is taken for votes. Five voted "Yes" for Myers to be Chairperson and Myers abstained from the vote.

UPDATES – Myers

Gray gave a brief introduction to the topic of what the transition of the State Indian Museum will be. This update has been postponed until the next Task Force meeting.

Site Planning – Grenbeaux

Acquisition of Urrutia Property is moving forward and negotiations are active. The agency involved, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), in the acquisition hopes to have a letter from owner about the agreement to sell by the end of the month. SAFCA is applying for grants for the restoration of the property. Hennem and Grenbeaux went on a tour of the Cache Creek Conservancy to see what they had done in some their restoration efforts. There is a portion of that land that was designed with the input of the California Indian Basketweavers Association (CIBA). Task Force members should go on a tour.

Staffing – Gray

Grenbeaux prepared a list of staffing needs that Gray expects to start filling in the next six months. Gray state that he hopes the project can hire a Project Director that would become the Museum Director, creating continuity in the project. A California Indian would be most fitting in this position. Gray acknowledged the work of Hennem and Grenbeaux to mentor and recruit people with cultural competence to take the civil service exams. There is a possibility to establish limited term positions for the life of the planning process and to compete for unfunded authorized positions. To be able to hire outside civil service there would have to be an outside funding source. No external funds available to be used to hire outside of civil service.

Jose Rivera recommended that the CIHC project hire California Indian museum professionals.

EDAW schedule and start up meetings – Baranowski

The EDAW contract is finished being reviewed by DGS attorneys. The first kick off meeting has been postponed until January, 2006. Staff is looking for a venue that meeting spaces and with overnight accommodations. The meeting that was scheduled for October, 2005 is a now a confirmation and visioning meeting.

Myers suggested that the Rumsey Band may be willing to host the meeting in January, 2006.

Advisory Groups – Hennum

Hennum reviewed Task Force and staff assignments to the Advisory Groups. Hennum will contact Tim Bactad to see where he may want to participate.

Governance – Gray

Gray reviewed that the Task Force agreed that it would convene as a committee of the whole to work on governance issues. Gray had four topics for the group to address so that he could draft bylaws and submit them back to the group for review and comment.

1. The structure of the non profit- It was agreed that there would be two ex officio members: the Executive Secretary of the Native American Heritage Commission and the Director of State Parks. All other Board members would be appointed to the non profit. Gray suggested that there be formal qualifications for balance. He also inquired if it was needed to be an all California Indian. Or would it be possible to include other Native Americans and other non-Native people with specific expertise. How many members and what is their relationship to this for fundraising and fund development?

Hildreth stated that non-California Indian people may have the necessary expertise, but the board should be all native. She also said that the California Indian people on the board be representative of the diversity of California's Indian tribes. There may be another local non profit that may be able to provide advice and guidance about Board development.

Jose Rivera read a document he gave to the Task Force about governance and the establishment of an all Native decision making Executive Committee. Then there would be a general board that would advise the Executive Committee.

Gray said that he would explore the idea of an Executive body and that the Task Force should decide how much authority the Executive body has to incorporate it in the bylaws.

Mungary said that the board may be able to get those that are involved with their own tribal cultural centers and museums or that the tribes with these facilities could nominate people from their centers. Then they would know what is happening in Sacramento and have a more vested interest.

Rivera stated that Tribal Councils may also be able to nominate potential candidates.

2. Selection of members: Will it be a self appointing board?

3. Tribal Representation: Grenbeaux gave the example of losing a Task Force member because he was no longer a tribal member. Should board members be enrolled members of a tribe, from federally recognized tribes, or from non-federally recognized tribes?

4. Term(s) and term limits: It was suggested that board member terms be staggered. Board members can be reelected based on desire and performance on the board. Term lengths for officers still need to be established.

Gray will circulate a draft of the bylaws in October to all Task Force members.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – Myers

October 11th, 2005 is the next Task Force meeting.

The week of January 9th, 2006 is when the EDAW kick off will take place. Staff will determine the days.

Myers said he would like to see the website updated more.

ADJOURN – 11:15am