

## **Grants Committee Recommendation – Pacific Palisades Historical Society**

The PPCC Grants Committee is pleased to recommend a total grant of **\$5,300**, from donations that PPCC has received to the Pacific Palisades Historical Society (PPHS), for several physical upgrades at Founders Oak Island – 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, which as PPHS explains “is a community treasure, serving as a sanctuary and urban nature preserve, completely open to the public with paths and benches beneath a thick oak canopy.”

The PPHS notes that Founders Oak Island “was damaged – but not destroyed! – as the Palisades Fire consumed Pierson Playhouse, right across the street.” In that connection, the organization explains that funds are needed (1) to cut back and trim dead oak tree branches that overhang the street on both sides, “which are both a fire hazard and a potential traffic hazard;” (2) to replace a trash receptacle that was burned in the Fire (one of two on-site) and add two more receptacles to help manage trash at the site and “better battle an ongoing litter problem and food-waste-enticing rodent problem;” and (3) to replace damaged signage regarding litter, and add “No Smoking” signs and bright yellow “SLOW” signs to deter speeding, “which is an ongoing problem.”<sup>1</sup>

The PPHS has explained 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 . . . .”

The Grants Committee believes that this grant would support the goal of overall Palisades Fire Recovery, and therefore requests that the PPCC Board approve a \$5,300 grant to the PPHS for the purpose described above.

### ***By the PPCC Grants Committee:***

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<sup>1</sup> The PPHS cost estimates for these items are as follows: (1) cutting back and trimming tree branches: \$3,600 (note: there are 18 coastal live oaks on the property); (2) replacing and adding trash receptacles: \$750; (3) replacing and adding signage regarding litter, No Smoking signs and “SLOW” signs: \$950.