

DATE: 5-3-10

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Representative Beto O'Rourke

ADDRESS 2 Civic Center Plaza 10th Floor, El Paso, TX TELEPHONE 915-541-4123

Please place the following item on the (Check one): CONSENT REGULAR

Agenda for the Council Meeting of May 11, 2010

Item should read as follows: Appointment of Melissa Barba-Espinosa to the Cultural Affairs Advisory Board as requested by City Representative Beto O'Rourke, District 8.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: _____

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD

NOMINATED BY: Representative Beto O'Rourke DISTRICT: 8

NAME OF APPOINTEE Melissa Barba-Espinosa
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

CITY: El Paso ST: TX ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

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WHO WAS THE LAST PERSON TO HAVE HELD THIS POSITION BEFORE IT BECAME VACANT?

NAME OF INCUMBENT: Amy Estelle Parker

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: 03-07-2010

REASON PERSON IS NO LONGER IN OFFICE (CHECK ONE): TERM EXPIRED:
RESIGNED
REMOVED

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 05-11-2010

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 05-11-2013

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: 1st TERM:
2nd TERM:
UNEXPIRED TERM:

Melissa Barba-Espinosa

EDUCATION

M.A. Art History, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2005

Thesis: "Visceral Polemics in Response to the Juarez Murders: Patriarchy, Misogyny, Activism, and Crucifixion"

Thesis Director: Professor Erika Doss

Texas Teaching Certification in Art Education, The University of Texas at El Paso, 2001.

B.A. Psychology and Political Science, The University of Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Texas, 1998.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Art Appreciation; World Art I & II; American Art; Mexican Art; Feminist Studies

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Gallery Curator and Visual Art Instructional Specialist: Ysleta Independent School District, El Paso, TX. February 2008 – Present. Responsible for the development, implementation and management of La Galeria de la Mision de Senecu's educational programs for diverse audiences, including the El Paso community. Coordinate student contests and all visual arts-related events for the district, and work with teachers, administrators, and volunteers to assure student participation and success.

Assistant Education Curator: El Paso Museum of Art, El Paso, TX. October 2007 – February 2008. Trained the staff and docents on art historical approaches and methodologies, and the collections. Created and implemented curriculum to support Museum Education. Wrote grants for museum programming.

Professional Research Assistant: University of Colorado's Institute of Behavioral Genetics, April 2003 – October 2004. Administered tests for a longitudinal twin study on Reading Disabilities and ADHD, also completed training and analysis for DNA sampling for the study.

Intern: Bexar County Justice Center, Family Violence, San Antonio, TX, January 1998 – May 1998. Interviewed and counseled victims regarding protective orders, researched and assessed data, and worked directly with the District Attorney and the County Courts.

Senior Resident Assistant: The University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, TX, August 1996 – May 1998. Organized programming events and community service activities. Responsible for enforcing student conduct policies. Counseled, advised, and tutored students regarding academic, personal, and emotional matters. Promoted in August 1997 to oversee the running of Resident Assistant building which entailed the supervision of four Resident Assistants. CPR-certified.

Research Assistant: The Center for Sustainable Neighborhoods, El Paso, TX, June 1997 – August 1997. Collected and organized data, assisted in fieldwork, including the assessing/surveying of non-profit organizations, and organized bilingual programs to internally improve the organizations.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor: Department of Art and Art History, Front Range Community College, 2007.

- ART 112.001: Art History II (1 section)

Recitation Instructor: Department of Art History, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2003-2004.

- ARTH 1300: History of World Art I (3 sections)
- ARTH 1400: History of World Art II (3 sections)

Teaching Assistant: Department of Art History, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2003-2005.

- ARTH 1300: History of World Art I (6 sections)
- ARTH 1400: History of World Art II (3 sections)
- ARTH 3419: Modern Art (1 section)
- FILM 3401: Film Studies I (1 section)

ArtsBridge Scholar: University of Colorado at Boulder, 2004.

Art Teacher: Parkland Middle School, YISD, 2002.

Student Teacher, Eastwood High School and Wiggs Middle School, YISD, 2001.

Second Grade Teacher, Saint Joseph's School, Catholic Diocese, 1999-2000.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Operation Backbone: El Paso, TX, June 1998 – August 1998. Co-founder and organizer of the "March to Sierra Blanca" in opposition of the proposed nuclear dump site. Held a press conference and rally, fundraised, and solicited local business support.

Candlelighter's: Camp Bravo, El Paso, TX, July 1998. Camp counselor for the siblings of children with cancer.

Social Worker: United Farm Workers, Edinburg, TX, March 1997. Assisted with the construction of a house funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development = Casa Amparo Orphanage, Reynosa, Mexico. Painted dormitories and organized programs.

Special Olympics: Area 19, El Paso, TX, September 1991 – May 1999. Helped organize volunteers, programming, and event administration.

REFERENCES

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Teresa Marie Goldhammer, Research Coordinator, Institute for Behavioral Genetics, University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, CO 80309; (303) 492-1524; Marie.Goldhammer@colorado.edu

Scott Thoreson, Director of Fine Arts, Ysleta Independent School District, El Paso, TX 79907; (915) 434-9715; sthoreson@yisd.net