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MUSEUMS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board (MCAAB)
Thursday, May 16, 2024, 4:00 PM
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting called to order at 4:06 pm.

2. **Roll Call.**

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Edens Gary	☒	☐
Giangiulio, Anne	☒	☐
Glenn, Lucio	☒	☐
Gonzalez, Marlene	☒	☐
Hernandez- Cigarruista, Patrick	☒	☐
Loweree, Carlos III	☐	☒
Olivares, Christopher	☐	☒
Prieto Montoya, Pamela (Vice-Chair)	☒	☐
Valdez, Laura (Chair)	☒	☐
Zampini, Maria	☐	☒

Consecutive Absences: None.

Others present: Ben Fyffe, Jesus Quintanilla, Sebastian Normand-Ribas, Edward Hayes, Michael Reyes, Erica Marin, Mayte Fitzgerald-Gonzalez, Adrian Guzman, Lilly Adriano, Rocio Rivas, Joel Muniz, Claudia Preza, and Stephanie Gardea

3. **Public Comment.** None.

4. **Approval of Minutes.** A Motion made by Gary Edens, seconded by Lucio Glenn; and unanimously carried to APPROVE the February 15, 2024 minutes as written. None opposed. The Motion Passes.

AYES: G. Edens, L. Glenn, A. Giangiulio, M. Gonzalez, P. Hernandez- Cigarruista, P. Prieto, and L. Valdez

NAYS: None

ABSENT: C. Loweree, C. Olivares, and M. Zampini

5. **Discussion and Action on Election of Officers: Chair & Vice- Chair.**

1st Motion- Election of Chair

A Motion made by Patrick Hernandez- Cigarruista, seconded by Lucio Glenn; and unanimously carried to APPROVE the election of Laura Valdez as Board Chair. None opposed. The Motion Passes.

AYES: G. Edens, L. Glenn, A. Giangiulio, M. Gonzalez, P. Hernandez- Cigarruista, P. Prieto, and L. Valdez

NAYS: None

ABSENT: C. Loweree, C. Olivares, and M. Zampini

2nd Motion- Election of Vice-Chair

A Motion made by Patrick Hernandez- Cigarruista, seconded by Gary Edens; and unanimously carried to APPROVE the election of Pamela Montoya Prieto as Board Vice-Chair. None opposed. The Motion Passes.

AYES: G. Edens, L. Glenn, A. Giangiulio, M. Gonzalez, P. Hernandez- Cigarruista, P. Prieto, and L. Valdez

NAYS: None

ABSENT: C. Loweree, C. Olivares, and M. Zampini

6. **Discussion and Action on the Appointment of Charles Mais to the Public Art Committee.** Adrian Guzman, Public Art Projects Associate, addressed the Board to introduce the agenda item. Mr. Guzman and Ben Fyffe answered questions and provided a brief overview of appointed liaisons and their duties to the Public Art Committee (PAC).

A Motion made by Lucio Glenn, seconded by Laura Valdez; and unanimously carried to APPROVE the appointment of Charles Mais. None opposed. The Motion Passes.

AYES: G. Edens, L. Glenn, A. Giangiulio, M. Gonzalez, P. Hernandez- Cigarruista, P. Prieto, and L. Valdez

NAYS: None

ABSENT: C. Loweree, C. Olivares, and M. Zampini

7. **Discussion and Action on an Art Donation to the Public Art Purchase Program, 'A Dios Le Pido' by Rebecca Bencomo.** Lilly Adriano, Administrative Support Associate, addressed the Board to introduce the agenda item and stated that the program was seeking approval to accept the donation. Ben Fyffe addressed the Board to mention that if approved, this would go into a rotating collection of art pieces displayed in public spaces within Municipal facilities.

A Motion made by Patrick Hernandez-Cigarruista, seconded by Pamela Montoya Prieto; and unanimously carried to ACCEPT the donation. None opposed. The Motion Passes.

AYES: G. Edens, L. Glenn, A. Giangiulio, M. Gonzalez, P. Hernandez- Cigarruista, P. Prieto, and L. Valdez

NAYS: None

ABSENT: C. Loweree, C. Olivares, and M. Zampini

8. **Discussion and Action on El Paso Museum of Archaeology Artifact Loan Request: Requested by The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum.** Sebastian Normand-Ribas, Director, addressed the Board to introduce the agenda item. Mr. Normand-Ribas stated that The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin has requested an artifact loan for their upcoming exhibit titled, *Texas Roots*. The Bullock Museum's curatorial team has requested to borrow this piece for a one-year period, from July 2024 to July 2025.

