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MUSEUMS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board (MCAAB)
Thursday, April 21, 2022, 4:00 PM
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

CITY CLERK DEPT
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1. **Call to Order.** Meeting called to order at 4:04 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: none

Others present: Ben Fyffe, Danielle Escontrias, Erica Marin, Rocio Rivas, Rebecca Munoz, Lucero Duran, Josie Jimarez-Howard, and Andrea Read

3. **Public Comment.** None.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Beth Leffler made a motion to approve the March 17, 2022 minutes. Darby Winters seconded; all Members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.
5. **Discussion and Action on FY22 Downtown Art and Farmers Market Guidelines.** Ben Fyffe, Managing Director, addressed the Board to state that the Downtown Art and Farmers Market's guidelines were originally approved by the Advisory Board over a decade ago and are periodically revised in response to growth and development. Lucero Duran, Downtown Art and Farmers Market (DAFM) Coordinator, addressed the Board and gave a detailed presentation over the FY22 Downtown Art and Farmers Market Guidelines additions and changes. Ms. Duran began by giving a brief background history and then proceeded with discussing the guidelines revisions in detail. Gary Edens had a series of questions over the guideline revisions, highlighting one revision associated with political campaigning and requested that the language in the guidelines be as clear as possible. Danielle Escontrias, Assistant Attorney, answered Mr. Edens and stated the language will be reviewed and that the necessary changes will be made, so that the guidelines are clear. Pamela Prieto Montoya had a question over whether the DAFM will apply to be a SNAP provider again in the future. Ms. Duran answered stating that DAFM is currently working with the Health Department to become a SNAP provider again. The Board Members continued the discussion over clarifying the guideline revisions associated with the political campaigning before making a final decision. Gary Edens motioned to approve the guidelines with the amendment of clarifying the political campaigning language to meet the advice of legal. Laura Valdez seconded; all Members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

6. **Museum Reports.** Ben Fyffe, addressed the Board to present the report for the Archaeology Interim Director. He talked about the first ever Full Moon Sensory Hike event that took place in partnership with Frontera Land Alliance. He also highlighted being able to host the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, Deb Haaland along with Congresswoman Veronica Escobar f as well as stakeholders to discuss the ongoing efforts to declare Castner Range as a National Monument. Lastly, he shared upcoming events and provided details on a current exhibit: *Working Ancient Themes into New Combinations: A Tribute to Lucy M. Lewis, Acoma Potter from the Jim P. and Dorothy S. Barufaldi Collection*. Ben Fyffe, addressed the Board to present the Art Museum report and shared past events and highlighted the recent opening of *Luces y Sombras* exhibition that celebrates 100 years of Mexican photography. Lastly, he announced the upcoming *Texas Tech College of Architecture 2022 End of Year* exhibition, which is designed for interaction and interactive activities with families and kids and invited the Board. Erica Marin, addressed the Board to present the History Museum report. She began by highlighting that Congresswoman Veronica Escobar nominated the Museum for National Medal for Museum & Library Service by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and it has been selected as finalists. This award is the nation's highest federal honor given to museums and libraries for service to their communities. She then proceeded to discuss past and current events, and current exhibits. Lastly, she highlighted the opening reception of *Black Survival Guide or How to Live Through a Police Riot* by Hank Willis Thomas, happening tonight and invited the Board to attend.
7. **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 4:43 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2022.

Approved for content by:
Ben Fyffe, Managing Director
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Respectfully submitted by:
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