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MUSEUMS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board (MCAAB)
Thursday, June 17, 2021, 4:00 PM
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order. Meeting called to order at 4:03 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 (5)

Other present: Ben Fyffe, Karla Munoz, Jeff Romney, Adrian Guzman, Rocio Rivas and Diana Cepeda

3. Public Comment. None.

4. Approval of Minutes. Laura Jaquez moved to approve the May 20, 2021 minutes. Jeff Harris seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of Revised Minutes. Vanessa Leon moved to approve the December 17, 2020 revised minutes. Daniel Valdez seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and Action on the 2021 Public Art Plan Amendment. Adrian Guzman, Project Manager for the Public Art Program addressed the Board to present the proposed amendments. He listed the Airport Mural Project as the new project that will be added to the 2021 Public Art Plan and he continued with the list of the proposed amended projects. Staff is requesting a change on the Leo Cancellare Pool Renovation project with a pre-qualified artist pool to the Galatzan Recreation Center with open competition. They are located next to each other and the project will stay in the same area. The third proposed change is the selection process for the Esperanza Moreno Library from a pre-qualified artist pool to an invitational competition to allow more opportunities for local artists. He displayed a list of the Public Art Plan with the proposed amendments. Ken Gorski requested a motion to approve. Adam Marshall moved to approve. Vanessa Leon seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

7. Museum Reports. Jeff Romney, Director of the El Paso Museum of Archaeology addressed the Board to present the Museum report and to announce the reopening of the Museum on June 24th. The Museum will be open from Thursday thru Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm. He highlighted the success of the virtual summer camp

activities and the temporary exhibit at the El Paso Airport. Ben Fyffe addressed the Board as the new interim Director for the El Paso Museum of Art and the El Paso Museum of History. He has been working with staff since the departure of the previous Director to ensure there was no disruption to the programming or exhibition planning. The recruitment for the Art Museum will continue. He shared the attendance numbers and the reach of virtual programming for the Art Museum. He announced the upcoming free virtual summer camps which have limited enrollment, the upcoming virtual exhibition, *El Taller De Grafica Popular* curated by the Museum's staff from a collector from Dallas, and the professional translation of the Art Museum website into Spanish. Mr. Fyffe proceeded to present the report for the History Museum and he mentioned that he is currently working with staff to drive the Museum's mission. The Museum just opened a new exhibit, *The Devil You Say*, an exploration of religious themes and folk art. The recruitment for a new Director is currently in process. Mr. Fyffe thanked the Board for their support.

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2021.

Approved for content by:
Kenneth Gorski, Chair

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Respectfully submitted by:
Diana Cepeda, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator