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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

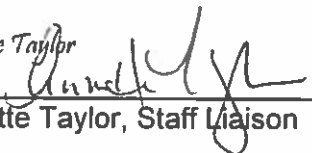
10. NEXT MEETING DATE: October 6, 2025

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

ATTESTED:



Rebekah Truemper, Chair

Annette Taylor


Annette Taylor, Staff Liaison