

Albuquerque Museum Board of Trustees Meeting
City of Albuquerque Arts & Culture

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 11:30am – 1:00pm
Albuquerque Museum Ventana Salon

Board Members Present

Alan F. Weitzel, Chair
Sherri Burr
Hilma Chynoweth
Steve Gallegos

Beverly R. Bendicksen
Chris Baca
Donald Couchman
Joni Pierce

Board Members Absent

Helen Atkins, Vice Chair
Pamela Weese-Powell
Dr. Samorodin-McIlwain

Paul Mondragon, Secretary/Treasurer
Christine Glidden

Albuquerque Museum Staff Present

Andrew Connors, Associate Director
Josie Lopez, Curator of Art
Elizabeth Becker, Curator of Education
Aaron Gardner, Casa San Isidro Manager

Claudia Gallardo de Campbell
Leslie Kim, Curator of History
Julie Valdez, Administrative Assistant

Dr. Shelle Sanchez, Arts & Culture
Andrew Rogers, aMF Executive Director
Denise Crouse, aMF Museum Preparator

Cindy Garcia, Museums Administrator
Dionna Arellano, Mayor's Office

Request to Record

Request to record meeting was made by Alan F. Weitzel.
Request approved unanimously.

I Call to Order

The Board Meeting was called to order by Alan F. Weitzel at 11:35am.

II Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III Introduction of Steve Gallegos, New Board Member

Alan F. Weitzel introduced Steve Gallegos and welcomed Dionna Arellano from the Mayor's office to the Board.

IV Approval of Meeting Minutes

In review of the aM Bot Draft Meeting Minute's, two corrections were requested by Beverly Bendicksen. Once the corrections were reviewed and approved for change, a motion to approve the February 9, 2022, meeting minutes was made by Beverly Bendicksen, Sherri Burr provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

V Albuquerque Museum Foundation/Albuquerque Museum Operating Agreement Report by Shelle Sanchez

- A) A copy of the Albuquerque Museum Foundation/Albuquerque Museum Operating Agreement was distributed to the BOT
- Updates represent the City's Interests and clarifies the relationship between the Albuquerque Museum and the Albuquerque Museum Foundation
 - Questions regarding 1.3 – 20% of Membership Revenue is returned to CABQ and dedicated to the Albuquerque Museum. This action is clarified in 2.4
 - The Albuquerque Museum Foundation coordinated with the Arts & Culture Department on all updates
 - The Albuquerque Museum Foundation Board approved all updates

A motion to approve the documents provided was made by Sherri Burr, Chris Baca provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

VI Facility Rental Coordinator Responsibilities Update – Julie Valdez

Julie Valdez, who takes the minutes for the BOT and provides administrative support for the BOT gave a general description of her job duties and responsibilities at the Albuquerque Museum.

VII Trustee Report – Donald Couchman

Donald Couchman will introduce his replacement on June 8, 2022

VIII Casa San Isidro Report – Aaron Gardner

Aaron provided a slideshow highlighting different areas of Casa San Isidro and some of the Special Events and Programing for this venue that included:

- The History of Casa San Isidro includes Public Tours, Workshops, Blacksmith Basics and Time Travel
- Public Tours are not available November – February
- Programing includes the Magic School Bus Program
- Annual Festivals include Heritage Day, Harvest Fest and the El Camino Real Trade Fair

IX Museum Director's Report – Andrew Connors

Andrew Connors ceded his time to Denise Crouse

Presentation by Denise Crouse:

- Advertises Casa San Isidro through media, social media, the city's website and to over 300 email addresses and Education Programing in different languages to engage diverse educational interest in the property
- Our relationship with NM PBS and the producer of Colores, Tara Walsh. Tara utilizes content pertaining to the Albuquerque museum and Casa San Isidro for her show which focuses on things going on in New Mexico
- Tara has worked closely with Jill Hartke, our Photo Archivist, for images from our Photo Archives for her stories
- Recently Tara has created stores that include photos and information from the exhibits, "We Lead, You Follow" and "Homesteading from the Black Perspective"