A Motion was made by Patrick Hernandez-Cigarruista, seconded by Laura Valdez, and unanimously carried to APPROVE the loan request. None opposed. The Motion Passed.

AYES: G. Edens, L. Glenn, A. Giangiulio, M. Gonzalez, P. Hernandez- Cigarruista, P. Prieto, and L. Valdez

NAYS: None

ABSENT: C. Loweree, C. Olivares, and M. Zampini

9. **Discussion and Action on El Paso Museum of Art Accessions.** Edward Hayes, Director, addressed the Board to introduce the agenda item. Claudia Preza, Assistant Curator, addressed the Board; she began by presenting photos of three proposed donations. The first proposed donation piece, *If you say something see something (Cornucopia N.1)* by artist Alejandro Almanza Pereda. Ms. Preza added that, if approved, it would enhance the Museum's sculpture collection and Mexican contemporary artwork. The second proposed donation presented was *The Jim Drawings, #25* by artist Gael Stack, and the third was *Woman with Cell Phone*, by artist James Drake. Ms. Preza provided detailed information for each piece. She then presented four proposed purchases with funds provided by the Estate of Lineaus Hooper Lorette, which, if approved, will be acquisitions for the 2024 Border Biennial. The first piece is by artist Haydee Alonso, *"Bad" hyphens separate; "good" hyphens attach*, a sterling silver and brass earring, accompanied by a photograph by Miguel Eduardo Vargas. The second consideration is a digital photograph by artist Pico del Hierro-Villa, *Las Virgencitas Enamoradas, part of the "Breaking the Borders of La Virgen de Guadalupe" Series*. The third purchase for consideration is a textile work by artist Andres

Payan Estrada, *Queer Topographies (Briar Patch)*, and the fourth is an oil on canvas by artist George Strasburger, *Two Men on a Trail*.

A motion was made by Patrick Hernandez-Cigarruista, seconded by Marlene Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to APPROVE to vote for each item on agenda number nine individually. None opposed. The Motion Passed.

AYES: G. Edens, L. Glenn, A. Giangiulio, M. Gonzalez, P. Hernandez- Cigarruista, P. Prieto, and L. Valdez

NAYS: None

ABSENT: C. Loweree, C. Olivares, and M. Zampini

Vote 1: The first proposed donation, *If you say something see something (Cornucopia N.1)* by artist Alejandro Almanza Pereda.

1st Motion

Motion was made by Patrick Hernandez-Cigarruista, seconded by Marlene Gonzalez, to NOT ACCEPT the first proposed donation.

AYES: M. Gonzalez, P. Hernandez- Cigarruista,

NAYS: G. Edens, L. Glenn, A. Giangiulio, P. Prieto, and L. Valdez

ABSENT: C. Loweree, C. Olivares, and M. Zampini

DECISION: The Motion Failed

2nd Motion- Final Vote

Motion was made by Anne Giangiulio, seconded by Laura Valdez, and carried to ACCEPT the first proposed donation.

AYES: G. Edens, L. Glenn, A. Giangiulio, P. Prieto, and L. Valdez

NAYS: M. Gonzalez, P. Hernandez- Cigarruista,

ABSENT: C. Loweree, C. Olivares, and M. Zampini

DECISION: The Motion Passed.

Vote 2: The second proposed donation, *The Jim Drawings, #25* by artist Gael Stack.

A motion was made by Patrick Hernandez-Cigarruista, seconded by Gary Edens, and unanimously carried to ACCEPT the second proposed donation. None opposed. The Motion Passed.

AYES: G. Edens, L. Glenn, A. Giangiulio, M. Gonzalez, P. Hernandez- Cigarruista, P. Prieto, and L. Valdez

NAYS: None

ABSENT: C. Loweree, C. Olivares, and M. Zampini

Vote 3: The third proposed donation, *Woman with Cell Phone* by artist James Drake.

A motion was made by Gary Edens, seconded by Pamela Montoya Prieto, and unanimously carried to ACCEPT the third proposed donation. None opposed. The Motion Passed.

AYES: G. Edens, L. Glenn, A. Giangiulio, M. Gonzalez, P. Hernandez- Cigarruista, P. Prieto, and L. Valdez

NAYS: None

ABSENT: C. Loweree, C. Olivares, and M. Zampini

Vote 4: A purchase proposal for a sterling silver and brass earring piece by artist Haydee Alonso, accompanied by a photograph by Miguel Edwardo Vargas.

A motion was made by Anne Giangiulio, seconded by Gary Edens, and unanimously carried to APPROVE the purchase. None opposed. The Motion Passed.

AYES: G. Edens, L. Glenn, A. Giangiulio, M. Gonzalez, P. Hernandez- Cigarruista, P. Prieto, and L. Valdez

NAYS: None

ABSENT: C. Loweree, C. Olivares, and M. Zampini

Vote 5: A purchase proposal for a digital photograph by artist Pico del Hierro-Villa.

A motion was made by Anne Giangiulio, seconded by Lucio Glenn, and carried to APPROVE the purchase. The Motion Passed.

AYES: G. Edens, L. Glenn, A. Giangiulio, M. Gonzalez, P. Prieto, and L. Valdez

NAYS: P. Hernandez- Cigarruista

ABSENT: C. Loweree, C. Olivares, and M. Zampini

Vote 6: A purchase proposal for a textile work by artist Andres Payan Estrada.

A motion was made by Anne Giangiulio, seconded by Pamela Montoya Prieto, and carried to APPROVE the purchase. The Motion Passed.

AYES: G. Edens, L. Glenn, A. Giangiulio, , P. Prieto, and L. Valdez

NAYS: M. Gonzalez, P. Hernandez- Cigarruista

ABSENT: C. Loweree, C. Olivares, and M. Zampini

Vote 7: A purchase proposal for an oil on canvas piece by artist George Strasburger.

A motion was made by Gary Edens seconded by Pamela Montoya Prieto, and unanimously carried to APPROVE the purchase. None opposed. The Motion Passed.

AYES: G. Edens, L. Glenn, A. Giangiulio, M. Gonzalez, P. Hernandez- Cigarruista, P. Prieto, and L. Valdez

NAYS: None

ABSENT: C. Loweree, C. Olivares, and M. Zampini

- 10. Discussion and Action on El Paso Museum of History Accessions.** Stephanie Gardea, Museum Registrar, addressed the Board to present the proposed accession nominations. Ms. Gardea presented part II of 2024 accessions, which are gifts from Michael T. Ricker, Linda Chew, and The Estate of Lineaus Lorette (presentation attached). Board Members had questions, which were answered by Stephanie Gardea and Erica Marin.

A motion was made by Anne Giangiulio seconded by Marlene Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to APPROVE the purchase. None opposed. The Motion Passed.

AYES: G. Edens, L. Glenn, A. Giangiulio, M. Gonzalez, P. Hernandez- Cigarruista, P. Prieto, and L. Valdez

NAYS: None

ABSENT: C. Loweree, C. Olivares, and M. Zampini

- 11. Museum Reports.** Edward Hayes addressed the Board to present the Art Museum report. Mr. Hayes highlighted the upcoming exhibition, *A Beautiful Mess*, next week. He also mentioned the celebration of International Museum Day on Saturday and encouraged the Board to attend. Sebastian Normand-Ribas, addressed the Board to present the Archaeology report. Mr. Normand-Ribas began by discussing attendance, past, and various upcoming events. Mr. Normand-Ribas highlighted the upcoming exhibition, *The Other Life of Fakes: Valuable Parallel Stories*, opening in July. He mentioned there would be another exhibition, later in the year, *Sun Sparkle-Pueblo Micaceous Pottery*. Erica Marin, addressed the Board to present the History report. Ms. Marin shared exciting news, that the Museum recently received a \$10,000 grant from the Robert E. and Evelyn McKee Foundation, which will be used to enhance low-sensory Saturday events. Ms. Marin mentioned various upcoming events and exhibitions.

- 12. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2024.

Approved for content by:
Ben Fyffe, Managing Director
Museums & Cultural Affairs Department

Respectfully submitted by:
Rocio Rivas, Research and Management Assistant
Museums & Cultural Affairs Department

Attachments: Agenda Item 10 presentation.



