

MINUTES
WAR MEMORIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PRESENTORS LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING
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Thursday, April 24, 2014

The Presentors Liaison Committee of the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco met at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2014, in the Trustees' Board Room, War Memorial Opera House, Chair Bechtle presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustee Bechtle, Chair, Trustee Horn, Trustee Lui, Trustee Shultz, Trustee Wilsey, President Myatt, *Ex officio*, and Vice President Bashford, *Ex officio*

Absent: None

Staff Present: Elizabeth Murray, Managing Director
Jennifer Norris, Assistant Managing Director

Chair Bechtle stated there was one item on today's agenda for the Presentors Liaison Committee's consideration and adoption of recommendations, continued from the Committee's April 10, 2014 meeting.

Patina Restaurant Group proposed designs for capital investment upgrades to the Opera House Lower Lounge Café and Opera House Dress Circle Lobby.

Chair Bechtle reported that at the last two committee meetings, the committee heard from Patina representatives on their proposed investment improvements to Opera House food and beverage facilities, with specific focus on the lower lounge café. At the April 10 committee meeting, the committee recommended approval of – and the full board subsequently approved – the lower lounge design components proposed by Patina with specific color and furnishing details to be submitted later to the committee; and authorized staff to initiate a study of ambient lighting in the café area. She stated that due to time constraints on April 10, the committee was not able to review Patina's proposed improvements to the Opera House Dress Circle lobby.

Opera House Dress Circle Lobbies:

Chair Bechtle stated that in advance of today's meeting, committee members received the summary outline of Patina's proposed Opera House Dress Circle Lobby improvements, and she recognized Mr. Reza Samadi, Patina's Director of Operations for Museums and Performing Arts Center, to present Patina's design proposals.

Mr. Samadi stated that the budget for Dress Circle level is \$60,000, including design services. Based on this budget, Patina is presenting two options: 1) fully develop a single Dress Circle promenade lobby including carpet, drapes, paint and furnishings; or 2) develop both Dress Circle promenade lobbies, but eliminate carpet, drapes and one seating group on each side. Mr. Samadi stated that Patina's preference would be to do the full redecoration in the south promenade lobby and to move the existing south promenade furnishings to the north promenade lobby which will make this space fuller and more inviting for the casual dining customer.

The following Dress Circle design elements were presented and commented upon by the committee:

| Patina Design Element | Committee Comments |
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| Full redecoration of Dress Circle south promenade lobby; existing south promenade furnishings moved to north promenade | Committee concurs |
| Ceiling mounted tie back drapery at entry to south promenade | Committee concurs, subject to approval of actual attachment plan and fabric. |
| Carpet runner installed down entire length of south promenade lobby | Committee concurs, subject to approval of actual carpet style/pattern and carpet attachment plan |
| Paint ceiling to distinguish it from rest of the lobby | Committee concurs, subject to approval of color |
| Tie-back drapery at arched windows of South promenade lobby | Committee concurs, subject to approval of hanging hardware and drapery fabric |
| Cocktail tables for Dress Circle seating groups | Committee concurs, subject to approval of style and material choice. |
| New sofa & low backed seating for furniture groupings in front of arched windows | Committee concurs, subject to approval of style, fabric and wood finish |
| New banquette and ottoman seating along restroom-side wall | Committee concurs, subject to approval of style and fabric. Staff requests that banquettes be easily moved and that pieces be small enough to fit in the elevator |
| Purchase new food heating equipment and a portable food shield to expand Dress Circle menu to include hot items. | Committee concurs |

The Committee and the guests from the public toured the Dress Circle Lobby and then visited the Lower Lounge Café to look at color palettes and fabrics.

After returning to the board room the committee had further discussion on Dress Circle lobby improvements. Following discussion, and on motion of Trustee Horn, seconded by Trustee Shultz, the following recommendation was unanimously adopted:

RECOMMENDED, By the Presentors Liaison Committee of the War Memorial Board of Trustees that Patina Restaurant Group’s design concepts for the Opera House Dress Circle Lobby be approved subject to subsequent consideration and approval of specific furnishings, fabrics and materials.

With regard to color palettes and fabrics for the Lower Lounge Café, the committee expressed its preference for the warm red palette and several fabric samples selected by committee members. Mr. Samadi stated that Patina will provide larger fabric samples for the Trustees to review on May 8; Patina will return to the Presentors Liaison Committee on June 12 with final fabric samples and sample furnishings for approval.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Bechtle adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Jennifer E. Norris
Executive Secretary