

DATE: August 25, 2008

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Representative Emma Acosta

ADDRESS 2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, Texas 79901 TELEPHONE (915)541-4572

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

Agenda for the Council Meeting of September 2, 2008

Appointment of Alex Mares to the El Paso Museum of Archaeology Advisory Board by
Item should read as follows: Representative Emma Acosta, District 3.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: _____

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: El Paso Museum of Archaeology Advisory Board

NOMINATED BY: Representative Emma Acosta DISTRICT: 3

NAME OF APPOINTEE Alex Mares
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

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

NAME OF INCUMBENT: New Board

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: _____

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

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 09/02/2008

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 09/02/2010

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

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SSN: _____ Citizenship: United States of America
 Veterans' Preference: NA Highest Federal Position: NA

Tool Number :

Position Title: Advisory Board Member EP Museum of Archaeology

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dedicated, mission-oriented professional with more than 19 years' experience in enforcement of complex state and federal laws and safety regulations while providing exceptional customer service. Emphasis on voluntary compliance, with compliance through education. Excellent interpersonal, organizational, and communication skills. Strong knowledge of natural and cultural resource preservation, conservation, interpretation and management principles. Able to deal professionally and courteously with the public in stressful situations. Ability to interpret and maintain visitor compliance with park rules and regulations in a courteous and professional manner. Able to work independently or as part of a team.

CORE COMPETENCIES:

- * MEO I and II Training
- * IMBA Certified in trail building
- * Staff Training & Development
- * Search & Rescue Techniques Certification
- * Develop/Implement Interpretive Programs
- * Certified Guide for educational/recreational tours
- * Maintenance & Repair Programs
- * Basic and Advanced First Aid & CPR
- * AED Operation
- * NAI Interpreter Training (Initial) Mesilla Valley
- * NMLEA Graduate - Certified LE Officer
- * Safety Program Training & Compliance
- * Customer service
- * Microsoft Word and Excel
- * Natural and Cultural Res. protection
- * Public Relations & Customer Service
- * Timely & Accurate Reporting

LANGUAGE SKILLS: Fluent in English and Spanish with limited knowledge of Navajo.

COMPUTER PROFICIENCIES: Windows based business software applications.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Heritage Educator - New Mexico State Parks
 Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park
 Supervisor: Stan Ellis

Assisting at Leasburg Dam SP and other parks region wide, with law enforcement, interpretation or maintenance as needed.

Serving as interim Regional Interpreter in as far as completing monthly/quarterly regional interpretive summaries, attending and representing New Mexico State Parks and the Region in offsite special events, interpretive/educational programs. To include managing disbursement of REDDT grants monies to presenters and serving as main contact person for regional interpretive issues. Promoting NM State Parks through news media interviews, disbursement of literature, public presentations, guided tours, planning and coordinating special events. Serving as primary resource and contact point for educational and recreational entities such as NMSU, SWEC, MVAS, culturally affiliated Native American groups, public schools and the general public interested in Mesilla Valley Bosque SP. Researching cultural and natural history of the area for future pamphlets, brochures, displays and dioramas in reference to MVBSP. Participated in review of proposals and final selection/awarding of bid for planning, construction and final

installation of indoor/outdoor interpretive/informational displays and dioramas at Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park. Networking and bridge - building with institutions, civic groups and individuals with diverse technical, educational or scientific expertise with the intention of future collaborative projects. Active solicitation and recruitment of future volunteers and docents for MVBSP. Successfully completed a Beginning Birders course through the DABCC in conjunction with MVAS. Assisting other parks within the region and outside the region by either conducting an interpretive presentation or serving as liaison in successfully recruiting a presenter for program or special events.

Park Ranger II - New Mexico State Parks
Eagle Nest Lake State Park
Eagle Nest, NM 87718
Supervisor: Byron Wilson

Completed initial course work through National Association of Interpreters (NAI) with field experience at Mesilla Valley. Received training in trail building from Subaru/International Mountain Bike Association, Interpretive Story telling - Farmington, NM - Four Corners Storytelling Conference, Conducted portion of Fishing Clinic in conjunction with NM Game and Fish, enforcement of NM State Parks rules and regulations, revenue collection and reporting for weekly reporting, weekly visitation reporting using Windows based business software, completed Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, sexual harassment prevention; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act; and the New Mexico Human Rights Training Act Training Course, filing and reporting of Monthly Interpretive Program, certified by Environmental Concern Inc. in "the Wonders of Wetlands" Educator Workshop, routine maintenance and cleaning of site vehicles, equipment and restroom/office facilities, assisted in boat patrols of lake to ensure visitor safety and resource protection. Attended and certified in Marine Enforcement Officer I and II - 32hr courses.

