

Balboa Park Governance Task Force Members

Robert 'Bob' Ames

A lifelong resident of San Diego, Bob has practiced as an attorney at his law firm, DLA Piper (formerly known as Gray, Cary, Ames & Frye) for the past 45 years. He is currently a member of the Board of Trustees for the Timken Museum of Art and for the Thomas Jefferson School of Law. Bob received a BA from Pomona College and an MBA and LLB from Stanford University. He served two years as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Infantry, and is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*. Bob has a BA in Economics from Pomona College, an MBA from Stanford University and an LLB from Stanford University.

Laurie Burgett

For the past 13 years Laurie has held multiple management positions at Solar Turbines, Inc. and is currently the manager of World Wide Service Parts Procurement and Planning. She currently serves on the Balboa Park Committee and the Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee. Past volunteer work includes serving as a trustee on the Centro Cultural De La Raza and the San Diego Zoo Expansion Stakeholder Working Group. Laurie is a graduate of San Diego State University with a BS in Mechanical Engineering.

Ronald 'Ron' Buckley

Following a career working for the City of San Diego as a Senior Planner, which included a lengthy stint with the Historical Resources Board, Ron is now a consultant for zoning, land use and processing of development projects for Ronald L. Buckley Consulting. He is a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Save Our Heritage Organization, and the University Heights Community Association, among others. Ronald received a BA in history from San Diego State University, and an MPA in public administration from San Diego State University.

Carol Littlejohn Chang

Carol Chang moved to San Diego in 1996 after retiring as Associate Dean of UCSF School of Dentistry. She currently serves as immediate past President and Board member of the San Diego Women's Foundation, as a Trustee on the UCSD Foundation Board and Chair of its Development Committee, Board member of UCSD Moores Cancer Center, and as Vice President and member of the Board of Trustees at the Reuben H Fleet Science Center. In 2005 Carol was honored as a Woman of Dedication by the Salvation Army. She has a BA from Azusa Pacific University as well as an MPH from UC Berkeley.

Bruce Coons

Bruce Coons is the Executive Director of *Save Our Heritage Organization*. He oversees six historic buildings in Old Town, two of which are museums, and the recently re-opened Marston House Museum and Gardens in Balboa Park. Bruce is also an authority on San Diego

history, architectural historian and historic design consultant specializing in period restoration for over 25 years. He attended the University of San Diego and United States International University.

Berit Nielsen Durler

Berit Durler is an experienced professional in major real estate development and lending in which she has worked for over 20 years. She currently works as a consultant to nonprofits focusing on charitable real estate gifts and was previously Executive Director of the San Diego Charitable Real Estate Foundation and is currently a Board Member of San Diego Hospice. Her career included time as the Chief Operating Officer for The Tom Hom Group, as well as the UCSD Extended Studies and Public Programs. Berit is currently Chairman/President of the Board of Trustees of the Zoological Society of San Diego, and Chair of the Governance Committee of the San Diego Women's Foundation. She received a BS from UCLA and an MS in Business Administration from San Diego State University.

Raymond G. Ellis

Ray Ellis is the principal of Ellis & Associates, LLC, and manages the activities of the Ellis Family Foundation. He was the founder, principal shareholder, and Chief Executive Officer of MC Direct for 14 years. He is currently serves on the Board of Second Chance and holds positions of leadership on the Boards of San Diego Social Venture Partners, the San Diego City Employees' Retirement System and the Parker Foundation. Ray received a BA in history from Christopher Newport University, and an MBA from Pepperdine University.

Aurelia Flores

Aurelia Flores is Senior Counsel, Intellectual Property for SAIC. She currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees at the San Diego Museum of Art, and is a member of several local and national Hispanic organizations. Aurelia is the creator and founder of PowerfulLatinas.com, an online resource for networking and inspiration among Latina women. She received a BA from Colorado College, and a JD from Stanford Law School. After law school, Aurelia was awarded a post-graduate Fulbright Fellowship to study in Mexico City.

Vicki Granowitz

Vicki Granowitz is a retired psychotherapist having worked in private practice for 16 years. As a volunteer, she currently serves on the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board, as Chair of the Balboa Park Committee, the Greater North Park Community Planning Committee Board, the Park and Recreation Open Space Canyons Advisory Committee among others. Past volunteer service included the SDSU Library Facilities Strategic Planning Committee, the Sierra Club Canyons Campaign Steering Committee, the Citywide Canyon-Sewer Maintenance Task Force and the North Park Community Association Board. Vicki received a BA and MSW from San Diego State University.

