

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

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 11:30am – 1:00pm  
Albuquerque Museum Amphitheater

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**Board Members Present**

Helen Atkins, Vice-Chair  
Beverly R. Bendicksen  
Sherri Burr  
Joni Pierce  
Christine Glidden

Paul Mondragon, Secretary, Treasurer  
Chris Baca  
Wayne G. Chew  
Donald Couchman  
Hilma Chynoweth

**Board Members Absent**

Alan F. Weitzel, Chair  
Dr. Samorodin-McIlwain

Pamela Weese Powell

**Albuquerque Museum Staff Present**

Andrew Connors, Associate Director  
Elizabeth Becker, Education Curator  
Julie Valdez, Administrative Assistant

Josie Lopez, Art Curator  
Steve Petit, Curator of Collections

**I Call to Order**

The Board Meeting was called to order by Helen Atkins at 11:34am.

**II Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**III Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the August 11, 2021, meeting minutes was made by Beverly Bendicksen, Paul Mondragon provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

**IV Bylaws Review Committee Update, Donald Couchman**

The committee has met

A couple of issues need further research and definition

A draft document should be available for review at the next BOT Meeting

**V Appointment of Replacement for Jim Lowry on the Arts Advisory Board**

The passing of Jim Lowry left an open position on the Arts Advisory Board

Helen Lucero was recommended to fill the open position

A motion to accept Helen Lucero as the new member of the Arts Advisory Board was made by Chris Baca. Paul Mondragon provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

- BOT is reviewing the Art Advisory and the History Advisory Committees
- New appointees to start in January 2022
- Recommendations are welcome

## **VI Steve Petit, Curator of Collections**

- The collections department currently cares for 33,000+ pieces of artwork and artifacts
- Working on plans for a new 17,000 sq. ft. warehouse
- Funding for this warehouse will be included in a GO Bond in the November 2, 2021 election
- The museum staff is working on an intellectual way to expand the collection as well as the de-acquisition process

## **VII Director's Report**

Andrew Connors Reports:

- The Albuquerque Museum is currently working with The Electric Playhouse and the Powdrell family on an exhibit titled Facing the Rising Sun: Homesteading from a Black Perspective
- The Albuquerque Museum has been viewed by the outside world because of the innovative exhibitions we have displayed and are in line to display
  - Georgia O'Keefe in Europe
  - 1980 Santa Fe Textile to Europe & Scandinavian Museums
  - Drawing by Edward Borein in major publications
- aM best practices using professionalism as standard operation has given us national leadership
- Josie Lopez is building bridges with Santa Fe Thoma Foundation and TIMA Foundation
- Andrew & Kristi with the aMF are doing a great job raising money.
- aMF is working on a grant from the National Endowment for Humanity
- a General obligation Bond just under 1.5 million will include funds for a new warehouse that will incorporate space for the aM and the Balloon Museum
- aMF will help to find homes for aM self-published exhibit catalogs
- Kudos to Denise Crouse for all of the press exposure she has worked on for the aM
  - Mackintosh: Apollo Magazine, TPG, Art, Art & Antiques
  - Networking on E-Museums has allowed people to become aware of our exhibits on a global level
- Staffing: 9 vacancies
- Casa San Isidro is working with the Village of Corrales on fire easement

## **VII Albuquerque Museums Foundation Report**

Joni Pierce Reports:

- The annual ArtsThrive Collector's Dinner and opening weekend sold 57 pieces to 31 buyers bringing in \$61,000 in donations and sales
- ArtsThrive Exhibit remains available through December 5, 2021
- aMF will launch an update of their website in a few weeks
- Magic Bus has raised 64% of their fundraising goal for the year
- Gay Betzer Children's Fund donated \$50K. The family has offered an additional \$50K if the aMF can match it within the next calendar year
  - aMF has currently reached 17% of that goal
- Strategic Goals for FY2022:
  - Raise \$1.4 million for the Education Center
  - Increase membership by 7% per year
  - Increase Museum Support by 7% per year
- Government Support:
  - aMF to promote \$500K GO Bond for funds for Museum Education Center

- Mayor and City Council are planning to put nearly \$10 million in GO Bonds towards the Education center before voters between now and 2029
- aMF and BOT members can show support by calling and thanking the Mayor and members of City Council
- aMF has retained the services of Ann Conway to serve as their lobbyist with the state legislature in the upcoming short session (Jan 18-Feb 17)

#### **X Adjourn**

Next meeting will be December 8, 2021, at 11:30am in person at the Albuquerque Museum  
Sherri Burr made a motion to adjourn, Hilma Chynoweth provided a second. Board approves unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:42pm with a tour of the Mackintosh Exhibit installation progress