

Grants Committee Recommendation – Pacific Palisades Historical Society

The PPCC Grants Committee is pleased to recommend a grant of **\$2,100** from donations that PPCC has received to the Pacific Palisades Historical Society (PPHS), for the refurbishment of historical bronze plaques and the addition of a new commemorative plaque at Founders Oak Island, the small park in the 900 block of Haverford Ave. that is owned and maintained by PPHS – where Pacific Palisades was founded in a ceremony that took place on January 14, 1922.

The Grants Committee hopes that this award will contribute to renewed appreciation of the Island and its role in the history of our town – especially as we look forward to the 103rd birthday celebration in 2026 of the Palisades’ founding.

The PPHS notes that although Founders Oak Island was not destroyed, it has been damaged and is in need of renewal, repairs and upgrades. In that connection, the organization explains that funds are needed “to refurbish the bronze plaques commemorating and celebrating Palisades History and Palisadians; and create an additional bronze plaque to a Rededication of Founders Oak Island after the Palisades Fire. The cost involves design, fabrication and secure mounting.”¹

The PPHS further explains that renewal of the Island “will inspire a renewed appreciation for Founders Oak Island and its symbolic role in the history of Pacific Palisades.”

The Grants Committee Application Guidelines provide that the Committee “will interpret the phrase “fire recovery” broadly; it shall encompass repair, restoration and/or remediation . . . as well as efforts to inspire, renew or create community spirit, culture, traditions or institutions”

By providing for refurbishment of the historical bronze plaques and an additional plaque to the rededication of Founders Oak Island after the Fire, this grant would support the goal of overall Palisades Fire Recovery. The Grants Committee requests that the PPCC Board approve a \$2,100 grant to the PPHS for the purpose described above.

By the PPCC Grants Committee:

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¹ The total cost for the plaques’ refurbishment and for an additional bronze plaque is estimated at \$2,100. The PPHS also explains that landscaping and related repairs, upgrades and safety measures are needed (including tree trimming, adding stone borders and replacing damaged signage). Members of the Grants Committee will reach out to CD 11 to seek assistance from the City of Los Angeles General Services Dept. with these additional requested measures at the Island.