

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

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 11:30am – 1:00pm  
Albuquerque Museum Auditorium

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**Board Members Present**

Alan F. Weitzel, Chairman  
Sherri Burr, Vice Chairman  
Paul Mondragon  
Hilma Chynoweth, Secretary

Steve Gallegos  
Senator Bill Tallman  
Lindsey Fromm

**Board Members Absent**

Augustine “Chris” Baca  
Christine Glidden

Scott Schaffer

**Albuquerque Museum Staff Present**

Shelle Sanchez, Director of Arts & Culture  
Cyndy Garcia, Museum Administrator  
Andrew Connors, Associate Director  
Josie Lopez, Head Curator

Elizabeth Becker, Education Curator  
Alicia Romero, History Curator  
Jonathan Wright, History Assistant  
Mila Romero, Sr. Administrative Assistant

**Albuquerque Museum Foundation Staff Present**

Andrew Rodgers, Executive Director

**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 11:38am and approved to record.

**II Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**III Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the October 17, 2023 meeting minutes (modified by adding Sherri Burr as Vice Chairman and removing Paul Mondragon as Treasurer) was made by Hilma Chynoweth, Steve Gallegos provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

**IV Update on the design process for the Education Center, Andrew Connors**

Andrew Connors reported:

- The design is moving along as planned
- Location of the Education Center will be at the front of the museum which will be much more productive use of space but will lose some sculpture garden
- Next big step will be requesting more funding

## **V Appointment of Orlando Leyba to the Art Advisory Committee, Josie Lopez**

Josie Lopez reported:

- Reconstructed the advisory committee
  - Set policies
  - Art, Photo and History committees
  - Seven community members with diverse representation
- Recommends the appointment of Orlando Leyba to the Art Advisory Committee

A motion to approve was made by Sherri Burr, Paul Mondragon provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

## **VI Appointment of Cecilia Navarette and Anthony DellaFlora to the History Advisory Committee, Alicia Romero**

Alicia Romero reported:

- Two committee members completed terms
- Recommends the appointment of Cecilia Navarette to the History Advisory Committee

A motion to approve was made by Steve Gallegos, Hilma Chynoweth provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

- Recommends the appointment of Anthony DellaFlora to the History Advisory Committee

A motion to approve was made by Steve Gallegos, Lindsey Fromm provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

## **VII Appointment of Trustee to History Advisory Committee, Alicia Romero**

Alicia Romero reported:

- History Advisory Committee meets the first Wednesday in April, August and September and presents new acquisitions
- Recommends the appointment of a Board of Trustee member to the History Advisory Committee
- Hilma Chynoweth was nominated

A motion to approve was made by Paul Mondragon, Sherri Burr provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

## **VIII Transfer of six Gigantes (Puppets) from the Arts and Culture Department to the Albuquerque Museum, Alicia Romero**

Alicia Romero reported:

- Opportunity to acquire the puppets which have 26-inch head with a fiberglass frame
- Five different puppets, Chinese man, Greek man, African man, Tahitian woman and Japanese woman – the sixth is on exhibit now
- Paid for through the Community Events Tricentennial Project fund in 2005/6
- Recommend the transfer of the six Gigantes (Puppets) to the Albuquerque Museum

A motion to approve was made by Hilma Chynoweth, Steve Gallegos provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

## **IX Museum Director Report, Andrew Connors**

Andrew Connors reported:

- Invited everyone to the O’Keeffe and Moore Members Only Event on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>
- Staffing:
  - Assistant Director starts January 16, 2024

- Assistant Facility Maintenance Supervisor paperwork sent to HR
- Operations and Events Supervisor position posted and closed, interviews are scheduled
- Collections Curator position posted and closed, waiting on applicants from HR
- Associate Education Curator should be posted soon
- Building-wide security system hardware installed and Andres Martinez does an amazing job with the contractor A-Com
- Andres Martinez coordinating a comprehensive survey of the fire suppression system. There was a pin-hole leak from corrosion, which has been repaired.
- Leaks in the roof repaired two weeks ago
- \$175,000 Heinrich Grant – using funds for Photo Archives and Curators
- Casa San Ysidro:
  - In negotiations with Church next door to design a parking area that is acceptable
  - Revised the contract with the Village of Corrales, without the County of Sandoval
  - Back and forth with the Village of Corrales regarding the flood water abatement
- Lindsey Fromm asked about the bronze sculpture that was stolen:
  - The Man Leaning On A Cane was stolen from the sculpture “Park Place” by Glenna Goodacre
  - A recycling plant reported the pieces turned in and sold, two men were arrested in the case
  - In 2016 a bronze sculpture of a dog was stolen but fully recovered
  - Museum added a flood light on the roof for more security and there have not been any encampments since

## **X Curators Reports**

Elizabeth Becker reported:

- Magic Bus program July-December numbers are 68 school visits, higher than last year and 30 tours for O’Keeffe and Moore Exhibition
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade buses are a challenge, Herrera Bus has stepped in, APS Transportation has staffing and timing issues
- New shift in Summer School visits
- Elementary School trend is 90% Albuquerque and 75% Title 1
- Range of Art and History packages to hand out in the future
- On-line exhibitions are readily available, 15 on-line exhibitions in the future

Josie Lopez reported:

- IMLS Grant in progress, 3 year period, curators, registrars and photo archives working together updating data base
- Applying every year for \$30,000 NEA Grant
- Will present a large group of works at next meeting
- Coast to Coast opens the end of January, historical Canadian artwork, new material for New Mexicans

Alicia Romero reported:

- Filling in the gaps of Italian families and Hispanic social history and business history
- Local Journalism Exhibition is very popular
- Upcoming Nuclear Communities Exhibitions
- Demographic analysis on every object in the Only In Albuquerque Exhibition

## **XI Albuquerque Museum Foundation Report, Andrew Rodgers**

Andrew Rodgers reported:

- The Foundation underwrites the Magic Bus program and there are no issues with continuing the program to the full extent of demonstrated need
- End of Year – Annual Fund, Hal Behl Support Scholarship, Exhibition Support all did very well
- Museum Education Center is on the ask list for Legislative session
- Outreach Day with Legislatures, ask for support
- Request this year is \$14,000,000

## **XII Adjourn**

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 11:30am in person at the Albuquerque Museum. Paul Mondragon made a motion to adjourn, Hilma Chynoweth provided a second. Board approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:06 pm.