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**MUSEUMS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS**  
**The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board (MCAAB)**  
**Thursday, August 20, 2020, 4:00 PM**  
**Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting**

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting called to order at 4:22 pm.

2. Roll Call.	<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
	Adame, Rachel		X
	Arizpe, Raul		X
	Bulos, Elizabeth	X	
	Diaz, Alfredo		X
	Giangiulio, Anne	X	
	Gorski, Kenneth	X	
	Hamilton, Lloyd III		X
	Harris, Jeff		X
	Herrera, David	X	
	Jaquez, Laura	X	
	Leffler, Beth	X	
	Leon, Vanessa	X	
	Loweeree, Carlos III		X
	Marshall, Adam	X	
	Nino, Ivan	X	
	Schmid-Falcon, Stephanie	X	
	Valdez Laura		X

Consecutive Absences: Lloyd Hamilton III (7)

Other present: Ben Fyffe, Vladimir Von Tsurikov, Jeff Romney and Diana Cepeda

3. **Public Comment.** None.

4. **Approval of Minutes.** Vanessa Leon requested a motion to approve the February 20, 2020 minutes. Laura Jaquez seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

5. **Discussion and Action on appointment of MCAAB liaison to Public Art Committee.** Ben Fyffe explained that Lloyd Hamilton, liaison to the Public Art Committee has term out. He added the responsibilities for the liaisons are a monthly meeting were they help to guide decisions made by the Public Art Program that includes commenting on designs, approving final designs of Public Art projects, and approving the artists that are selected for these projects. Laura Jaquez said she is very pleased to be serving as one of the liaisons. Ivan Nino expressed his interest to be a liaison to the Public Art Committee. Ken Gorski requested a motion to nominate Ivan Nino to the Public Art Committee, Adam Marshall moved to approve, Laura Jaquez seconded; all members in favor, none opposed and the motion passed unanimously.

6. **Director's Update: MCAD's Response to COVID 19.** Mr. Fyffe introduced himself as the new Director of the Museums and Cultural Affairs Department and Parks and Recreation Department. He presented a brief synopsis of the responses to COVID-19 from March to present from the Department and its operations, the virtual programming and phase 1 reopening plans. He provided a timeline of the COVID-19 response. He mentioned there is no set date for reopening the City's Museums and the El Paso Downtown Art & Farmers Market due to the situation being very fluid, closures could be mandated by Orders by Federal Government, Governor or Mayor and because of significant revenue shortfalls for the City in FY2020 and projected for

FY2021. He said this means that many facilities will remain closed and programs on hiatus from time being for all Quality of Life Departments. MCAD had a 13% total budget reduction and a 43% staff reduction to address COVID-19 crisis. He listed all the virtual programming offered by the El Paso Museum of History, El Paso Museum of Art, El Paso Museum of Archaeology, and Cultural Affairs during the months of June, July and August. Mr. Fyffe talked about the reopening of facilities in Phase 1, the hours of operation and the safety guidelines. The Museum of Art and Museum of History will be open 3 days a week per determination of Office of Emergency Management and the Mayor's office. He added that they are looking at a set period of time with a decline in confirm cases in a row. Mr. Fyffe said regarding the furloughs leadership had to focus on those positions that were needed to continue with operations and the staff that was retained will need to have a more global role in the Department.

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**7. Discussion and Action on El Paso Museum of Art Accession.** Dr. von Tsurikov presented several gift offers. The first offer is by the artist, Virginia Jaramillo which will be the first El Paso Museum of Art acquisition by this El Paso born artist. The piece will add into the contemporary collection and made by a female artist. Second gift offer is from Patricia Knop and Zelman King by way of Chloe King. The piece *The Night Swimmer*, by James Magee will add more into the collection of El Paso born artists. The Museum is also working with this artist for an exhibition for next year. Third item is a work by Leo Villarreal, *Landscape*, which is currently in display at the El Paso Museum of Art. The artist was raised in El Paso and Juarez and he is internally known for activating spaces with lights. The fourth gift offer is from Jack and Carol Maxon, *Chirst on the Corss with Saint John and the Virgin Mary*, by Frederick Martin. Last gift offer is from Linneaus Hopper Lorrette and it includes 159 works by Jose Guadalupe Posada. Most of these pieces were on display over the past two years at the El Paso Museum of Art. The owner passed recently and while in the Hospital he extended this gift offer to the Museum. Ken Gorski requested a motion to accept, Anne Giangiulio moved to approve, Vanessa Leon seconded; all members in favor, none opposed and the motion passed unanimously.