IX Curators Report

Elizabeth Becker, Curator of Education:

- Requests for in-person tours has gone up, noting 20 classes that have booked tours in May, 2022
- The audience has grown from primary schools to Middle School, High School and Universities from all over the state
- 20th year of the Focus on Youth Exhibit featuring photography from APS High School Students
- Public Opening for Focus on Youth is scheduled for May 8, 2022

Josie Lopez, Curator of Art:

- We are celebrating our in-house curated exhibits including Indelible Blue Indigo Across the Globe and Printer's Proof with recognition for both exhibits. Both have been requested to travel across the USA. We will not be coordinating travel for either of these exhibits
- The upcoming Wit, Humor and Satire exhibit will feature items from our collections
- La Malinche will come to us from Denver in June
- We will incorporate the New Mexican, Spanish, and Indigenous versions of La Malinche in this exhibit
- Art Advisory Board minutes were distributed to the BOT
- The Art Advisory Board welcomed some very skilled new Board Members
- The Boards combined talents, knowledge and skills are very valued in making decisions appropriate for acquisitions
- Will be working with the Art Advisory Board on a Draft of our Collections Plan and request their input on this project

Leslie Kim, Curator of History:

- We welcomed two new dynamic members to the History Advisory Committee.
- History Advisory Board minutes were distributed.
- Several objects were presented for consideration of deaccessioning (1) object at Casa San Ysidro, (2) objects from the Lee House, (3) the Little House Diner and associated objects
- (1) item at Casa San Ysidro is weathered and unsafe for visitors and staff (Photos of the item provided)
- (2) objects from the Lee House were initially collected to display period rooms, which have not been exhibited as such. What is suitable for exhibit is on display, the rest is in poor condition and should be deaccessioned (photos of objects were provided).
- (3) the Little House Diner is occupied by the APD. We cannot adequately care for the object that is in active use. Associated items that are exhibitable are on display. Others should be deaccessioned. Photos of the diner and associated objects were provided.
- National Best Practice Policies are followed when de-assessing collection items

A motion to approve de-accession of these items was made by Sherri Burr, Hilma Chynoweth provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

X Albuquerque Museum Foundation Report - Andrew Rogers and Joni Pierce

Joni Pierce - Presents

- The aMF Strategic plan is on the Albuquerque Museum Foundation's Website

- The aMF's Mission is to raise money for the Albuquerque Museum
- Three objectives are:
 - Raise 1.4 Million for the building of the aM Education Center
 - Achieve an annual increase in membership by 7%
 - Increase funding of the aM annually by 7%

Andrew Rogers - Presents

- Capital Campaign:
 - 200K in commitments
 - Projecting a 3-year timeline in raising the remainder of the money needed for the Education Center
 - 780K granted towards this project by NM Legislature
 - 14 Legislators made up of 4 Senators and 10 Representatives contributed to the 780K
- Recognize and Thank Alan F. Weitzel and Sherri Burr for reaching out to Legislators along with the aMF
- Membership has met 83% of budgeted goal for year
- Museum Support will meet or exceed this year's budget
- aMF has hired a Contract Grant Writer. The Contract Grant Writer has applied for (25) separate grants since August of 2021. 530K in grant funding is currently pending
- The Museum Store has exceeded their goal for the year
- Slate Street at the Museum has re-opened on a limited schedule of Thursday-Sunday
- aMF is working on de-accessioning items from their collection
- Patron's Circle Dinner announced and launched a new acquisitions care fund to raise money for acquisitions and care for items in Art and History collections.

X Adjourn

Next meeting will be June 8, 2022, at 11:30am in person at the Albuquerque Museum
 Sherri Burr made a motion to adjourn, Joni Pierce provided a second. Board approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:09pm