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MUSEUMS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board (MCAAB)
Thursday, February 17, 2022, 4:00 PM
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

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1. **Call to Order.** Meeting called to order at 4:09 pm.

2. Roll Call. <u>Board Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Adame Anderson, Rachel		X
Edens Gary	X	
Giangiulio, Anne	X	
Glenn, Lucio	X	
Herrera, David	X	
Leffler, Beth		X
Loweree, Carlos III	X	
Marshall, Adam	X	
Nino, Ivan	X	
Olivares, Christopher		X
Prieto Montoya, Pamela	X	
Schmid-Falcon, Stephanie		X
Valdez, Daniel		X
Valdez, Laura	X	
Winters, Darby	X	

Consecutive Absences: Daniel Valdez (3), Rachel Adame Anderson (2), Stephanie Schmid-Falcon (2)
Others present: Ben Fyffe, Kristen Hamilton-Karam, Jeff Romney, Erica Marin, Rocio Rivas, Bernadette Ramos, Claudia Preza, Stephanie Gardea, Josie Jimarez-Howard, Miriam Garcia, and Blanca Garcia

3. **Public Comment.** None.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Carlos Loweree III made a motion to approve the December 16, 2021 minutes. Darby Winters seconded; all Members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.
5. **Discussion and Action on Election of Officers.** Ben Fyffe, addressed the Board to state that Vice-Chair and Chair positions both need to be filled. Adam Marshall nominated himself as Chair. Carlos Loweree III motioned to approve, Laura Valdez seconded; majority Members voted in favor, Anne Giangiulio abstain, motion passed. Carlos Loweree III nominated himself to continue as the Vice-Chair. Darby Winters motioned to approve, Adam Marshall seconded; all Members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.
6. **Discussion and Action to Appoint one (1) MCAAB Liaison to Public Art Committee.** Miriam Garcia, Public Art Program Manager, addressed the Board to provide a brief clarification over appointed liaisons to the Public Art Committee (PAC) and 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. Miriam Garcia, clarified that there is a vacancy due to another Member's term expiring. Darby Winters volunteered herself to be the MCAAB liaison for PAC. Lucio Glenn motioned to approve, Gary Edens seconded; all Members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.
7. **Discussion and Action on Appointment of Laura Jacquez to the Public Art Committee.** The agenda item was deleted by the request of Ben Fyffe. Ben Fyffe stated that Laura Jacquez reached out

after the agenda was posted, making the decision to not serve as a member of the Public Art Committee at this time.

