

Albuquerque Museum Board of Trustees Meeting

City of Albuquerque Cultural Services

Friday, October 30, 2020 10:30am

Via Zoom Videoconference

Board Members Present

Beverly R. Bendicksen, Chair
Helen Atkins, Secretary/Treasurer
Judith N. Suiter
Joni Pierce

Alan F. Weitzel, Vice Chair
Pamela Weese Powell
Wayne G. Chew
Paul M. Mondragon

Board Members Not Present

Sherri Burr

Albuquerque Museum Staff Present

Andrew Connors, Associate Director
Josie Lopez, Art Curator
Elizabeth Becker, Education Curator

Cynthia Garcia, Assistant Director
Leslie Kim, History Curator
Julie Valdez, Administrative Assistant

Guests Present

Dr. Shelle Sanchez, Director Cultural Services
Hakim Bellamy, Deputy Director Cultural Services
Ann Travelstead, aMF Chief Financial & Operations Officer
Denise Crouse, aMF Communications Manager

Request to Record

Request to record meeting was made by Julie Valdez.
Request approved unanimously.

I Call to Order

The Board Meeting was called to order by Beverly Bendicksen at 10:35am.

II Public Comments

There are no Public Comments.

III La Jornada Monument Discussion / Recommendation

- Public community dialogue and recommendations from the Race, History and Healing Project were distributed to the Board and Hakim Bellamy provided a summary
- The public recommendations are:
 - the Oñate statue should not be returned to the Museum property
 - the land at 19th & Mountain should be re-envisioned and/or re-contextualized
- Albuquerque Arts Board Meeting on this subject will be held on Saturday, October 31, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom
 - This meeting will be open to the public

- aM Board of Trustees will attend this open meeting and submit a letter with its recommendations to the Arts Board
- The Board discussed the public recommendations and related issues involving La Jornada. Helen Atkins made the following motion:
 - 1) to support both of the public recommendations, and
 - 2) to recommend the entire La Jornada monument be removed from the grounds of the Albuquerque Museum.

Pamela Weese Powell provided a second, and the Board voted as follows:

Helen Atkins - in favor
 Pamela Weese Powell - in favor
 Wayne Chew - in favor
 Joni Pierce – in favor
 Alan Weitzel - in favor
 Judith Suiter – in favor
 Beverly Bendicksen - in favor
 Paul Mondragon - opposed

Paul Mondragon explained that his opposition was in regards to the second recommendation in the above motion, and that he was in support of the public recommendations.

- Beverly Bendicksen proposed a small group of Officers and aM Staff Members coordinate to draft the letter to the Albuquerque Arts Board with the Board of Trustees recommendations.

This received unanimous approval. The group will include:

Beverly Bendicksen
 Alan Weitzel
 Helen Atkins
 Andrew Connors
 (1) additional aM Staff member

- Beverly Bendicksen is registered to attend the Albuquerque Arts Board meeting on Saturday, October 31, 2020, at 10:00am (Zoom Meeting) and will present the BOT Letter of Recommendation. Other Trustees can email the Arts Board to request the link to participate in this meeting.

IV Adjourn

Beverly Bendicksen made a motion to adjourn and Paul Mondragon provided a second.
 Motion approved unanimously.
 Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.