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MUSEUMS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board (MCAAB)
Thursday, October 21, 2021, 4:00 PM
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

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MINUTES

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting called to order at 4:11 pm.

2. Roll Call. <u>Board Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Adame, Rachel	X	
Diaz, Alfredo		X
Edens Gary	X	
Giangiulio, Anne	X	
Glenn, Lucio	X	
Gorski, Kenneth		X
Harris, Jeff		X
Herrera, David	X	
Jaquez, Laura		X
Leffler, Beth	X	
Leon, Vanessa		X
Loweree, Carlos III	X	
Marshall, Adam		X
Nino, Ivan	X	
Schmid-Falcon, Stephanie		X
Valdez, Daniel	X	
Valdez, Laura		X
Winters, Darby	X	

Consecutive Absences: Alfredo Diaz (8), Laura Jaquez (2)

Others present: Ben Fyffe, Karla Munoz, Jeff Romney, Nora Rose, Miriam Garcia, Josie Howard-Jimenez, Rocio Rivas, and Diana Cepeda

3. **Public Comment.** None.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Carlos Loweree III requested a motion to approve. Gary Edens moved to approve the September 16, 2021 minutes. Ivan Nino seconded; all Members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.
5. **Discussion and Action to appoint one MCAAB Liaison to Public Art Committee.** Ben Fyffe, addressed the Board to provide a brief clarification over appointed liaisons. He began by stating that the Public Art Committee (PAC) appointees go before the MCAAB Board and must have background in the fields of design, engineering, arts, or architecture. There are three liaisons from the MCAAB Board that serve on the PAC committee. The Committee has someone that is terming off, and PAC is seeking a volunteer or nomination to fill the role. Miriam Garcia, Public Arts Program Supervisor, addressed the Board to state that the Committee meets the second Tuesday of every month at 3:30 p.m. with the exception of January and July per City Ordinance. Lucio Glenn volunteered himself to be the MCAAB liaison for the PAC. Carlos Loweree III motioned to approve, Ivan Nino seconded; all Members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.
6. **Discussion and Action to Appointment of Claudia Ley to Public Art Committee.** Ben Fyffe, addressed the Board to ask if there were any question on the appointment for Claudia Ley to the PAC. Board Members did not have questions and proceeded to vote. Lucio Glenn motioned to approve, Anne Giangiulio seconded; all Members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

7. **Discussion and Action to Reappointment of Cathy Chen to Public Art Committee.** Ivan Nino motioned to approve, Daniel Valdez seconded; all Members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.
8. **Discussion and Action to Reappointment of Jesus Carrillo to Public Art Committee.** Carlos Loweree III motioned to approve, Gary Edens seconded; all Members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.
9. **Update on Upcoming Events.** Diana Cepeda, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator addressed the Board and began by presenting a brief overview over the Chalk the Block event that took place two weeks ago and shared the dates, event programming, and total attendance. She then provided a description of Dia de Los Muertos and invited the Members to the event happening on Saturday, October 23rd from 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The event is in collaboration between all the MCAD departments. There will be a lot of programming events scheduled to include; live performances, hands-on activities, streetcar ride, and a parade at 4:00 p.m. Diana proceeded with details for the upcoming WinterFest that begins, Saturday, November 20th – Sunday, January 2nd and stated that this is the 6th annual WinterFest. She highlighted that planning usually takes over a year, however this year the event was planned only in two months. She also stated this was in collaboration between 11 City Departments. Lastly, she gave details over the WinterFest Opening Celebration and went over each City Department's programming upcoming scheduled events.
10. **Museum Reports.** Jeff Romney, Director of the Museum of Archaeology addressed the Board. He began by introducing their new Secretary, Emma Garcia. He proceeded with the attendance numbers and shared that the Museum is now open from Wednesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00p.m. He shared that the recently closed exhibit: *Ancient Visions: The Photography of Wane Suggs* at the El Paso International Airport was a well-received exhibit. He presented upcoming events and highlighted the first virtual Biennial Jornada Mogollon Archaeology Conference that took place last Friday which was a success. He mentioned the current exhibition: *The Chacoan Outliers*, and invited Members to visit the exhibition which will run through November. Lastly, he shared a tentative upcoming exhibition called *The Artistic Legacy of Lucy Lewis, Acoma Matriarch* and will have additional information at next meeting. Ben Fyffe, Interim Director for the Museum of Art addressed the Board to present the Museum report. He began by sharing attendance numbers and mentioned that the Museum is now open on Wednesdays, which is part of the strategy to return to service levels prior to the pandemic. He shared past events, upcoming events, and current in-person art classes which are being expanded in the fall. Lastly, he highlighted the upcoming exhibit: *Fashion Nirvana: Runway to Everyday* that will open November 15th, which is the first fashion exhibition for the Museum. He also mentioned that the Members will be receiving invitations to the event. Ben Fyffe, addressed the Board to state that Nora Rose, Community Engagement Associate for the History Museum will be presenting the report on behalf of Director, Erica Marin. Nora Rose began by sharing that the Museum has also opened on Wednesdays. She shared attendance numbers and announced that the Digie wall is now open. She continued by sharing past events, and upcoming events. Lastly, she highlighted the upcoming exhibit: *El Paso's Homegrown: WWII*, which will open November 20th.
11. **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 4:44 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2021.

Approved for content by:
Carlos Loweree III, Vice-Chair

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