New Mexico State Police RECRUIT
4491 Cerrillos Rd.
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Contact: Wilbert Ryan

Received training and testing in history and principles of law enforcement, handling the mentally ill and other special populations, behavioral management and crisis intervention, dispute intervention/conflict management, New Mexico Geography, police ethics, firearms instruction, sexual harassment, English/report writing, NM criminal justice system, OMI death scenes, driver licensing, vehicle registration, Indian Law and Jurisdiction, emotional health and stress.

Lead Park Ranger V
TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT
Hueco Tanks State Historic Site
6900 Hueco Tanks Rd. #1

Supervisor: John Moses
Provide leadership and assistance to Park Manager in daily operation, maintenance, repair, and associated administrative tasks of all facilities, grounds, and equipment at Hueco Tanks State Historic Site, 860 acre site located 32 miles northeast of El Paso, Texas serving an average of 75,000 visitors annually. Areas of accountability include:

Enforcement: Provide customer service to park visitors both at park office and in the field including issuing permits, providing interpretation of park resources, and enforcement of park rules and regulations. Skilled in reading, interpreting and applying complex state and federal laws and regulations. Diplomatic and tactful in managing irate visitors, and strive for compliance

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through visitor education. Demonstrate ability to make sound decisions in stressful situations. Conduct day and evening foot, vehicle, and mountain bike patrols of site, issue verbal and/or written warnings to violators, and detain or remove disorderly visitors. Skilled in the use of 4 wheel drive vehicles to include quad runners, Kawasaki mule, John Deere Gator and 1 ton Dodge dump truck. Directly participated and assisted in formulation, implementation and enforcement of new HTSHS Public Use Plan - 1998 which dramatically increased conservation efforts and modified recreational use of site.

Customer Service & Public Relations: Certified Interpretive Tour Guide. Lead guided tours and educational field trips through facility. Conduct tours in both English and Spanish. In the year 2000 was part of a team recognized by both Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and the American Rock Art Research Association for precedent setting and innovative efforts in the fields of Rock Art conservation/protection and natural resource management. Conducted on and off site interpretive/educational tours, talks and slideshow presentations for scholarly, professional and volunteer research groups/organizations as well as the public school systems and general public. Played key role in the developing, coordinating and scheduling of 9 successful annual special events which highlighted the cultural/natural resources of HTSHS. Served as Appointed Duty Safety Officer for over 12 years, implementing all aspects of TPWD safety program in regards to staff and visitor safety. For over 5 years responsible for compiling/coordinating Site Emergency Plan and Special Events Safety Checklist. Collection of entry day use and camping fees as well as concession sales and sale of annual permits. Daily accounting/reconciling and reporting of revenues. Served as primary site contact for day to day operations of TPWD/TDCJ work crew agreement.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE- Lead Park Ranger V - *continued*

Staff Supervision, Development & Training: Train, supervise, and provide leadership for park staff and certified volunteer park guides and park hosts. Directly supervise two Park Rangers, and volunteer staff personnel. Direct overall operation of park, to include clerical/office and field staff in the absence of the manager, including supervision of five regular staff members and volunteers. On occasion, serve as complex manager overseeing 20+ staff members at four separate state parks. Developed and conducted "Native American perspective" portion of guide service training course. Supervised / trained site staff and volunteers on interpreting and implementing new HTSHS 1998 Public Use Plan, involving increased emphasis on public education and awareness through tours, talks, literature and creating exhibits. Developed and implemented interpretive/educational slideshows and guided tours (Spanish and English) and assisted in the training of staff / volunteer tour guides. Trained and supervised site staff and volunteers on computer sales and reporting of all daily, camping and annual permits.

