Works of Art
A subcommittee of the Facilities Review Committee
Minutes
Tuesday, Feb. 21, 10:30am, R510

Present: Patricia Arack, Julia Bergman, Joy Durighello, Jeff Goldthorpe, Mary Marsh, Morgan Wilson

1. Sun Dial
Morgan Wilson, a previous CCSF student, is continuing the project of restoring the sun dial. Morgan made contact with Isaac Lindenauer who wrote the catalog on August Tiesselinck, and was Roger Baird’s student. Tiesselinck’s metal working tools were acquired for the CCSF Metal Arts to be used in the shop. Morgan made copies of 1989 photos pre-vandalism for reference. The design of the original gnomon forms the date it was created, 1955. Morgan is working with metal arts instructor Suzanne Pugh to determine the type of bronze needed. It has been determined that the repair needs to be reversible. Suzanne’s idea would use pins, so that the original metal will not be altered by heating/ welding. No attempt will be made to apply a faux patina. It will be great to have the sun dial functional, Earth Science instructors will finally be able to demonstrate the science behind it.

2. CHI Training for Rivera mural project
Cultural Heritage Imaging will be hosting a 1 hour demonstration in the Rivera Theater as outreach to find 15 dedicated students, faculty, and staff to participate in the training. There was discussion about the optimal time to schedule this presentation, maybe in late March. However, the event schedule needs to be matched with the availability of conservators from Mexico, who will be members of the team. Patricia will create a pdf of the City Currents article to send to all of us to post and advertise to get interest. Patricia will contact Guardsman editor to help promote this. Will has obtained funds from Friends of the DR Mural for the training.

3. CCSF art guide/website/map- Mary Marsh, Inna Razumova
A Google docs page was created for WoA as a way to store and share images and documents. Mary has spent some time uploading images and files, but it is not so easy to use. Continuing to collect images and develop text for web page. Would a blog format such as Wordpress make sense instead of a web page?

4. Whale Fountain
The conservation study is in progress. Julia and Will met with ARG Conservation Services consultants over the winter break; their team consists of a structural engineer, a fountain expert, a landscape architect and an art conservator. Before starting this study, funded by the Academy of Sciences as a mea culpa for using a non-art transport company, full commitment and agreement on the proposed location in front of Health & Wellness by all parties must be confirmed. The Facilities Review Committee has signed off, and Julia has provided the group with a link to the Balboa Park Station Plan organized several years ago by city planning. We also have to make sure the proposed site on the lawn is not identified as a designated smoking area.
5. Exhibitions
John Adams Library is installing “Making Good Choices for Better Health, a collaboration with the SF Dept of Public Health and the Nutrition Assistant Program.

6. Diego Rivera Update
Website;
Dean Bob Davis received some private funds to pay Aaron Homberg to bring the mural website from the Mediatrope server to a CCSF server. We will be saving $110. per month by hosting the website locally. Unfortunately the website will no longer be bilingual, nor will there be a zoon feature; there will be a search window for Google translate. Note to combine the Rivera website with the Works of Art website.

Photos;
Tom Wiltshire, a student in Greg Landau’s Rivera class, is scanning approximately 200 photos from the archives for the mural the website.

Docents;
The funding for the docents has been significantly reduced. Dean Bob Davis has secured some private funds to cover the spring hours but there are no hours for the summer. This is especially frustrating because we finally had set hours printed on the rack cards/tourist brochures for local hotels. We need to generate income, can we charge admission or some fee for group tours?

Donation: Photo of Mural Sketch Full Scale;
A pristine first edition of Bertram Wolfe’s biography of Rivera and an unusual photograph were donated to the Rivera Collection. A mirror with a sculpted plaster frame made by Cecelia Graham, who was an Art in Action artist, might be donated as well (photos of her and her work acquired from SFPL history room for archives)

GGIE Exhibition @ SFPL;
We have loaned 4 items from the Rivera Collection to the SFPL for an exhibition at the Main Library.” The Magic City: Treasures from San Francisco’s Golden Gate International Exposition 1939-1940” opening March 24, curated by Maureen Bourbin.

7. JA Mural update
Mary reports progress on the mural Building Futures, beautiful scenes emerging.

9. Sargent Johnson Bas Reliefs
Today NYT (2/21/12) included an article about a lost and found Sargent Johnson, 22 foot long redwood carved panel originally at UC Berkeley, now in the collection of the Huntington, reviving our interest in confirming him as the artist of the sports figures. American art professor at U. of Pennsylvania, Gwendolyn DuBois Shaw is writing a book on Sargent, a possible contact for more research on our sports figures.

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