

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

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 11:30am – 1:00pm
Albuquerque Museum Auditorium

Board Members Present

Alan F. Weitzel, Chairman
Hilma Chynoweth, Secretary

Lindsey Fromm

Board Members Absent

Sherri Burr, Vice Chairman
Paul Mondragon
Augustine “Chris” Baca
Christine Glidden

Steve Gallegos
Senator Bill Tallman
Scott Schaffer

Albuquerque Museum Staff Present

Elsa Menendez, Deputy Director
Cyndy Garcia, Museum Administrator
Andrew Connors, Associate Director
Bibi Baloyra, Assistant Director

Elizabeth Becker, Education Curator
Alicia Romero, History Curator
Lori Stein, Operations & Events Supervisor
Mila Romero, Sr. Administrative Assistant

Albuquerque Museum Foundation Staff Present

Roddy Thompson in Andrew Rodgers, Executive Director’s absence

Public Attendees

None

I Call to Order by Alan Weitzel, and Authorization to Record

The Board Meeting was called to order by Alan Weitzel at 11:36am and approved to record.

II Public Comment

There were no public comments.

III Approval of Meeting Minutes

There was not a motion to approve the December 12, 2023 meeting minutes as no quorum present.

IV Introduction of Bibi Baloyra, Assistant Director, Andrew Connors

Andrew Connors introduces Bibi Baloyra.

Bibi Baloyra introduced herself and her museum experience.

V Appointment of Russ Davidson to the History Advisory Committee, Alicia Romero

Alicia Romero reported:

- Art Advisory Committee is in need of a member and Alan Weitzel accepted

There was not a motion to approve this appointment as no quorum present.

VI Update on the design of the Education Center, Andrew Connors

Andrew Connors reported:

- Reconceived location to the sculpture garden at front door of museum
- Terrific plan that pleases all including Elizabeth Becker and teachers
- Cyndy Garcia will do a cost analysis of what is needed per Architects drawings, this is on hold during legislative session
- Original size of the Education Center was 15,000 sq. ft. and now is 20,000 sq. ft.
- Original two floors but one floor would lower costs
- Efforts to re-design will happen after support from legislature is identified

VII Discussion: How Trustees can support Museum endeavors

Alan Weitzel reported:

- This meeting is geared towards the legislatures' efforts of the Education Center
- Alan Weitzel proposed to discuss this at the next meeting

VIII Museum Director Report, Andrew Connors

Andrew Connors reported:

- aM Staff:
 - Bibi Baloyra, Assistant Director on board
 - Facility Maintenance positions still remain open
- Thank you to those that came to the Coast to Coast to Coast opening.

IX Curators Reports

Elizabeth Becker reported:

- 13th year for 3rd Thursday Event
 - Long standing and most popular adult program
 - Different experiences and interests
 - Average 550 people per event
- Artist Chip Thomas
 - Alvarado Elementary School – Artist residency in classrooms
 - Also visiting artist in the museum lobby
- Tours of Common Ground gallery
 - Art to Start which is preschool
 - Also elementary then high school
- Many schools requesting tours of Coast to Coast to Coast

Alicia Romero reported:

- IMLS grant gaining more speed
- This Sunday is Dictators and the Disappeared last day
- Finishing the design on Nuclear Communities that opens on March 23rd

Andrew Connors reported in Josie Lopez's absence:

- Josie Lopez is working with Ginger on a series of grants that are due this week
- Great appreciation to the Foundation and Ginger on their grant work
- List of acquisitions for end of year

X Albuquerque Museum Foundation Report, Andrew Rodgers

Roddy Thompson reported in Andrew Rodgers absence:

- Very encouraged for the base line of \$1.44 million from the legislative session
- End of year fund raising campaigns went very well
- ArtsThrive Collectors' Premiere is March 14 and the Saturday Gala is March 16

Alan Weitzel asked if we should reach out to legislature at this point and Roddy Thompson replied no.

XI Adjourn

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 11:30am in person at the Albuquerque Museum.

There was not a motion to approve as no quorum present. Meeting adjourned at 12:36 pm.