

**Albuquerque Museum Board of Trustees Meeting**  
City of Albuquerque Cultural Services

Wednesday, August 12, 2020 11:30am  
Via Zoom Videoconference

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**Board Members Present**

Pamela Weese Powell  
Beverly R. Bendicksen  
Helen Atkins  
Judith N. Suiter  
Wayne G. Chew  
Alan F. Weitzel  
Sherri Burr

**Board Members Excused**

Joni Pierce

**Albuquerque Museum Staff Present**

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

Cynthia Garcia, Assistant Director  
Aaron Gardner, Casa San Ysidro Site Manager  
Denise Crouse, aMF Communications Manager  
Julie Valdez, Administrative Assistant

Dr. Shelle Sanchez, Director of Cultural Services

**Request to Record**

Request to record meeting was made by Andrew Connors.  
Request approved unanimously.

**I Call to Order**

The Board Meeting was called to order by Pamela Weese Powell at 11:35am.

**II Welcome Sherri Burr (new Trustee) and Leslie Kim (new History Curator)**

Sherri and Leslie were welcomed and introduced. Each gave a brief summary of their backgrounds.

**III Approval of February 10, 2020 Minutes**

A motion to approve the February 10, 2020 meeting minutes was made by Wayne Chew, Judith Suiter provided a second, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**IV Approval of Open Meetings Act Resolution**

- An Open Meetings Act Resolution was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting and some highlights were reviewed by Beverly Bendicksen
- OMA training was provided by City of Albuquerque Legal Staff on July 23, 2020
- Helen Maestas & Sherri Brueggemann are resources
- Agenda will be posted on aM website by Friday prior to bi-monthly scheduled meetings
- aM BOT can only act on items listed on the Agenda
- Public can attend in-person meetings

- Public can request the link (listen only mode) for Zoom meetings
- Public comments will be sent to BOT by Monday prior to bi-monthly scheduled meeting
- If vote is not unanimous, a tally and names will be recorded for individual votes

A motion to approve the Open Meeting Act Resolution was made by Beverly Bendicksen, a second was provided by Alan Weitzel, and the resolution was unanimously approved.

## **V Board Chair Report**

### **a. Discussion of La Jornada Monument**

#### **i. Public Comment**

No Public Comment

#### **ii. Recommendation Letter to ABQ Arts Board**

- BOT discussed the La Jornada Monument and fact that it belongs to the public art program managed by the Albuquerque Arts Board. The Albuquerque Arts Board is going to take public comment and determine the future disposition of the Monument.
- BOT notified of convening sessions – The City of Albuquerque will provide a facilitator to participate in the sessions. Convening sessions were created to allow community dialogue to acquire community centered/generated recommendations.
- An aM BOT meeting has been scheduled for September 2, 2020.
- Sherri Brueggemann will be asked to attend to speak on the history of the La Jornada Sculpture.
- Dr. Shelle Sanchez will be present to offer a mid-point summary of community recommendations developed during the convening sessions.
- BOT will visit Arts Board website and review information on La Jornada Sculpture prior to September 2, 2020, BOT meeting.
- This single item meeting Agenda will be posted three days prior to the September 2, 2020, scheduled meeting.

## **VI Election of Officers for 2020-2021**

- Pamela Weese Powell noted the following BOT changes for 2020-2021, with new officers taking the gavel on October 1, 2020. The slate of Officers proposed is as follows:

Beverly R. Bendicksen, Chair

Alan F. Weitzel, Vice Chair

Helen Atkins, Secretary/Treasurer

A motion to approve the slate as presented was made by Judith Suiter, a second was provided by Wayne Chew, and there was unanimous approval of the slate of Officers.

## **VII Museum Director Report**

Andrew Connors cedes his time to Dr. Shelle Sanchez, CABQ Cultural Services Director

Dr. Shelle Sanchez provided an update on proposed changes to the ordinances for aM BOT

- (13) Seats on Board
  - (9) one for each district
  - (3) at large (not district specific)
  - (1) aM Foundation Board Member appointed by the aM Foundation Board

## **VIII Education Curator Report**

Elizabeth Becker Reports:

- The Education Department is focusing on digital based Magic Bus experiences for K-5
- Projects include: Video Lessons, Teacher's Guides, Hands on Art Projects, Supply Kits
- Docents will film gallery tours on the next two Mondays
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday and Chatter Concerts are being provided virtually on aM website
- Moving towards digital lectures, panels and presentations
- "30 Americans" will be the next exhibition which opens in October 2020

## **IX Arts Curator Report**

Josie Lopez Reports:

- Josie shared a slide show presentation including:
  - New acquisitions
  - New aM Lobby Installation
  - Sculpture Garden now open to the public
  - "30 Americans" exhibit

## **X History Curator Report**

Leslie Kim Reports:

- Busy getting organized and acquainted with aM History Department
- Revisiting the "Only in Albuquerque" exhibit with plans to update and revise some content
- "Seven Generations of Red Power in New Mexico" digital exhibit opens November 7, 2020

## **XI New Business**

Andrew Connors introduced Aaron Gardner as the new City of Albuquerque Site Manager for Casa San Ysidro. Aaron Garner has been managing Casa San Ysidro for (2) years. Dr. Shelle Sanchez reallocated another permanent City of Albuquerque position to serve as the Site Manager position for Casa San Ysidro.

## **XII Adjourn**

Next meeting will be September 2, 2020, at 11:30am  
Meeting adjourned at 1:12pm