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MUSEUMS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board (MCAAB)
Thursday – March 20, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.
El Paso Museum of History, Seminar Room

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** Meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

Roll Call	Board Member	Present	Absent
	R. Katherine Brennand	X	
	Estrella Escobar	X	
	Teresa Hernandez	X	
	Jeannine Kennedy		X
	Ann F. Kruzich	X	
	Daniel Longoria		X
	Steve Lujan	X	
	Marina Monsisvais		X
	William Moody	X	
	Analinda Moreno	X	
	Susan Novick	X	
	Isela Ocegueda	X	
	Ella Perez	X	
	Carina Ramirez	X	
	Jane B. Thomas	X	

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Consecutive absences: None.

Others present: Julia Bussinger, Michael Tomor, Ben Fyffe and Misty Castaneda.

2. **Call for Public Comment.** None.

3. **Discussion and Action on Approval of Minutes for February 20, 2014.** Chair began by allowing members time to review the minutes of the last meeting. Susan Novick moved to approve the minutes as written. Teresa Hernandez seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.

4. **Museum Reports.** Julia Bussinger began her report with the Archaeology Museum, briefly mentioning the Eagle Scouts have finished a project on the Apache Wickiup and will continue to work on the trails around the building. Continued to speak on an upcoming exhibit, *The Living Mask Making Tradition of the Rarámuri*, with artifacts coming from people in the borderland and guest speakers. In April, there will be speakers on Australian rock art and a forum on rock art conservation. Noted that the Poppies Fest and Kidspalooza are both upcoming. Julia continued with the History Museum, mentioning the Fifth Wall of Giants opening, dedicated to the UTEP Centennial, had more than 600 people in attendance. Work has begun on the TouchCity Digital Wall and Julia presented a short promotional YouTube video created by personnel in New Zealand, Copenhagen and El Paso. Michael Tomor began by mentioning the Cheech Marin program, which was very well-attended. Bank of America sponsored a private fundraiser for the Ann Enriquez Memorial Fund of the El Paso Museum of Art Foundation; zip tours with Gaspar Enriquez were at capacity; a new membership card is being created to launch a new membership program and Spring Break camps were successful. Michael briefly discussed exhibit openings and grant awards, also explaining to members that the Director's Advisory Council had met to discuss how to best engage and market ourselves to those who will attend baseball games. He opened the floor for questions, there were none, and he concluded his report.

5. **Discussion and Action on the Nomination of Stefanie Block Uribarri to the Public Art Committee.** Ben Fyffe began by informing members this candidate moved back to El Paso about a year and a half ago, and is very active in the arts and culture community already. She is on the board for El Paso Opera and has extensive experience working on cultural projects in New York and Santiago, Chile. Members were provided with her letter

of interest and resume (attached as part of these minutes) for review. General discussion followed and Jane Thomas moved to approve the nomination. Katherine Brennand seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.

6. Update on Urban Planning for the 3 Signature Bond Facilities. Ben Fyffe began by reminding members that the plan for an urban planning consultant to come on board and help develop a number of recommendations for 3 signature bond facilities, to include the Children's Museum, the Hispanic Cultural Center and the Multipurpose Performing Arts Facility was brought to them last November. HKS is the firm that has been engaged and they were approved by City Council during a December meeting. There will be public meetings over the course of the next 3 months to discuss where they are in the process, with break-out groups for each of the 3 facilities. Their final recommendations will be presented in July and members will continue to be updated on progress. Ben opened the floor for questions, there were none, and he concluded his update.

7. Adjournment. Chair requested a motion to adjourn. Katherine Brennand moved to adjourn; Elia Perez seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for April 17, 2014.

Approved for content by:

Isela Ocegueda, Chair

Respectfully submitted by:

Misty Castaneda, Administrative Assistant
Museums & Cultural Affairs Department

STEFANIE BLOCK URIBARRI



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EMPLOYMENT

- PEARL PROPERTIES** El Paso, TX
Principal, January '13 - present.
Responsible for real estate investment and management company.
- UNESCO, REGIONAL BUREAU OF EDUCATION FOR LATIN AMERICA/CARIBBEAN** Santiago, Chile
Consultant, January '11 – January '13.
Wrote and edited publications, organized international conferences.
Publications and Communications Editor/Officer, July '09 – January '11.
Responsible for all Regional Bureau communications and publications. Supervised division staff. Represented UNESCO at national and international conferences.
- COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM** New York, NY
Program Manager, International Programs and Prizes, January '07 - November '08.
Managed the Maria Moors Cabot Prizes, the premiere international award for journalistic coverage of Latin America, and the Lukas Prize Project for non-fiction writing.
- THE COMMITTEE FOR HISPANIC CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (CHCF)** New York, NY
Development Associate, December '05 - January '07.
Wrote grant applications and cultivated donors.
- LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN WOMEN'S HEALTH NETWORK** Santiago, Chile
Editorial Assistant, *Women's Health Journal* and *Women's Health Collection*, February - June '05.
Translated, edited and drafted text for publications dedicated to promoting women's health.

EDUCATION

- COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, TEACHERS' COLLEGE** New York, NY
Master of Arts, International Educational Development & Higher Education, May 2009.
- FULBRIGHT PROGRAM** Santiago, Chile
Fulbright Fellow, 2005.
- UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS** Austin, TX
Bachelor of Arts, May 2004, *magna cum laude*; Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society
Majors: Latin American Studies; Plan II Liberal Arts Honors Program
Awards: Undergraduate Research Fellowship, 2004
Presidential Academic Merit Scholarship, 2003
Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies Merit Scholarship, 2002

LANGUAGES:

English (native); Spanish (fluent)

March 2, 2014

Dear PA Committee Selection Board:

Thank you for considering my nomination to the PA Committee.

I moved back to El Paso a year-and-a-half ago from Santiago, Chile, where I oversaw the Communications and Publications Department at United Nations Regional Education Bureau for Latin America (OREALC/UNESCO). In this capacity, I was responsible for the selection and supervision of graphic designers, photographers and artists for OREALC/UNESCO's regional publications, newsletters and press releases. Previously, as the Program Manager of International Programs and Prizes at Columbia University's Journalism School, I organized the National Endowment for the Arts Journalism Program, a two-week training for journalists covering the arts beat.

Given my prior experience evaluating and selecting artists, supervising their work, and helping art critics hone their skills, I believe I would contribute a valuable perspective to the PA Committee. I would also relish the opportunity to support the development of El Paso's public art.

Best regards,


Stefanie Block Uribarri

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