8. **Discussion and Action on El Paso Museum of Archeology Accessions.** Jeff Romney, Director of the Museum of Archaeology addressed the Board to present a first proposed item of a Historic Tigua Jar, donated by McLean County Museum of History in Bloomington, Illinois. This piece is a former Martha Luce Collection and was purchased here in El Paso in 1894. Jeff Romney also mentioned that historic Tigua items are extremely rare. Jeff Romney proceeded and presented the second proposal item, of 10 framed photographs being donated by artist Wanye Suggs. He mentioned that the artist has been listed as one of the top 100 photographers in the entire world. Anne Giangiulio asked for the source to the top 100 photographers in the world. Jeff Romney later answered that the source reference was from local news reporting on Wayne Suggs awards and can also be found on InternationalLandscapePhotographer.com. Anne Giangiulio motioned to approve, Darby Winters seconded; all Members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.
9. **Discussion and Action on El Paso Museum of Art Deaccessions.** Bernadette Ramos, addressed the Board to outline the processes of deaccessions according to the Museum's Collections Care & Management Policy updated on August 20, 2020, and approved by City Council and MCAAB. Bernadette Ramos went through points and terms of the policy, so that the Board can understand as she goes through the deaccessioning presentation slides. Bernadette Ramos began by presenting a proposal of deaccession of 27 porcelain bird figures, 2 porcelain plates depicting birds from the Edward Marshall Boehm decorative art collection. Staff is proposing to transfer 22 of the pieces to another public institution, and the disposal of 7 porcelain bird figures in very poor condition. She continued and presented the proposed disposal of a "Hitler's flag" and the transfer of a "Russian Naval flag". Anne Giangiulio requested clarification on how the flag will be disposed and Bernadette Ramos clarified that the flag shown will be shredded. Ms. Ramos continued and presented proposals for the transfer of 2 (Spanish) chairs to another public institution, removal and disposal of damaged table, sofa, vitrine and chairs. Anne Giangiulio asked questions about the proposed items. Bernadette Ramos and Ben Fyffe clarified and provided additional information in regards to the deaccession policy process. Gary Edens asked if there will be deaccessions every month. Ben Fyffe stated that the process will continue. Gary Edens motioned to approve, David Herrera seconded; all Members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.
10. **Discussion and Action on El Paso Museum of History Accession.** Stephanie Gardea, addressed the Board to present photographs of gift items from Michael T. Ricker-Artwork from *The Devil You Say!* Exhibition in 2021. She proceeded to discuss the conditions of the *Peruvian (Quispe) Retablo*, and 2 *Lorenzo Aureliano Paintings-Lucha Bride and Devil* and *El Diablito Loteria* card in detail. David Herrera motioned to approve, Anne Giangiulio seconded; all Members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.
11. **Discussion and Action on El Paso Museum of History Deaccessions.** Stephanie Gardea, addressed the Board and presented a list (attached) of proposed deaccession nominations. She presented 16 photographs of all items that are in poor to fair condition, and proceeded to discuss the conditions of each of the items in detail. Darby Winters motioned to approve, Laura Valdez seconded; all Members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.
12. **Museum Reports.** Erica Marin, addressed the Board to present the EL Paso Museum History report. She began by sharing the attendance numbers. and mentioned past and upcoming events. She highlighted the upcoming Family Day: Sunset Heights closing event happening Saturday, February 19. Erica Marin also highlighted Movie Night screening of "*La Mujer Murcielago*" that takes place next week, which is tied to the *Luche Libre* exhibition and invited Board to the events. Lastly, she shared details of upcoming exhibitions. Jeff Romney, Director of the Museum of Archaeology addressed the Board to present the Museum report. He began by sharing the attendance numbers and shared that due to the continued COVID-19 pandemic, there will not be a Poppies Festival event this year, but there will be other virtual and smaller events. He also mentioned the current exhibition: *The Chacoan Outliers*, which will run through March 8, 2022. Lastly, he shared upcoming exhibition and mentioned the publications of the Journal of Proceedings from the 21st Jornada Mogollon Archaeology Conference in February. Ben Fyffe, addressed the Board to present the El Paso Museum of Art report. He began by highlighting the *Contemporary Ceramics: Mata Ortiz* exhibition opening tonight, which is the first time being exhibited at the Art Museum. He continued by mentioning upcoming events, programming, current exhibitions, and that in person classes have reactivated and are doing well. Lastly, he announced that last Tuesday an agreement between the El Paso Museum of Art Foundation and El Paso Museum of Art was formalized

through City Council. The passing of this agreement will help formalize the growth for the foundation as it supports the growth of the Museum as well.

13. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:56 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2022.

Approved for content by:
Ben Fyffe, Managing Director
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Respectfully submitted by:
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Attached: List of 16 El Paso Museum of History proposed deaccession nominations

Proposed deaccession nominations of (16 items)

EPMH selected these items for nomination based on their cultural and interpretive relevance to advance the mission of the institution as well as their overall condition.

Item description	Accession Number	Component Parts	Condition	Reason	2D/3D	Provenance
Office Chairs	H1982-012-002, -003	2	Poor	DNAM, duplicate items	3D	Donated by Mrs. J.W. Cherry
Woven Seat Chair	59-306-1	1	Poor	DNAM, poor condition	3D	Inherited from EPMA Carriage House
Rush Seat Chairs	68-20-3, -4, -5, -6	4	Poor	DNAM, poor condition, duplicate items	3D	Inherited from EPMA Carriage House
Box	EPMA 59-305-1	1	Fair	DNAM	3D	Inherited from EPMA Carriage House
Box	59-210-2B	2	Poor	DNAM, poor condition	3D	Inherited from EPMA Carriage House
Modernized Cotton Gin	H1999-013-002	1	Fair	DNAM, incomplete parts	3D	Donated by TX A&M Agricultural Research Center
Doctor's Bag	LH1999-008-026	2	Poor	DNAM, poor condition	3D	Inherited Loan (no source available)
Wheel	59-265-1	1	Fair	DNAM	3D	Inherited from EPMA Carriage House
Table Legs	C 826	1	Poor	DNAM, poor condition, incomplete parts	3D	Inherited from EPMA Carriage House
Modern Chuckbox	H1982-011-001	1	Fair	DNAM	3D	Anonymous Donation