Chuck Hellerich

Chuck Hellerich is a former Managing Partner of Luce Forward where he focused on transactional business and real estate matters, including real estate financing transactions, the representation of owners, tenants, leasing and purchase and other sales transactions. He serves on a variety of boards including the American Bar Association, the San Diego County Bar Association, the Downtown San Diego Rotary, Save Our Heritage Organization, and the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center. Chuck received a BS and MS in mechanical engineering from the University of Nebraska and a JD from the University of Southern California.

Dale Hess

Dale Hess served as Executive Vice President for the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau and was with the organization for 33 years after holding positions in Hilton Hotels and with a major international tour operator. He is founder of the Western Association of Convention and Visitors Bureau and currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Coming Home in San Francisco. He served for ten years on the Board of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy and as a Trustee and Treasure for San Francisco's Committee to Save the Cable Cars. Dale is a graduate of the Milton Hershey School, Boston University School of Communications and the Institute for Organization Management at the University of Santa Clara.

Dea Hurston

Dea Hurston is an arts advocate and arts supporter who serves San Diego as a member of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture. A former teacher and businesswoman, Dea also serves on the advisory boards of San Diego Repertory Theatre, Common Ground Theatre, Mo'olelo Theatre, Mainly Mozart and Vista Hill. Her commitment to mentoring female artists, artists of color and organizations that are lead by women as well as sharing her expertise in the areas of fundraising, board development, audience development, educational outreach, and issues of diversity culminated in 2006 when she received the Salvation Army's Woman of Dedication Award. She has a degree in education from Concordia College.

John Lomac

John Lomac has worked in San Diego as a Lifeguard II with the City of San Diego, a real estate broker, and was the Executive Vice President of the San Diego Association of Realtors from 1998-2005. He is currently co-chair of the Mission Hills Town Council's Business Enhancement Committee, a board member of the San Diego Presidio Park Council, and C3. John received a BA in Political Science and History from San Diego State University, an MA in Political Science from the University California Los Angeles, and a secondary school teaching credential from San Diego State University

Paul I. Meyer

A graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, Paul Meyer is a retired partner of Latham & Watkins LLP. Before settling in San Diego, Paul served three years on active duty as a Captain in the US Marine Corps Reserve. A former President of the Board of the Old Globe

Theatre, the La Jolla Chamber Music Society and the American Jewish Committee, Paul is also a member of the Board of the San Diego Foundation and a member of the Foundation's Arts and Culture Working Group. He is currently Chair of the San Diego Charitable Real Estate Fund. Paul is a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers and has repeatedly been named as one of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Gonzalo Rojas

Gonzalo Rojas has spent over thirty years in higher education and has extensive experience in student academic preparation, college access, affordability, and retention and success. He was the former Director for the Office of Collaborative Programs and College of Education at San Diego State University. Gonzalo is currently Chair of the College: Making it Happen statewide task force and a member of the Coordinating Committee of the Chicano/Latino Inter-Segmental Convocation. He serves on the Board of the Sweetwater Education Foundation, is a member of the South Bay Forum as well as a former Trustee of the Promise Charter School and has extensive experience with community and grass-roots organizing. Gonzalo received a BA in history from UCLA in 1968, an MS in education from UCLA. He completed doctoral coursework at SDSU and Claremont Graduate School.

Dalouge (Douglas) Smith

Dalouge Smith has served as President and CEO of the San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory since 2005. He was previously Associate Director of Mainly Mozart San Diego, and production stage manager at Lamb's Players Theatre in Coronado. Dalouge is the author of the arts advocacy blog "Dog Days" at the national website artsjournal.com. He currently serves on the boards of the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership and Balboa Park Central. In 2007, Dalouge received the 1st Annual Herbert G. Klein Visionary Award for Exemplary Leadership from LEAD San Diego and was also named one of San Diego Metropolitan Magazine's 2006 "40 Under 40" young leaders. Dalouge is a graduate of UCLA where he earned a BA in World Arts and Cultures.

Judith 'Judy' Swink

Judy Swink had a 40 year career in Library Science including universities, various branches of the San Diego Public Library and as Resource Librarian for the Serra Cooperative Library System. She later developed a subspecialty as a researcher and editor, translating two journals written in French by an early homesteader in the Julian area then researching his family history. She has been active in the Mission Beach Town Council and the Save the Coaster Committee. Judy participated in the development of the *2002 Sea World Master Plan* and the *1994 Mission Bay Park Master Plan*. She has been a member of the Mission Bay Park Committee since 1994. Since 1993, Judy has been a volunteer with the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Park. Judy has been a Board Member of C3 and she currently chairs the C3 Parks & Open Space Committee. Judy earned a BA in French from Roanoke College (VA) and a Master of Library Science degree from Catholic University of America.