



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: 6/2/2009
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required:

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s) Robert Nisbet, Director (568-1011)
Contact Info: Paddy Langlands, Assistant Director (568-3096)
SUBJECT: **Accept completed project by the Santa Barbara Courthouse Legacy Foundation.
First Supervisorial District**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors accept the completed restoration project valued at \$77,700 of the Santa Barbara Main Arch Ceiling from the Santa Barbara Courthouse Legacy Foundation and its preservation partner, the Pearl Chase Society.

Summary Text:

The County of Santa Barbara and the Santa Barbara Courthouse Legacy Foundation entered into an MOU in 2005 that outlined when each organization would direct conservation, preservation or restoration projects at the National Historic Landmark Santa Barbara Courthouse.

The restoration of the Main Arch Ceiling is one such project that followed the MOU, which allowed the Santa Barbara Courthouse Legacy Foundation access to the site and control of the projects execution. Over the course of a seven-week period, the ceiling documentation was completed that included general and detailed photography, line-art tracings of all emblems, images and heraldry. The paint restoration efforts were completed on-time and within budget by Ray-Mac Painting and artist Dave DeMars. The cost of the project was completed, underwritten by the Pearl Chase Society and in-kind contributions for a total project cost of \$77,700.00.

Background:

The Main Arch ceiling was first painted in 1929 by Giovanni Battista (John) Smeraldi with both a staining and painted application. Over the course of 80-years the paint has faded and was almost to the point of fading into time. The Santa Barbara Courthouse Legacy Foundation and its preservation partner the Pearl Chase Society with coordination with County Facility Management undertook the effort to restore this important historic element. Now that the project is completed, the general public can once again appreciate the archway as it was intended with a restored ceiling.

The Santa Barbara Courthouse is a designated City, State and National Historic Landmark and was first dedicated on August 14, 1929 during the Old Spanish Days Fiesta of that year.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There is not Fiscal or Facility Impact

Special Instructions:

Please send a copy of the Minute Order to Robert Ooley, AIA, GS/Facilities Services Div., Courthouse East Wing.

Attachments:

Authored by:

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