



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: General Services
Department No.: 063
For Agenda Of: 7/5/2011
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Bob Nisbet, Director (560-1011)
Contact Info: Paddy Langlands, Assistant Director (568-3096)

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Gift, SB Courthouse Spirit of the Ocean Fountain from the
Courthouse Legacy Foundation in the amount of \$731,000.
1st Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: NA

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: NA

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive a refurbished Spirit of the Ocean Fountain in the net asset value amount of \$731,000.00 from the Santa Barbara Courthouse Legacy Foundation (a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation.)
- b) Approve the attached Budget Revision that accounts for the donation.

Summary Text:

The Courthouse Legacy Foundation, working with the General Services Department has funded the complete restoration and re-carving of the iconic Spirit of the Ocean Fountain located at the main arch entry of the Santa Barbara Courthouse at a total cost of \$731,000. The County of Santa Barbara contributed \$175,000 toward the project over the past two years. The total value of the gift needs to be accepted by the Board in compliance with Board Resolution 99-485, Acceptance of Gifts Policy. The Santa Barbara Courthouse is fortunate to have a strong preservation partner in the Courthouse Legacy Foundation.

Background:

The Santa Barbara Courthouse is a City/State/National Historic Landmark with many historic features that include carved stone elements, lamps, wrought-iron, leather, leaded glass windows, painted surfaces and mural walls. These treasured features require restoration, conservation or preservation.

The Santa Barbara Courthouse Legacy Foundation was founded in 2004 as an organization whose mission has been to raise required funds from which to restore, conserve or preserve the artistic elements of the Santa Barbara Courthouse.

Over the years, the Courthouse Legacy Foundation has undertaken the restoration of many features of the Santa Barbara Courthouse, including work on the Main Arch Ceiling (\$70,000) and wrought-iron corbels of the clock tower (\$10,000). The Courthouse Legacy Foundation began work on the recreation of the failing *Spirit of the Ocean Fountain* in 2005 with extensive research and planning for the replacement of the quickly failing statue. Fundraising began in 2006 with direct grant applications, private donor contributions and funding by the County of Santa Barbara.

The reason the Spirit of the Ocean Fountain had to be replaced is because the sandstone began to fail from the inside-out due to poor treatment in the late 1970's. A major effort to rescue the statue from failure in the mid-1980's, under a project directed by the Courthouse Docent Council, allowed the statue to remain in-place; however, in 2008 significant failures began to occur that could not be repaired with the simple application of conservation materials. Examples of material failures include: the outer surface of the fish head slipped into the water feature; and the mid-section of the human figures failed, resulting in collapse. These failures have resulted in the need to completely replace the statue.

The work is in full compliance of the Department of the Interior Standards for the care of National Historic Landmarks and Historic Properties.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: The majority of the cost of the project was privately funded through grants and community contributions.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
Courthouse Legacy Foundation	\$ -	\$ -	\$731,000.00

Narrative:

This project has no impact on the operating budget of General Services. The \$175,000 contribution from the County of Santa Barbara was given to the Courthouse Legacy Foundation through two grants. The first grant was in 2009 in the amount of \$75,000 and a second grant in 2010 in the amount of \$100,000.

Special Instructions:

Please forward a copy of the Minute Order to Robert Ooley, AIA County Architect, General Services Department - Support Services Div., Courthouse East Wing.

Attachments:

- 1) *Spirit of the Ocean Fountain, A Case Study*
- 2) *Budget Revision*

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