

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

Wednesday, August 10, 2022 11:30am – 1:00pm
Albuquerque Museum, Ventana Salon

Board Members Present

Alan F. Weitzel, Chair
Sherri Burr
Hilma Chynoweth
Steve Gallegos

Beverly R. Bendicksen
Christine Glidden
Senator Bill Tallman
Joni Pierce, aMF

Board Members Absent

Paul Mondragon, Secretary/Treasurer
Pamela Weese-Powell
Dr. Janet Samorodin-McIlwain

Helen Atkins, Vice Chair
Chris Baca

Albuquerque Museum Staff Present

Andrew Connors, Director
Elizabeth Becker, Curator of Education

Claudia Gallardo de Campbell, Asst. Director
Julie Valdez, Administrative Assistant

Elsa Menendez, Deputy Director of Arts & Culture
Denise Crouse, aMF Museum Preparator

Andrew Rogers, aMF Executive Director
Cyndy Garcia, Museums Administrator

Request to Record

Request to record meeting was made by Alan F. Weitzel.
Request approved unanimously.

I Call to Order

Alan F. Weitzel called the Board Meeting to order at 11:30am.

II Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III Approval of Meeting Minutes

In review of the aM Bot Draft Meeting Minutes from the June 8, 2022, BOT Meeting. (3) Revisions are requested.

Once the corrections requested were reviewed and approved for change, a motion to approve the June 8, 2022, meeting minutes was made by Beverly Bendicksen. Steve Gallegos provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

IV Introductions

Donald Couchman, Previously Representing District 8, introduces his replacement, Senator Bill Tallman

- Senator Bill Tallman provides a summary of his Career and involvement and support of Arts & Culture

V Nominating Committee Report

- Alan Weitzel Reports on Term Endings
 - Dr. Janet Samorodina-McIlwain: Representing District 4
 - Not Returning / No Replacement Identified
 - Christine Glidden: Representing District 5
 - Desire to be re-appointed
 - Beverly Bendicksen: Representing Mayor at Large
 - Not Returning / Alan Weitzel will fill this Mayor at Large Position
 - Alan Weitzel: Chairman, Representing District 9
 - Reappointed filling Beverly Bendicksen's Mayor at Large Position
 - District 9 will have a vacancy
- City Council appoints new Trustee Candidates on June 22, 2022
- New Trustee candidates are voted in, in August 2022
- New Term Limits are (3) Years
- Two consecutive terms are allowed for BOT Members

VI Election of Officers

Per Article III, Section I of the Bylaws

- Christin Glidden Reports on Nominating Committee Officer Recommendations:
 - Chairman: Alan Weitzel
 - Vice Chairman: Paul Mondragon
 - Secretary: Hilma Chynoweth
- Current Officers serve in capacity until replaced
- Officers scheduled to change on October 1, 2022

A motion to approve the Officer Recommendations is made by Sherri Burr. Beverly Bendicksen provided a second.

- (7) Bot Members voted Yes
- (1) Bot Member, Steve Gallegos, voted No
- No Abstentions
- Steve Gallegos encourages BOT Members to reach out to the Mayor and City Council to encourage they move forward with BOT Appointments

VII Fiscal Planning for the Museum – Cyndy Garcia

Cindy Garcia provides a Presentation on Albuquerque Museum, Balloon Museum, Casa San Ysidro and Explora's Capital Improvements and Cost Forecasting

- Albuquerque Museum: Education Center
 - RFP for Architects closed last week
 - 16,000 sq. ft. addition
- Balloon Museum: Roof Repairs
 - Working with Contractor on repairs
 - Celebration of the 2022 Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta's 50 Year Anniversary
- Casa San Ysidro: Roof Repairs
 - Historic Site Permission is Required
 - Bids have been received
 - Some GEO Bond & State Funding used for repairs

- Explora: Building a Campus
 - Education Center for Infant to Grade School activities while Parents continue their education
 - Education Center for High School preparation for the workforce
 - Administrative Committee to choose Architect for this Project
 - Public Partnership with City of Albuquerque
 - GEO Bond and State Funding
- Albuquerque Museum: Horreo Installed in Back Sculpture Garden
 - Gift from Loewe Foundation in Spain
 - Celebration scheduled for October 3rd Thursday Event

VIII Mechanical Issues Report – Andrew Connors

- Albuquerque Museum: HVAC System
 - HVAC is #1 priority
 - 1.7 Million Dollar quote to revamp entire system and have all gallery spaces on the same system
 - Some equipment installed in 1977 still functioning
 - Systems are pieced together
 - Staff has been able to maintain systems
 - Systems failing / aM Maintenance Team keeping systems operating
 - Temperature and Humidity Control is imperative for the safety and condition of Artwork contracted for Exhibits in the Galleries, as well as to maintain the condition of items owned by the museum
 - International Standards of Temperature and Humidity Control
 - Entering Phase 3/Final Phase of Capital Vison for the Museum
 - Master Plan originally developed in 1998
 - Phase 1 completed in 2004
 - Phase 2 completed in 2015
 - Pieces of equipment were never installed or “Value Engineered Out”
 - New \$22K Humidifier System Installed last week

IX Museum Director’s Report – Andrew Connors

- Notes appreciation of knowledge and support from new Assistant Director, Claudia Gallardo de Campbell and new Arts and Culture Deputy Director, Elsa Menendez
- Continued discussion on HVAC System
- Introduction of Education Center Project to new BOT Members
- Andrew cedes his time to Denise Crouse
 - Denise provides a handout noting Media successes include:
 - Albuquerque Courier review of Lee Marmon Exhibit
 - NPR Interview of La Malinche with Josie Lopez & Delilah Montoya
 - National coverage of La Malinche
 - Digital Billboard on I-40 (3-months) \$10K
 - KANW sponsorship with 30 minute announcements in NM News Spots, Drive Time and Live Remote Reporting at Museum Events
 - ROI Attendance Numbers:
 - ❖ Museum Attendance
 - ❖ Museum Programing

- ❖ Museum Events
- ❖ Event Rentals

X Curator's Report

Andrew Connors Reports:

- History Advisory Board approved objects includes:
 - Buffalo Soldier 19th Century Sabre
- Art Advisory Board did not have a Quorum
- Staff Changes:
 - Steve Petit, Curator of Collections, will Retire in September, 2022
 - Leslie Kim, Curator of History, will be leaving the Museum to return to Teaching
- The Hispanic Community will celebrate the addition of the Horreo

Elizabeth Becker, Curator of Education, Reports:

- (4) part Chatter Concert Series / 13 Year Partnership
 - Collaborates with concerts connected to our programs
 - Funded by NM Arts and Urban Enhancement Funds
- La Malinche Closing Event on August 28, 2022, includes a Performance in our Lobby by The Matachines from Bernalillo
- Fall Season of Museum Youth Classes are filling up:
 - Pre-school – Age 14
 - Magic Bus
 - Virtual Programs

IX Albuquerque Museum Foundation Report – Andrew Rogers

- Senator Tallman's support via aMF Lobbying appreciated
- New Board Members take seat July 1, 2022
- Education Budget \$72K / \$112K raised
 - Magic Bus
 - Art Matters \$28K - At Risk Youth Destinations
- Staffing Hiring Updates:
 - Development Manager in Progress
 - Museum Store Manager in Progress
 - Contract Grant Writer Hired
- aMF is the Fiscal Agent for the Horreo / Honored to help make this possible
- Lee Marmon Exhibit features donations from Kate Stetson, aMF Board Member
- Foundation Art Collected Over Years:
 - Working with Andrew Connors and Museum Curators to identify any objects owned or desired by aM
 - Items for Sale to Public / Raised over \$20K for Museum
 - Batch of objects donated to aMF 15 years ago include Pre-Columbian / Thousand Year Old Items. Worked with Albuquerque Museum who referred them to the Maxwell Museum, Dallas Art Museum and Emory University for item discovery
 - 12 identified
 - Re-patriated the 12 items back to Mexico
 - Associated Press Article went Global
 - ❖ 6 Canadian Provinces

- ❖ 42 States
- ❖ 9 Top 25 News Papers in USA
- ❖ Brazil, India, Mexico, Spain, Peru , UK & Taiwan
- Foundation Project to Update Gift Acceptance Policy

XI Adjourn

Next meeting will be October 12, 2022, at 11:30am in person at the Albuquerque Museum. Sherri Burr made a motion to adjourn. Hilma Chynoweth provided a second. Board approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:07pm