Information Gathering: Gather factual information through questioning, observing and examining documents, including issuing and examination of park permits, examining and verifying identification cards, monitoring and observing facility perimeter fences and grounds, and questioning visitors and volunteer staff. Assisted departmental and non-departmental staff biologists, archeologists, Rock Art researchers, ethnographers in locating, collecting, researching rare/unique plant communities, rare/unique aquatic rotifers, pictograph sites, mammals and Culturally affiliated communities. Both field collection/recording, archival and library and internet search methodologies were learned and implemented. Assisted and participated directly in proofreading, editing, guiding direction and content of both written and visual media, wayside exhibits, interpretive brochures, public use plan, ethnographic interviews/studies, scholarly and non scholarly newspapers, magazines, books and other publications. First TPWD employee to successfully achieve direct participation by 3 separate federally recognized Native American Tribes in on and off site cultural programs and collection of culturally appropriate public education information. Played key role in initiating and helping to establish a rapport and very friendly, professional relationship with members and officials of these federally recognized tribes. Initiated and / or maintained effective relationships with representatives of the El Paso County Parks and Recreation Department, US Border Patrol, El Paso Public Libraries, El Paso Hotel/Motel Industry, Texas Historical Commission, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, El Paso Archaeological

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Society, Friends of Hueco Tanks, Bureau of Land Management, University of New Mexico, Living Desert State Park and Museum, University of Texas at El Paso, Texas Tech University, Rupestrian Cyber services, Sierra Club, Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, Mescalero Apache Tribe, Isleta Pueblo, Santo Domingo Pueblo, Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo, Friends of Petroglyph National Monument, Hopi Tribe, Rio Grande Foundation for Communities and Cultural Landscapes, US Department of Agriculture, Rock Art Foundation of Texas, as well as other associations and partners to achieve common goals. Key role in initiating / establishing and maintaining a very close and professional relationship with Hispanic family which has a cultural affiliation with HTSHS in excess of 80 years. Coordinated and planned videotaping of ethnographic interviews, properly documenting photographic and other archival/historical documentation donations by above mentioned groups. Assisted in researching, editing, consulting with culturally affiliated groups in the creation of both indoor exhibits and trail / wayside exhibits.

Safety: Serve as the Appointed Duty Safety Officer (ADSO). Ensure staff and visitors' safety in compliance with state regulations and park safety program. Conduct monthly staff safety meetings and prepare weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual safety reports. Coordinate and direct search and rescue missions: certified in search and rescue techniques. Work closely with and coordinate efforts with outside agencies in search and rescue operations. Provide emergency medical services to injured park visitors or staff members. Previously certified in First Aid, CPR to include Automated External Defibrillators for over 6 years. Assisted in coordinating projects with TDCJ trail crew / officer and TDCJ Unit staff to ensure visitor, staff and inmate safety.

Facility Maintenance and Repair: Perform and supervise all phases of scheduled and unscheduled maintenance and repairs to the facilities, grounds and equipment, including 6 state vehicles, heavy equipment, and small engine equipment such as trimmers, mowers and trash compactors. Operate and repair park water system, prepare and maintain required records and reports on a daily basis. Hold current Class "D" Waterworks certification. Manage above-ground fuel storage tanks, including liquid propane, gasoline and diesel tanks.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts Degree Program in Anthropology (completed 6 Sem. Hrs.) 2002-Present
University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX, 79968

Associate of Applied Art Degree in Sociology (89 Sem., Hrs.) 1989
El Paso Community College, El Paso, TX 79915

High School Graduate 1984
Bel Air High School, El Paso, TX 79907

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APPLICATION
FOR
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
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Name Alex Mares District 3

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____

Business Address P.O. Box 235 Mesilla Valley, NM 88046

Business Phone (575) 523-4398

Length of Residency in the City of El Paso _____

Date of Birth _____

Educational Background Bel Air H.S. graduate, graduate of El Paso Community College - Associate of Arts Degree in Sociology, attended University of Texas at El Paso - pursuit of B.A. Degree -

Employment Background Served as park ranger at Hueco Tanks State Historic Site for Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. - 1 1/2 yrs. 4 yrs as park ranger for New Mexico State Parks. Anthropology

Volunteerism, Organizations, Community Service, Special Qualifications One of several early founding members of the Friends of Hueco Tanks, volunteer with Inner City Outings Program of Sierra Club, volunteer for

References (Name and Phone Number):

Paul Stresow

Jorge Marrugo

Serna Ranch Youth Leadership Prog.

Commissions and Boards in which you are particularly interested _____

Advisory Board to El Paso Museum of Archaeology at Wilderness Park.

Signature _____

Alex Mares

Date _____

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