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MUSEUMS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board (MCAAB)
Thursday, September 17, 2020, 4:00 PM
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

REVISED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm.

2. Roll Call.	<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
	Adame, Rachel	X	
	Arizpe, Raul		X
	Bulos, Elizabeth		X
	Diaz, Alfredo		X
	Giangiulio, Anne	X	
	Gorski, Kenneth	X	
	Hamilton, Lloyd III		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 Laura	X	

Consecutive Absences: Lloyd Hamilton III (8)

Other present: Ben Fyffe, Vladimir Von Tsurikov, Jeff Romney, Rebecca Munoz and Diana Cepeda.

3. **Public Comment.** None.

4. **Approval of Minutes.** Carlos Loweree requested a motion to approve the August 20, 2020 minutes. Ivan Nino seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

5. **Discussion and Action on FY20 Temporary Micro-Grant Program.** Ben Fyffe explained that annually MCAD gives out about a quarter of its Cultural Affairs Department budget to local artists and nonprofit arts organizations, but this year that budget was cut for about fifty percent. He said staff decided to create a micro granting program for local artists that have been affected by COVID-19 and local arts organizations. Mr. Fyffe added this would be the best use for the available funding and explained the Department received CARES funding from the Economic Department that will go to larger organizations. Rebecca Munoz presented the temporary Micro-grant Program guidelines. She mentioned a decline in HOT funding due to local COVID-19 closures for the cultural funding program. She mentioned the suspension of the 5 programs to prioritize the stability of large non-profits through the operational support program and provide temporary relief through a new Micro-grant Program. This program will provide relief for artist and small non-profit arts and cultural organizations who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This temporary program adheres to the Cultural Funding Program guidelines previously approved by City Council and MCAAB. She explained that the application deadline will be accepted on a rolling deadline until funds are exhausted and awards will be distribute on a first-come, first-serve basis after review of eligibility by MCAD staff. Artist and non-profits are eligible to receive one award during the fiscal year. She listed the artist eligibility and non-profit eligibility. (See attached) She mentioned that around 3,045 artist and 75 organizations will be eligible to apply for this funding.

Ms. Munoz mentioned the guidelines for this program will follow the same guidelines for other MCAD's programs. She added artists are able to apply for up to \$1,500 and \$3,000 for organizations. Mr. Fyffe said the total available funding is approximately \$200,000. Ken Gorski requested a motion to accept, Jeff Harris moved to approve, Adam Marshall seconded; all members in favor, none opposed and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and Action on El Paso Museum of Art Collections Management Policy Updates. Dr. Vladimir von Tsurikov presented the updates to the collections management policy previously approved by the City Legal Department. He stated that potential accessions and loan requests will be presented directly to MCAAB for approval instead of a separate accessions committee. Any deaccessions will be presented to MCAAB for approval instead of City Council. A new clause regarding gifts offers valued over \$50,000 and an updates section on the Scope of Collections were added. Lastly, he explained a section regarding deaccession was expanded to include more details about criteria for deaccessioning, disposal of objects and documentation. Ken Gorski requested a motion to accept, Adam Marshall moved to approve, Laura Valdez seconded; Jeff Harris abstained due to conflict of interest, all members in favor, none opposed, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and Action on El Paso Museum of History Deaccession. Dr. von Tsurikov presented a list of deaccession nominations part IV. He added that staff is still reviewing the Museums' collection for conservation and preservation reasons and to reflect the Museum's mission and vision. Dr. von Tsurikov showed a list of 10 items-142 components (See attached). Ken Gorski requested a motion to accept, Laura Jaquez moved to approve, Adam Marshall seconded; Jeff Harris abstained due to conflict of interest, all members in favor, none opposed, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion and Action on Appointment of Alejandro Mireles to the Public Art Committee. Mr. Gorski explained Alex Mireles is a coordinator for the Architectural Program at El Paso Community College and he teaches Architecture at Texas Tech. Ken Gorski requested a motion to accept, Adam Marshall moved to approve, Laura Valdez seconded; all members in favor, none opposed and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion and Action on Appointment of Daniel Szwaczkowski to the Public Art Committee. Mr. Gorski said Daniel Szwaczkowski has a Master in Metalsmithing and Jewelry and he was a preparatory ant the Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center for the Visuals Art. Ken Gorski requested a motion to accept, Anne Giangliulo moved to approve, Ivan Nino seconded; all members in favor, none opposed and the motion passed unanimously.

10. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:38pm. Next meeting scheduled October 15th, 2020.

Approved for content by:
Kenneth Gorski, Chair

Respectfully submitted by:
Diana Cepeda, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator