

Albuquerque Museum Board of Trustees Meeting

City of Albuquerque Arts & Culture

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 11:30am – 1:00pm

Albuquerque Museum Ventana Salon

Board Members Present

Alan F. Weitzel, Chair
Beverly R. Bendicksen
Chris Baca
Donald Couchman

Paul Mondragon, Secretary/Treasurer
Sherri Burr
Hilma Chynoweth
Steve Gallegos

Board Members Absent

Helen Atkins, Vice Chair
Christine Glidden
Joni Pierce

Pamela Weese-Powell
Dr. Samorodin-McIlwain

Albuquerque Museum Staff Present

Andrew Connors, Director
Josie Lopez, Lead Curator/Curator of Art
Elizabeth Becker, Curator of Education
Julie Valdez, Administrative Assistant

Claudia Gallardo de Campbell, Asst. Director
Leslie Kim, Curator of History
Jill Hartke, Digital Archivist

Dr. Shelle Sanchez, Director of Arts & Culture

Denise Crouse, aMF Museum Preparator

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 11:48am.

II Public Comments

There were no public comments.

** (6) BOT Members present. (7) BOT Members needed for a quorum. Unofficial business can be addressed.

Museum Director's Report – Andrew Connors

Andrew Connors ceded his time to Denise Crouse

Presentation by Denise Crouse:

- Albuquerque Journal releases article on La Malinche
- KUNM & their NPR Culture Desk interviewed Josie Lopez with focus on the New Mexican slant that has been included in the aM La Malinche Exhibit
 - (1) Story on National MPR and (1) Story on UNM
- Media Advisory on La Malinche going out this afternoon

- Television Media invited to attend Member Preview on Friday June 10, 2022
- Advertising focusing includes next exhibition, Wit, Humor & Satire.
 - Press release goes out this week
 - Exhibit opens end of month
- Summer Advertising broadens its reach
 - Santa Fe new Mexican, Bienvenidos
 - New Mexico Kids
 - Indian Market Guide / Full Page Ad – Interest in the Lee Marmon exhibit
 - Southwest Contemporary Field Guide
- Department of Arts & Culture has accumulated 300+ emails that receive aM exhibit updates
- Casa San Ysidro is recruiting Native and Spanish speaking Docents

** (7th) BOT Member has arrived. We now have a quorum and will go back to the written Agenda:

III Approval of Meeting Minutes

In review of the aM Bot Draft Meeting Minute's, revisions were requested to include names of all objects considered for deaccessioning at Casa San Ysidro. A handout noting the revisions was distributed.

Once the corrections were reviewed and approved for change, a motion to approve the April 13, 2022, meeting minutes was made by Chris Baca, Steve Gallegos provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

IV Approval of Revised Bylaws

A copy of the Revised Bylaws was distributed for review. Donald Couchman moved for approval of the Revised Bylaws

- Bylaws were returned by the city with slight clarification
- No change of intent
- 5.2c Term Changed
- Punctuation corrections made

A motion to approve the Bylaws was made by Donald Couchman, Beverly Bendicksen provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

V Nominating Committee Report

- (2) Officers approved
- Chairman not yet recommended
 - Alan F. Weitzel's term expires July 31, 2022
 - Alan has reapplied to stay on as an aM Board Member
- BOT Chairman not yet approved. Alan F. Weitzel will stay on as Chair until replacement is in place
- Christine Glidden's term expires end of July 2022.
 - Christine has reapplied to stay on the Board
- Dr. Janet Samorodin-McIlwain's term expires end of July 2022.
 - Janet will not reapply
- Beverly Bendicksen's term expires end of July 2022.
 - Beverly will not reapply

- Officers scheduled to change on October 1, 2022
- Current Officers serve in capacity until replaced
- City Council appoints new Trustee candidates on June 22, 2022
- New Trustee candidates are voted in on August 2022

VI Fiscal Planning for the Museum – Cindy Garcia

Cindy Garcia is not in attendance

VII Picture This Digital Podcasts – Jill Hartke

Jill provided an overview of her role as the Albuquerque Museum Photo Archivist:

