



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 25, 2012

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Recognition Of The Pearl Chase Society For Painting Restoration Of The Pearl Chase Portrait On Display At The Carrillo Recreation Center

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission recognize the Pearl Chase Society for reframing and restoring the Pearl Chase portrait at the Carrillo Recreation Center.

DISCUSSION:

The Carrillo Recreation Center exhibited a large painting of Pearl Chase in the Founders Room for decades before the major construction project was completed in the spring of 2011. Pearl Chase was very important in the history of the facility for her role supporting a fundraising drive that saved the building from foreclosure following the Great Depression.

This painting was identified as being in need of restoration and reframing by historians including Santa Barbara Historical Museum Executive Director David Bisol. Redevelopment Agency (RDA) or City funds were not available to pay for restoration and reframing of this beautiful painting by Lori Hover, so the Pearl Chase Society was asked if they would consider sponsoring the restoration. The Pearl Chase Society Board graciously accepted the request and had the painting restored to repair several areas where paint had chipped off, and, reframed by local experts in these services.

The fully restored and reframed painting of Pearl Chase now hangs over the fireplace in the Carrillo Recreation Center's Founders Room to celebrate this important chapter in the heritage of this historic landmark building.

It is with tremendous gratitude that the Parks and Recreation Department recognizes the contribution provided by the Pearl Chase Society.

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