

ALBUQUERQUE MUSEUM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
held at the aM Foundation Batten House Library
207 Griegos Road NE

12 June 2019

Present: BOT members:

Judith Suiter, Chair
Wayne Chew
Beverly Bendicksen
Helen Atkins
Alan Weitzel

CABQ STAFF:

Andrew Connors, Museum Director
Cynthia Garcia, Assistant Director
Josie Lopez, Curator of Art
Elizabeth Becker, Curator of Education
Denise Crouse, Communications Manager

Dr. Shelle Sanchez, Cultural Services Director

aM FOUNDATION:

Emily Blaugrund Fox, Executive Director
Elaine Richardson, Director of Special Events

Guest:

Sam Sterling, AIA of Sam Sterling Architecture/SSA

Absent: Pamela Weese Powell (BOT), joni m palmer (BOT), Hal Behl (BOT), Maria Griego-Raby, aM Foundation President

Action Items in RED.

Meeting called to order

Chairperson Judith Suiter called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. and thanked Emily and the aM Foundation staff for their gracious hospitality letting us meet at the Batten House Library. Lunch was provided for board and staff, sponsored by Judith.

Approval of / Revisions to Minutes

Beverly moved to approve the April minutes with an amendment to reflect the location of the meeting and Alan seconded the motion as amended. Unanimous approval.

Future Education Center Presentation – Sam Sterling, AIA

Guest speaker Sam Sterling, AIA gave a presentation about the Education Center and his firm's work to date on the project including a summary of the concept design, building program, cost estimate and estimated timeframe of two years for project construction. He also shared several scale models of the proposed building and how it will connect with the existing facilities.

Chairperson's Report – Judith Suiter

The combined 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 annual report/recommendations to the Mayor and City Council is being prepared now by Judith and Hal and a draft will be provided to the Board for review in July. Board representatives will present the final report and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council in August. Shelle Sanchez discussed an approach on how/when to present the information to include the plans and timing for the future Education Center.

Officer Nominations for 2019-2020 Board of Trustees

Now accepting nominations for officers for 2019-2020. Officer positions are for one-year terms. In 2016, the Board agreed to have a succession of officers that would move from secretary/treasurer to vice-chair to chair. In keeping with this succession, the vice chair will become chair, and two officer positions, vice chair and secretary/treasurer, will be vacant. Slate of officers to be proposed and voted on at the August 14th meeting.

Museum Director's Report—Andrew Connors

- Exhibitions transition happening now.
- Current history exhibition is Courage and Compassion: Our Shared Story of the Japanese American World War II Experience.
- Provided Long Range Exhibition Schedule to 2022. Beverly recommended reaching out to potential donors early who may be particularly interested in one or more of the upcoming exhibitions in 2020, 2021 or 2022.

Foundation Report—Emily Blaugrund Fox

- aM Society is making progress.
- Naming policy final version to be presented to the Foundation board for approval then to the City for approval.
- Sam Sterling Architecture and SDV were selected to make necessary changes to the Batten House Library building for ADA accessibility. Construction will begin after aM Foundation August board meeting.
- National auction house has been invited to the Batten House to view items for potential sale.

Curator Reports

Josie Lopez, Curator of Art

- April 9, 2019 Art Advisory Committee meeting minutes and April 3, 2019 History Committee minutes were distributed.
- Seed: Climate Change Resilience opening June 22.
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Elizabeth Becker, Curator of Education

- Chatter concert series 10th anniversary – developing their concerts around exhibitions.
- Aroha – initiative to create learning opportunities for age 55 and older adults.
- Programming relationship??
- Memoir writing workshop August and September.

Other Reports:

Denise Crouse, Communications Manager

Media support continues to be exceptional with coverage of upcoming exhibitions in the ABQ Journal.

Elaine Richardson, aM Foundation Director of Special Events

Elaine gave a brief history of the Batten House, the Library and Lucia V.B. Batten.

Comments and Other Information:

- Beverly distributed copies of the ABQ Museum Board of Trustees 2019 contact list for review.

Adjourn @ 1:40 pm

NEXT MEETING: Weds. 14 August @ 11:30 am to 1 pm in the ABQ Museum Conference Room