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## MUSEUMS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board (MCAAB)  
Thursday – November 17, 2011 – 4:00 p.m.  
City Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference room

### MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** Meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Board Member</b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
	Francesca Alonso		X
	R. Katherine Brennand	X	
	Tania Chozet		X
	Estrella Escobar		X
	Jeannine Kennedy	X	
	Ann F. Kruzich		X
	Daniel Longoria	X	
	Belinda Luna		X
	Marina Monsisvais		X
	William Moody	X	
	Susan Novick	X	
	Elia Perez	X	
	Carina Ramirez	X	
	Abel Saucedo	X	
	Jane B. Thomas	X	

Others present: Sean McGlynn, Michael Tomor, Julia Bussinger, Misty Castaneda and Pat Dalbin.

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

3. **Annual Meeting Schedule.** After allowing members time to review the schedule, Judge Moody requested a motion to approve. Carina Ramirez so motioned; Jeannine Kennedy seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously. As per MCAD Ordinance 16196, it is established that meetings will occur on a monthly basis with the exception of January and July, so no vote was necessary.

4. **Discussion and Action on Approval of Minutes.** Susan Novick moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting on September 15, 2011, as presented. Katherine Brennand seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.

5. **Discussion and Action on Election of Officers.** Sean McGlynn explained that the Chair and Vice-Chair would be elected during this meeting. Mentioned that current Chair is Judge Moody and Vice-Chair is Susan Novick before opening the floor for volunteers and nominations. Carina Ramirez nominated Susan Novick for Chair, who deferred to Judge Moody for a decision on whether he would care to serve again or not. Carina asked what the by-laws called for and asked whether or not the same officers could be re-elected. Sean stated that there could be a re-election of the same officers and there was not necessarily a need to change officers, only a need to have an annual election. With that, Carina withdrew her nomination of Susan Novick and asked Judge Moody if he would be willing to serve again. Judge Moody replied affirmatively, and Carina then nominated Judge Moody for Chair and Susan Novick for Vice-Chair. Both accepted; Katherine Brennand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously. In conclusion, Judge Moody was elected Chair and Susan Novick was elected Vice-Chair.

6. **Discussion and Action on Selection of Board Liaisons to Museum Facilities.** Sean McGlynn explained Museum Liaison duties include attendance at special accession meetings, attendance at friends

meetings and acting as a resource for museum directors. Katherine Brennand nominated Elia Perez as liaison to the Museum of Archaeology, and she accepted. Carina Ramirez seconded the motion; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously. Carina Ramirez nominated Abel Saucedo as liaison to the Art Museum, and he accepted. Susan Novick seconded the motion; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously. Susan Novick nominated Jeannine Kennedy as liaison to the History Museum, and she accepted. Katherine Brennand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.

**7. Museum Reports.** Julia Bussinger began by reporting on the Archaeology Museum, opening with an update on the Jornada Mogollon Conference. Response to the conference was overwhelmingly positive, specifically the organization at the Friday reception and the quality of reports. Mentioned Dr. Matt Taylor has successfully started his job and already attended the Texas Archaeological Society Meeting as a member of one of the committees. He reported back to Julia that they would like to have their 2014 meeting here in El Paso. Participation in Tom Lea Month was very successful for both museums. For the History Museum, the Las Villitas: Neighborhoods and Shared Memories exhibit is being worked on very aggressively in terms of design and fabrication. Grand opening planned for around January 26<sup>th</sup>, and board members will be receiving invitations. Mystery of the Mayan Medallion exhibit participation from schools is very good; last day for this exhibit is January 15<sup>th</sup>, and attendance numbers will be reported in February. Elia Perez commented on her experience at the Jornada Mogollon Conference as well and reported that it was very well organized and participation was great. Mentioned that people she spoke with are very happy with Julia's performance as the director and the interest she shows in the museum and her staff.

Michael Tomor reported that three additional exhibitions have opened since the last meeting: Norman Rockwell, Walking the Line by David Taylor and The Turning Point by Tom Lea. Attendance and school tours are good; the relationship with the Paso Del Norte Health Foundation and the Department of Health has been excellent, and hope is that these relationships will be built on. Board members were reminded that the Members' Choice event is tonight. One of four Chicano artworks will be chosen for the permanent collection during the event. Three exhibitions from Mexico City will be opening in January: 40 drawings of significant artist works from 1900-1958, 8 Diego Rivera paintings and 48 paintings from a private collector; this will be the largest display of works from Mexico at one time in the city. Received a \$40,000 commitment for shipping to bring them all in.

**8. Discussion and Action on Loan of Artworks from El Paso Museum of Art Permanent Collection.**

Michael Tomor provided images of 6 artworks for proposed outgoing loans to two separate facilities for review and consideration. Michael asked for the approval of the two outgoing loans to be voted on separately. Chair requested approval for the loan of one artwork to the Tyler Museum of Art; all members voted in favor, none opposed. Chair then requested approval for the loan of five artworks to the Las Cruces Museum of Art; all members voted in favor, none opposed. Michael then requested a vote to extend the aforementioned loan to two additional venues, the Farmington Museum and the Carlsbad Museum of Art. Chair requested approval of the loan being extended to two additional venues; all members voted in favor, none opposed. Support documents made a part of the minutes.

**9. Discussion and Action on Museum Acquisitions.** Michael Tomor began by explaining that all of the accession considerations with the exception of the last four are a proposed gift offer from Becky Duval Reese, who was the director of the El Paso Museum of Art for 15 years. Sean McGlynn asked that any members who could not make the determination without any personal influence, please excuse themselves from the conversation for the betterment of the process. None did so, and the process moved forward. Images were provided for review and consideration (attached as part of these Minutes). Chair asked for a motion to accept all of the items gifted by Becky Duval Reese. Susan Novick so moved; Carina Ramirez seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously. Michael Tomor continued by requesting approval of 4 artworks to be included in Members' Choice, one of which will be selected by membership for inclusion in the permanent collection. Images were provided for review and consideration (attached as part of these Minutes). Chair requested a motion to approve all 4 pieces for purchase. Carina Ramirez moved to approve; Jeannine Kennedy seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.

**10. Discussion and Action on Public Art Plan.** Pat Dalbin explained that the purpose of this briefing is to present new projects to be initiated, planned locations, proposed budget, timetables, artist selection process and updates on projects in progress. Provided a general overview of 4 projects completed for 2011, new Public Art projects and Public Art projects in progress. Chair requested a motion to approve the Public Art Plan as presented. Katherine Brennand moved to approve; Susan Novick seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.

**11. Discussion and Action on Selection of Board Liaisons to Public Art Committee.** Item was tabled until the next meeting on December 15, 2011.

**12. Adjournment.** Chair requested a motion to adjourn. Carina Ramirez moved to adjourn; Susan Novick seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned

at 5:10 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for December 15, 2011.

Approved for content by:  
William Moody, Chair

Respectfully submitted by:  
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