



**MCCUNE COLLECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**



OCTOBER 6, 2025

4:30 PM

COMMISSIONERS
Rebekah Truemper, (Chair)
Joel Benson, (Vice-Chair)
Vince Tajima, Treasurer
Henry Beecher
James Petka
Zachary Kent
Vacant

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**Council Chambers
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Vallejo, CA 94590**

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AGENDA

1 CALL TO ORDER

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3 ROLL CALL

4 COMMUNICATIONS

A REPORT FROM CITY STAFF

B REPORT FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

C REPORT FROM MCCUNE FOUNDATION LIAISON

D REPORT FROM CHAIR

E OTHER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

F ACTIVITY REPORTS

WEBSITE

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

5 COMMUNITY FORUM

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6 CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

Recommendation: (a) By motion, approve the agenda for the October 6, 2025, Regular Meeting of the McCune Collection Commission.

(b) By motion, approve the minutes from the September 17, 2025, Special Meeting of the McCune Collection Commission.

7 RECURRING BUSINESS

A **ACQUISITION OF ITEMS DONATED TO THE MCCUNE COLLECTION**

Recommendation: By motion, approve/deny recommendation to the City of proposed donated items.

B SUBMISSION OF MONTHLY RECEIPTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Recommendation: None

C DOCENT PARTICIPATION

Recommendation: Discuss and provide comments on docent participation.

8 NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A PRESERVATION

Recommendation: Update on the conservation of The Life of George Washington, Commander in Chief of the American Forces, 1804 by John Marshall.

B COMMISSION WORK PLAN DISCUSSION

Recommendation: Discuss progress on the three priority categories of the Work Plan and consider whether to create an ad hoc subcommittee to finalize the Plan.

9 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Recommendation: Work Plan categories not selected as top priorities will be listed on a future agenda.

10 NEXT MEETING DATE

A December 1, 2025

11 ADJOURNMENT

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Dated: October 2, 2025

Annette Taylor

Annette Taylor, Secretary

MINUTES

MCCUNE COLLECTION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING – 4:30 PM. September 17, 2025 Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER – 4:30 pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Rebekah Truemper, Chair, Joel Benson, Vice Chair; Commissioners Henry Beecher, James Petka, Zachery Kent

Absent: Commissioner Vince Tajima

4. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Report from City staff to the McCune Collection Commission

1. No report

B. Report from Council Liaison to the McCune Collection Commission

1. No report

C. Report from McCune Foundation to the McCune Collection Commission

1. Chair Truemper reported the Foundation discussed to support the work and preservation of the Collection, to closely align their strategic direction set in the work plan

D. Report from the Chair of the McCune Collection Commission

1. Chair Truemper reported she attend the First Friday Artwork at the McCune Room; well attended

E. Others

1. Commissioner Kent expressed appreciation for outgoing Commissioner Perry and gave a brief background.

F. ACTIVITY REPORTS

1. Website

Commissioner Petka reported that there were seven pages added during the last two months; The Art of Aubrey Beardsley (1918) page, Afro-American Press and its Editors (1891) page, California Burning Daylight (1910) page, Young Adult Book – Young Folks History of Rome (1878) page, Henry Evans – Volume 21 (1968) page, Henry Evans – Volume 20 (1967) page, Henry Evans – Volume 19 (1967)page

2. Volunteer Program

Commissioner Beecher reported that Ken Innes is still volunteering to take photos of the Collection, not other active volunteers

5. COMMUNITY FORUM

None

6. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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A. **Approval of Agenda & Minutes**

Recommendation: By motion, approve the agenda for September 17, 2025, McCune Collection Commission special meeting and approve the minutes from June 2, 2025, regular meeting.

(a) Motion to accept the September 17, 2025, agenda, by Vice Chair Benson, seconded by Commissioner Kent, approved unanimously 5-0

(b) Motion to accept the minutes from June 2, 2025, regular meeting by Commissioner Beecher, seconded by Commissioner Kent, approved unanimously 5-0.

7. **RECURRING BUSINESS**

A. **Acquisition of Items Donated to the McCune Collection**

Commissioner Beecher reported Diana Krevsky would like to donate an artbook she published and inscribed in honor of Julia Stratton.

Motion to recommend to City Council to accept the book by Diana Krevsky into the McCune Collection by Chair Truemper, seconded by Commissioner Beecher, approved unanimously 5-0.

B. **Submission of Monthly Receipts for Reimbursement**

None

C. **Docent Participation**

Commissioner Beecher reported that in the interest of time, he will give a more detailed report at the next meeting. He reported that the turn out of the last three art walks have exceeded expectations; additional support from Commissioners will be helpful.

8. **NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **Treasurer's Report**

Approve the Treasurer's Report ending June 30, 2025.

Motion by Chair Truemper, seconded by Vice Chair Benson to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, approved unanimously 5-0

B. **Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Budget Allocation**

Approve the re-allocation of \$1300 of the City of Vallejo stipend in the current budget.

