

THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE

MEMORANDUM

TO: REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD	FROM: HARRY S. MAVROGENES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: SEE BELOW	DATE: APRIL 4, 2008

INFORMATION

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF THE THEATRE ON SAN PEDRO SQUARE
TO TABARD THEATRE COMPANY

On April 25, 2006, the San Jose Redevelopment Agency and the Theatre on San Pedro Square (TOSPS) entered into a five-year Property Use Agreement, allowing non-profit community arts organizations to use the 200-seat TOSPS venue with no facility rental cost. The agreement with TOSPS requires that the facility located at 29 North San Pedro Street be made available to the Agency for non-profit use for specified periods in 2006 and 2007, as well as from April through September, 2008 to 2011.

During the Agency's community use time in 2007, the TOSPS facility hosted 146 different events by 20 different organizations. In addition to these community arts uses, Arts Express, a high school educational program administered by the Office of Cultural Affairs, had six performances during the 2007 season.

Last month, the Agency was advised by TOSPS that it would not be able to continue managing the Theatre as of April 1, 2008. TOSPS also advised that it was their intention to find a substitute organization to assume its lease with San Pedro Square Properties for the theater space and to assume its Property Use Agreement with the Agency. Tabard Theater Company (Tabard) has been identified by TOSPS as the substitute organization.

Tabard Theater Company is a San Jose-based arts organization founded in 2001. Their mission is to make a difference in the community through the arts; presenting professional quality shows that are suitable and appropriate for audiences of all ages. Tabard produces three main stage productions each season and offers theater workshops for adults and children. Their productions have been performed at venues such as Hoover Theater, Triton Hall and local churches.

Execution and consent to the assignment of the Property Use Agreement is within the authority provided the Executive Director by the Agency Board. We anticipate that all of the assignment and consent agreements will be fully executed by all parties within the next two weeks. None of the arts organizations who have reserved time in TOSPS during 2008 will be affected by this change.

Agency staff will work closely with Tabard during the next 60 days to ensure a smooth transition. If you have any specific questions, please contact me.



HARRY S. MAVROGENES
Executive Director