- Cares for over 150,000 items
- Helps community with books, exhibits, documentaries, news stories and an array of other projects
- 25-30 photos needed to tell a story
 - The “Picture This Podcast” tells stories with fewer photos and narration by Jill Hartke
- Examples of Podcasts:
 - Woodstock on Wheels
 - BB King Free Concert in Placitas (10 Photos)
 - Medicine Ball Caravan
 - Imperial Laundry 1919 – Labor Rights Founders
 - Henge 1963 Herb Goldman
 - Artist in Residence Program started in Roswell, NM
- Jill showed excerpts from her video collection including footage of Mohammad Ali in New Mexico
- Podcasts can be located on the Albuquerque Museum Website

VIII Museum Director’s Report – Andrew Connors

Andrew Connors ceded his time to Museum Curators

IX Museum Curators’ Report – Josie Lopez, Leslie Kim & Elizabeth Becker

Josie Lopez - Lead Curator / Curator of Art Reports

- Programing is in full force
- Josie gave a presentation of La Malinche and Wit, Humor and Satire
 - La Malinche:
 - New Mexican and Indigenous perspectives incorporated into the exhibit
 - Delilah Montoya will be at the aM for a talk on Chicana Identity
 - Panel of (10) of the La Malinche Exhibiting Artists seated on discussion Panel
 - Wit, Humor and Satire:
 - Historical and contemporary array of items expressing how humor and satire function in art
 - Exhibit includes works from Andy Warhol and Wendy Red Star
- Mayor’s Office approved \$100,000 for acquisitions highlighting diversion, equity access and inclusion of art pieces from Indigenous, African American and Female Albuquerque based Artists

Leslie Kim - Curator of History Reports

- The Laguna Photographer, Lee Marmon exhibit opens on July 30, 2022

- The exhibition features Marmon’s photographs
 - Documenting elders
 - Indigenous customs
 - Nature from Laguna Pueblo and surrounding areas
 - His professional work in California.
- Dictators and the Disappeared: Democracy Lost, Democracy Restored June 2023-September 2023
 - Coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the military coup d’état that toppled Chile’s democratically-elected government and ushered in seventeen years of brutal dictatorship and repression.
 - In conjunction with the exhibition, we are producing a book. We have contracted with the Museum of NM Press
 - Featured in the book will be not only photographs of these political materials but also six essays from scholars around the country, including the son of Chilean attaché, Orlando Letelier, who was murdered in Washington shortly after Pinochet assumed power; and Argentine survivor of the Videla dictatorship, Alicia Partnoy.
- Program at Casa San Ysidro this coming Saturday in the afternoon with State Historian Robert Martinez – he will be presenting on the history of Hispano music and will be performing as well.

Elizabeth Becker – Curator of Education

- Youth Summer Programs are underway
 - Ages 3-14 years
 - June & July half and full day classes
- Mayors Creative Youth Core
 - High School and recently graduated participants
 - (2) are assigned to aM to assist in the Museum Classroom
- APS/aM Partnership with Title 1 McKinny-Vento Homeless Program
 - (2) weeks of field trips learning about community
 - aM is one of five sites visited
 - Program funded by aM Foundation
 - Busses & Meals
- Art Matters – New (2) Year Program with Teaching Artists in the community reaching vulnerable youth in the following demographics:
 - Detention
 - Homeless
 - Transgender
 - ACE School in our neighborhood to participate

X Albuquerque Museum Foundation Report – Andrew Connors

Joni Pierce not in attendance. Andrew Connors Reports

- aMF Board will approve the 2023 Budget
- The 2023 Budget is up by 19%
- aMF is a Fiscal Agent to aM
- 18th Century Granite Sculpture has been donated to the aM
 - The sculpture was originally a Grainery in Spain (Grain storage unit)

- It currently resides in Miami
- aMF received a financial gift from Fundación Loewe of \$150,000
- The cost for transportation and installation is \$148,197
 - aMF is the fiscal agent for this cost
- The first History object in the Sculpture Garden

XI Adjourn

Next meeting will be August 10, 2022, at 11:30am in person at the Albuquerque Museum
Sherri Burr made a motion to adjourn, Beverly Bendicksen provided a second. Board approved
unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:01pm