

Meeting Date: 9/28/10

# AGENDA REPORT

Agenda Item # 5A

City of Santa Clara, California



**Date:** September 22, 2010

**To:** City Manager for Council Information

**From:** Chief of Police

**Subject:** Presentation of Neil Henry Volunteer Recognition Award Posthumously to Bea Lichtenstein under Special Order of Business

As City records show, thousands of residents are actively involved in volunteering for the City of Santa Clara, enhancing the quality of life of all who live, work, play and visit our community. The City of Santa Clara benefits from the assistance of volunteers of all ages who work in almost every City department; while we appreciate the efforts of all our volunteers, one particular volunteer will be honored with the Neil Henry Volunteer Recognition Award.

Bea Lichtenstein spent countless hours over several decades giving of her time and talents for community betterment. She was nominated for a Neil Henry Volunteer Recognition Award by City staff, in acknowledgement of this long-standing volunteer work, as outlined in the nomination form that is attached. Sadly, as the nomination was being considered, Bea Lichtenstein passed away.

Ken Lichtenstein will be present at the September 28, 2010 City Council meeting to accept the presentation of the Neil Henry Volunteer Recognition Award to his wife Bea, in acknowledgement of her long-standing volunteer work for the City, most notably in the area of historic preservation and the arts. It is our pleasure to highlight the volunteer service of Bea Lichtenstein and to present her family with this award in her honor. City Librarian and Nomination Committee Member Julie Passalaqua will provide highlights of Bea's volunteerism for the presentation.

  
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Stephen D. Lodge  
Chief of Police, and  
Nomination Review Committee Chair

APPROVED:

  
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for Jennifer Sparacino  
City Manager

**Documents Related to this Report:**

1) *Nomination of Bea Lichtenstein for City of Santa Clara Neil Henry Award*

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM  
City of Santa Clara



**DATE:** June <sup>22</sup> 11, 2010  
**TO:** City Manager  
**FROM:** Cemetery Operations Superintendent, Local History Librarian and Deputy City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Nomination of Bea Lichtenstein for Neil Henry Award

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Office of the City Manager  
City of Santa Clara

We are pleased to nominate long time resident and community volunteer Bea Lichtenstein for consideration for the Neil Henry Award.

The purpose of this award is to honor community members who “distinguish themselves for activity significantly above and beyond the norm of volunteerism” and who “have performed exception or exemplary long-term service to the community.” We believe that Bea Lichtenstein is deserving of this City recognition for her long-standing dedication and initiative, as outlined in the summary of accomplishments that is attached.

Nominations for this award may come from any City department, and we are nominating on behalf of the City Library, Parks & Recreation Department, and City Manager’s Office.

Lawrence DeJanvier  
Cemetery Operations Superintendent

Mary Hanel  
Local History Librarian

Carol McCarthy  
Deputy City Manager

cc: City Librarian  
Director of Parks & Recreation

attachment

<b>APPROVED</b>
City Manager
6/25/10
Date

6/25/10 Award forwarded to Committee for consideration; they next meet in August 2010

**Nomination of Bea Lichtenstein for City of Santa Clara Neil Henry Award**  
**prepared by**  
**Lawrence DeJanvier, Mary Hanel and Carol McCarthy**

1981 – 1989

Serves on the Historical & Landmarks Commission. In 1984, during her Commission service, she compiles an historical walking tour of Santa Clara that results in publication by the Commission of the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the booklet “Tour of Historical Santa Clara.”

1983

Becomes a member of the Santa Clara Woman’s Club, and works on historical projects at their historic Adobe headquarters.

1984

Spearheads the drive to keep the Headen-Inman House in Santa Clara; serves as Chairman of the Inman House Task Force charged with finding a location to which the House can be moved.

1985

Collaborates with Mackie McClelland to found, prepare paperwork and operate the Santa Clara Arts & Historical Consortium headquartered in the Headen Inman-House.

1985

Wins 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in 1985 for an essay titled “The Public Schools of Santa Clara,” in a historical essay contest sponsored by the local organization California Pioneers of Santa Clara County. Submitted essays can be on any person, place, or event concerning Santa Clara County from its beginning to the recent past.

1985 – 1997

Chairs the Santa Clara Historic Home Tour Committee (as President of the Consortium) during the time that the Consortium runs the Home Tour.

1986 – 2006

Serves as President of the Santa Clara Arts & Historical Consortium. Note: Also serves as President (on leave) from 2007-2009, with Jim Narveson as Acting President. Bea retires as President July 2009.

1987

With Austen Warburton, spearheads the drive to save the Harris-Lass House for community use. Later she handles the paperwork creating the non-profit Santa Clara Historic Preservation Society -- which operates the Harris-Lass Historic Preserve as a living history museum for the City of Santa Clara.

1988 – 1995

Founding President of the Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara and continues as President until 1995. Negotiates and represents HPSSC in signing the Education

Partnership Program Agreement between the Santa Clara Unified School District and the Historic Preservation Society in 1992 that results in the publication and distribution of the book series titled “The Big House on Market Street.”

1992

Participates with City Building Maintenance Superintendent and Deputy City Manager in the City placement of historical photos on the walls of City Hall in honor of the City’s 140<sup>th</sup> birthday. Assists in selection of photos and performs some caption writing.

1992

Awarded the 1992 Local History Award by the Sourisseau Academy which is affiliated with the History Department at San Jose State University.

1996

Recipient of a Silver Bowl Award from Junior League of San Jose for her efforts and projects with the Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara.

2002

Although not an author of the City’s Sesquicentennial book, this acknowledgement appears in the book: Special thanks to Bea Lichtenstein for her years of research into the history of Santa Clara’s past residents and institutions, and for the generous use of her collection of historic photographs.

Assists the Cemetery Operations Superintendent and Deputy City Manager on a brochure and walking tour guide to Mission City Memorial Park, another Sesquicentennial project.

2004

Works with Arcadia Press to create the “Santa Clara” pictorial history book in its *Images of America* series. Launches the book at an October 12, 2004 program at the new Central Park Library and makes a fund-raising arrangement with the Foundation & Friends of the Santa Clara City Library. Profits from sales of her book through the Friends or at their Library Bookstore go to the Library Foundation. This results in several hundred dollars for the Foundation.

2005

Bea’s sequel *Images of America* book titled “Cemeteries of Santa Clara” is published by Arcadia Press. City’s own Mission City Memorial Park is one of the two featured cemeteries.