

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING
BOARD OF THE SACRAMENTO COMMUNITY
CENTER AUTHORITY

July 25, 1974

A Special Meeting of the Governing Board of Sacramento Community Center Authority was held at City Hall, Sacramento, July 25, 1974, at the hour of 4:00 p.m., of said day, pursuant to the motion of adjournment adopted at the Special Meeting of July 19, 1974, fixing time and place of meeting.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: George Artz, Walter Christensen, E.A. Combatalade,
Henry H. Fisher, David C. Rust.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Alfred W. Riolo

Chairman Christensen called the meeting to order at the hour of 4:00 p.m.

An opinion from the City Attorney's office indicating that the City Council has the sole authority to rename the Community Center was presented and discussed.

Director Rust asked that the following comments be made a matter of record.

"At one time - which my file relates to - we asked the advice relative to names and we were told at that time that it took us both - the Authority and the City Council - to approve names. In order to get around that prior opinion it is now used that since the certificate of completion is filed and the City is now a tenant, they're now saying that the prior opinion won't hold because of the certificate of completion...."

"I'm not sure I agree with the City Attorney's opinion from all the documentation that I see. But, on the other hand, they're the lawyers for the Authority. Now, you will all recall that we commenced this project in the midst of not only a hassle with the community but we were also in a lawsuit. Fortunately for us it didn't get too far, except it was there. We were all subject to subpena's and depositions, etc. We're now faced with the spectrum that if indeed we really do have the authority, if indeed even if we don't, if it's a joint authority as expressed previously by the City Attorney's office to us, and we go on record here even on the sense of a suggestion of what should be done and it ends up that it's our authority, it seems to me that we have opened both us and the City Council up to a taxpayer's lawsuit of those groups of people who are willing to proceed on the premise that the Authority has acted. Consequently an act by the Council contrary to it is not appropriate or must be in conjunction. All we've done is invite a lawsuit and we already know we've had one that on the surface of it didn't appear to have much merit. I'm only throwing it out for what it's worth to consider before we make this suggestion, because it appears evident to me that the City Council is going to do what they want to do regardless of what we do. They have an opinion by a lawyer that purports to represent us. He's also going to represent them and advise them that we don't have the authority to do anything...I'm wondering if the group that is subject to the will of the electorate - in light of what their lawyer has told us here - aren't the ones that ought to face the reality of what should and should not be done. As an Authority we have operated and functioned and I could care less whether it's the Sacramento Community Convention Center or the

Community Center Complex or the Sacramento Community Center - it's been pretty evident it has been the embodiment of a structure that is going to be a community effort. If after all of this time and the 20 years that have gone into this thing the City Attorney's office and the City Council have the view that they want to change it as the political group, it seems to me that's where it ought to fall and not put us in the middle of making even a recommendation that could be ultimately determined to be the proper authority to make that decision when we don't even have a lawyer that's willing to stand up for us. Let those people face the consequences ultimately if this community - and I agree with Walter, I don't know what's happening to the rest of you but admittedly I made a statement to the press off the top of my head, but it was my feeling. I really think that Warren's greatness is in another field as opposed to this. Be that as it may, I know that the letters and the communications I've got have been overwhelmingly in favor of the Sacramento Community Center."

Director Artz stated he felt a recommendation should be made and moved that the Authority recommend to the City Council that the present name of the Sacramento Community Center not be changed. Seconded by Director Fisher and carried by the following vote:

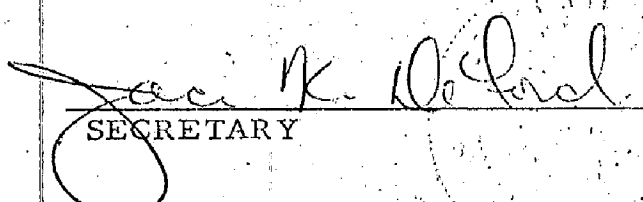
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Director Fisher moved that the minutes of the meetings of June 20, 1974 and July 19, 1974 be approved as sent. Seconded by Director Artz and carried by the following vote:

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Director Christensen stated that if some time in the future the names for the individual buildings of the Community Center Complex should be named, he would offer the following suggestions: The Exhibits Building be named Governor's Hall; the Activities Building be named Sutter's Building; and the Theatre be named Mark Twain Theatre.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.


SECRETARY