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                Alan F. Weitzel, Vice Chair
Helen Atkins, Secretary/Treasurer          Pamela Weese Powell
Judith N. Suiter                          Wayne G. Chew
Joni Pierce                               Paul M. Mondragon

Board Members Not Present
Sherri Burr

Albuquerque Museum Staff Present
Andrew Connors, Associate Director         Cynthia Garcia, Assistant Director
Josie Lopez, Art Curator                   Leslie Kim, History Curator
Elizabeth Becker, Education 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
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.