Motion by Commissioner Beecher, seconded by Chair Truemper to approve the re-allocation of \$1300 of the City of Vallejo stipend in the current budget towards security, approved unanimously 5-0

C. **Preservation**

Chair Truemper provided an update on Karen Zukor's conservation work on The Life of George Washington, Commander in Chief of the American Forces, by John Marshall. Ms. Zukor reported that nothing has been done yet; they will be working

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on the project in October and expect to have the books completed and ready for pick up in late October or early November. After the city signed the agreement with Zukor Art Conservation, it was learned that the McCune Commissioners have the capacity to do a portion of the work and have archival materials to create the archival boxes, not to do the stabilization work on the historic material. Explore the possibility of amending the agreement with Zukor to eliminate creating archival boxes and save the \$1500 of the \$2500 budget. Discussion followed. By consensus, staff will talk to Karen Zukor about removing the archival boxes from her agreement.

D. Commission Work Plan Discussion

Chair Truemper gave an overview of the past Commission actions; top three priorities are cataloging the work, creating a more robust and forward-looking preservation plan, and continuing to work on community programming and community access to the collection. Proposed the Commissioners review the notes she submitted and spend time brainstorming the three priority areas to form a basis of work for the next three to five years and establish a point person in each of the areas. Discussion followed on the three categories.

Cataloging – Chair Truemper suggested combining all the information previously gathered by Commissioners and establish a cataloging protocol and next steps. Vice Chair Benson reported he spoke with a number of librarians to find out what goes into cataloging. Volunteers can help with cataloging but should be guided by a professional. Also looked at several platforms for hosting catalogs. Next steps are to explore available platforms for catalogs such as the McCune, narrow the platforms down and compare based on features and cost, choice voted on by Commissioners. Commissioner Petka suggested looking at what is already cataloged. Vice Chair Benson volunteered to head up cataloging, Commissioner Beecher volunteered to support the efforts. Chair Truemper will work with each lead person.

Preservation – Chair Truemper suggested creating a conservation plan, establish restoration priorities, utilizing any historical documentation on how previous decisions were made, come up with a set of criteria on what needs to be conserved, enhancing display options to better highlight items, assess and monitor collection conditions (lighting, climate control, security, access). Discussion followed. Vice Chair Benson suggested preservation is connected to cataloging, look at shelving the books are sitting on concern about the concrete outer wall. Commissioner Beecher noted that the in the past Commissioners have utilized the preservation funds conserving the obvious items, may need an expert to come in to review the items. Chair Truemper will be the lead, and talk with Commissioner Tajima to find out if he may be interested in working on this.

Programming and Access – Chair Truemper said programming and access encompasses docent work, special events, exhibits, partner with complementary organizations, educators, tied to cataloging and preservation. Commissioner Beecher suggested co-point people. Commissioner Beecher to be point-person with Commissioner Kent working with him.

Next agenda include creating Ad-Hoc Subcommittees for each priority. Each point-person provide an update at the October 6th meeting, provide a draft for review at December meeting. Discussion followed. Commissioner Petka reported he may not be in attendance at the October meeting due to a surgery.

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9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. None

10. NEXT MEETING DATE: October 6, 2025

11. ADJOURNMENT – 5:45 pm
Motion by Chair Truemper to adjourn.

ATTESTED:

Rebekah Truemper, Chair

Annette Taylor

Annette Taylor, Staff Liaison

McCune Commission Work Plan Goals & Actions

WORK PLAN GOAL	Improving McCune Collection Programming & Access						
LEAD COMMISSIONER(S)	Henry Beecher, Zachary Kent						
OBJECTIVE / ACTIONS	PRIORITY	FEASIBILITY	RESOURCES NEEDED	CHALLENGES	ADDRESSING CHALLENGES	STATUS	NOTES
OBJECTIVE 1: Showcase Collection / Increase Visitors	High		Commissioners on-site & trained volunteers	Only Commissioners have room keys		In Progress	
TASK 1: Resume Sunday Presentations (4 x a year?)		High	Someone to coordinate				
TASK 2: Host meetings like Book Clubs, Writers Groups, Book Art classes, etc		Medium	Individuals to facilitate		Coinciding activities with existing docent hours & Artwalk		
TASK 3: Join more City events like Visions of the Wild, Open Studios, etc		Medium					
TASK 4: Host small City functions (e.g. Participatory Budgeting workgroups)		Low		Further demand on Commissioners' time			
OBJECTIVE 2: Forge relations with program/activity partners & complementary organizations	High						
TASK 1: Consider qualified volunteers functioning as Activity Partners		High					
TASK 2: Identify complementary organizations (Sister Cities, Arion Press, etc)		High					
TASK 3:							
TASK 4:							
OBJECTIVE 3: Collaborate with educators on curricula involving Collection items	Medium						
TASK 1: Identify local educators		Medium					
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OBJECTIVE 4: Align programming with fundraising where feasible	Low					On Hold	
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OBJECTIVE 5: Volunteer recruitment, training, and oversight	Medium						
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