**8. Discussion and Action on El Paso Museum of Art Deaccession.** Dr. von Tsurikov proposed deaccessioning duplicates of 142 items from World War I and II propoganda poster collection. The Museum will retain the posters of a better state and it will transfer the remaining posters to another public institution once approved, paperwork is processed and records are adjusted. Mr. Gorski advised staff to reach to the National World War I Museum in Kansas City. Ken Gorski requested a motion to accept, Ivan Nino moved to approve, Laura Jacquez seconded; all members in favor, none opposed and the motion passed unanimously.

**9. Discussion and Action on El Paso Museum of History Deaccession.** Dr. von Tsurikov explained since last year staff began for the first time, review the Museum's collection for conservation purposes, content and to aligned the collection to the History Museum's mission. Staff looked at items that present conservation challenges and that are outside the Museum's mission and focus. He presented three different sets of deaccessions. The first set includes antique bottles and a belt buckle. The second set includes a collection of lace samples. The last item are postcards and books that will be moved to the educational collection if approved. He stated that the educational collection supports the exhibitions and research materials but it doesn't have a formal accession record. He showed a list of all the items (see attached). Mr. Gorski recommend to add all of the postcards to the Digital Wall. Ken Gorski requested a motion to accept, Adam Marshall moved to approve, Elizabeth Bulos seconded; all members in favor, none opposed and the motion passed unanimously.

**10. Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm. Next meeting scheduled September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Approved for content by:  
Kenneth Gorski, Chair

Respectfully submitted by:  
Diana Cepeda, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator

## Proposed deaccession nominations of collectors' bottles, lot of lace, postcards, etc.(220 items)

Item description	accession number	components	condition	reason	2d/3d	Provenance
Postcards/copies	H2003-002-(001-066)	133	fair	move to educ. Collection	2d	Estate Sale
Bottle	H1991-011-232	1	good	we have hundreds of bottles	3d	Becky Garrett to EPMA
wine bottle	H1991-011-260	1	good	does not advance mission	3d	Becky Garrett to EPMA
Warner's Kidney & Liver Cure bottle	H1991-011-280	1	good	"	3d	Becky Garrett to EPMA
Ink Bottle	H1991-011-025	1	good	"	3d	Becky Garrett to EPMA
Large belt buckle	59-38-3A	1	poor	Poor condition/DNAM	3d	Roscoe Conkling to EPMA
Book-S.D. Myers Saddlemaker	No#410	1	poor	belongs in Educ. Collection	2d	Leonard Sipiara to EPCAV
			fair/traces of nacre			
assortment of antique Bottles	H2000-006-(001-005)	5	irridesc/toxic	DNAM/toxic	3d	Miguel Guerrero to EPMH
Lace Samples	59-16-(11-39)	28	fair	DNAM	Textile	EPMA
Lace samples	059-16-(4, 43,44, 47, 5, 7)	6	fair	DNAM	Textile	EPMA
Lace Sample	59-59-16	1	fair	DNAM	Textile	EPMA
Lace Samples	59-16-(8, 7)	1	fair	DNAM	Textile	EPMA
Lace Samples	59-59-(11-14, 17-19)	2	fair	DNAM	Textile	EPMA
Lace Sample	59-59-(5A, 6, 8, 9)	4	fair	DNAM	Textile	EPMA
Lace Samples	59-59-(7, 7?)	2	fair	DNAM	Textile	EPMA
Lace Samples	C 827 A-Z	26	fair	DNAM	Textile	Mrs. Ben Levy to EPMA
Lace Samples	C 855A-E	5	fair	DNAM	Textile	Mrs. Ben Levy to EPMA
Lace Samples	H1982-014-001	1	fair	DNAM	Textile	EPMA