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The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board (MCAAB)
Thursday – June 18, 2015 – 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 4:04 p.m.

Roll Call	Board Member	Present	Absent
	R. Katherine Brennand	X	
	Estrella Escobar	X	
	Kenneth Gorski		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	
	Elia Perez	X	
	Carina Ramirez	X	
	Ida Mae Steadman	X	
	Jane B. Thomas		X

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Consecutive absences: Daniel Longoria (3rd)

Others present: Tracey Jerome, Julia Bussinger, Ben Fyffe, Pat Dalbin, Patrick Shaw Cable, and Elsa Ramirez.

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

3. **Discussion and Action on Approval of Minutes for May 21, 2015.** Vice-Chair Carina Ramirez assisted in carrying out action items in the absence of the Chair. Members were given time to review the minutes of the last meeting. Katherine Brennand moved to approve; Marina Monsisvais seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.

4. **Museum Reports.** Julia Bussinger began her report with the Archaeology Museum, noting educational programming events such as a still life painting workshop, an EPAS lecture entitled 'The Ecological Evolution of Cowboy Culture', presented by Rudy Avila and a volunteer appreciation event held on the Archaeology Museum grounds.

Julia continued with the History Museum, mentioning the 'Gone with the Wind' exhibit is a work in progress and scheduled to open on July 23rd. Tom Lea month is in October and the museum is in talks with Insights to remove the interactive fire truck exhibit so that a Tom Lea exhibit can be created. Digital Wall attendance for the month is 6,469 visitors; the Wall has its own audience regardless of the museum events offered. Since opening to the public, there have been 6,500,000 touches compared to approximately 6,000,000 for last month. The touches demonstrate the deep interest of El Pasoans and visitors exploring the heritage and culture of El Paso. Collection management efforts for the History Museum are ongoing and there is a lot of work ahead for staff.

Patrick Shaw Cable gave the Art Museum's report, briefly discussing and providing background on the newest 'Artist on Art'. He continued with the turnover of the Woody and Gayle Hunt gallery and plans for a permanent collection exhibition of approximately 50 large-scale abstract works from the 60's to present day. Many museum

events are being planned in tandem with the Plaza Classic Film Festival, such as 'Warhol's World' in conjunction with the El Paso Community Foundation beginning August 7th, which will include a film series, artwork by Andy Warhol, and varied private and special events. In the fall, the museum will celebrate a gift of over 475 retablos from Ms. Nancy Hamilton, which gives the museum the second largest collection in the world of 19th century retablos. Patrick provided brief updates on education and development, noting grants, summer camps, Collector's Club events and marketing strategies.

5. Discussion and Action on FY 2016 Cultural Funding Panel Roster. Ben Fyffe began by explaining the process of selection and a roster of panelists was shown via a PowerPoint slide. Specific information on the application and review process was provided and general discussion followed. Estrella Escobar requested that organization and affiliation be included in the roster information next year before making a motion to approve. Marina Monsisvais seconded; Isela Ocegueda abstained; 11 members voted in favor, and motion passed by 11 to 1.

6. Discussion and Action on the appointment of Eddie Castle, a professional engineer to serve on the Public Art Committee. Pat Dalbin began by providing background on the candidate, noting that he is a structural engineer and has worked with some of our artists by reviewing their structural drawings. He is familiar with the arts and can provide his expertise on what is needed for installation of public art. General discussion followed. Teresa Hernandez moved to approve; Jeannine Kennedy seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.

7. Update on Action Plan for Archeology Museum Grounds. Tracey Jerome began by discussing longstanding issues at the Museum of Archeology due to naturally occurring weather events that resulted in damage to the grounds. Though the museum itself is not in the current flow path, the trail system and the parking lot are. The trails have been closed to the public since the most recent flooding incident in 2014. A number of people have been very concerned and have offered assistance and a great deal of feedback as to how we may be able to approach and take action. Tracey has been working with several departments within the City to try and get the trails restored and opened to the public again, while being respectful of nature. She has made numerous visits to the site and noted there are several complex and challenging issues that will require the cooperation of several entities, including the City, the State and Fort Bliss. MCAD will work with stakeholders and all involved to come to an agreeable short-term solution. There will be an informal meeting, open to the public, on-site on Tuesday, June 30th at 4pm.

8. Adjournment. Vice-Chair requested a motion to adjourn. Isela Ocegueda so moved; Marina Monsisvais seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for August 20, 2015.

Approved for content by:
Carina Ramirez, Vice-Chair

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