EL PASO
MUSEUM OF
HISTORY

Museum Accession Nominations 2024 Part II

Gifts recommended for Accession into EPMH Permanent Collection

- Gift from Michael T. Ricker – Items from EPMH *Mexicanidad* exhibition
- Gift from Linda Chew – Items from Lunar New Year Exhibition
- Gift from the Estate of Lineaus Lorette - *The Narrative of Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca* Rare Text

Gift from Michael T. Ricker – Items from EPMH *Mexicanidad* exhibition

*This olinalá is in excellent condition and fits in the Mexican Folk Art Collection



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*These pulque jars are in excellent condition and fit in the Mexican Folk Art Collection



Gift from Michael T. Ricker – Items from EPMH *Mexicanidad* exhibition

*This carved coconut is in excellent condition and fits in the Mexican Folk Art Collection



Gift from Michael T. Ricker – Items from EPMH *Mexicanidad* exhibition

*This loteria set is in excellent condition and fits in the Mexican Folk Art Collection



Gift from Michael T. Ricker – Items from EPMH *Mexicanidad* exhibition
*This hand-carved cane set is in excellent condition and fits in the Mexican Folk Art Collection



Gift from Linda Chew – Items from EPMH *Lunar New Year* Exhibition

*This rebozo is in excellent condition and fits in our Chinese Community collection



Gift from Linda Chew – Items from EPMH *Lunar New Year* Exhibition

*This Chew Family Heirloom Wedding Headdress is in good condition and fits
in the Chinese Community collection

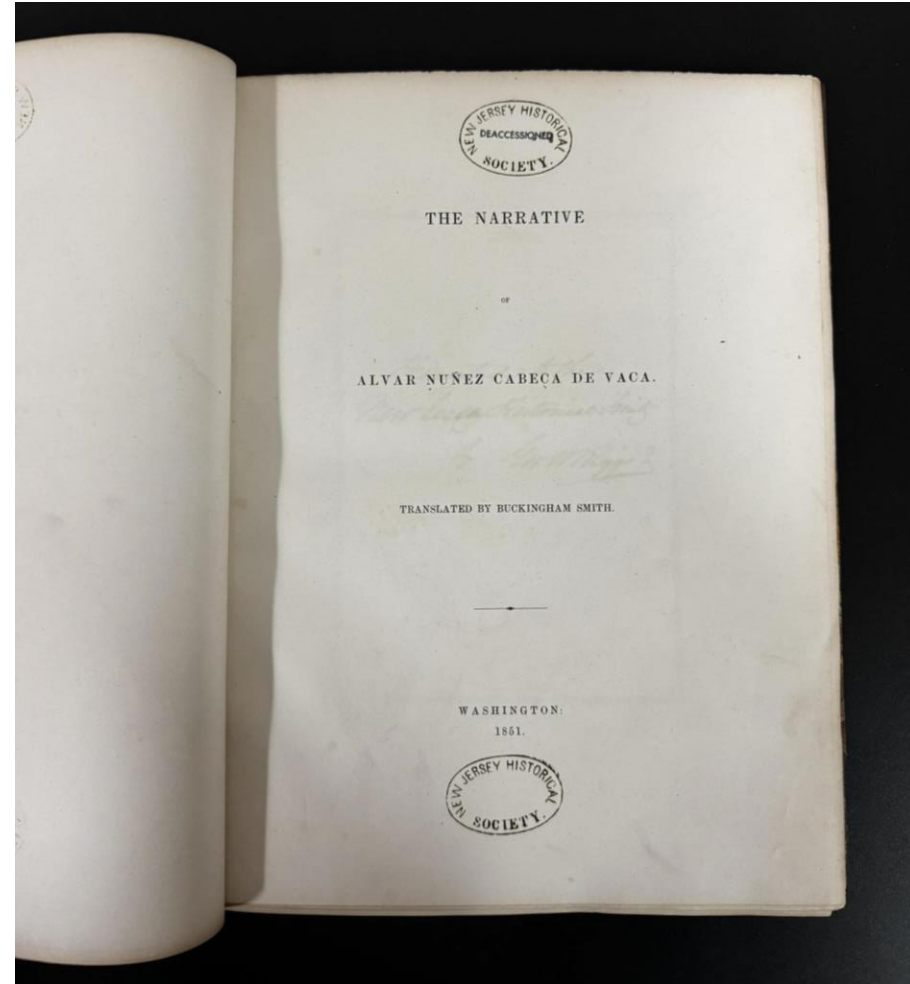
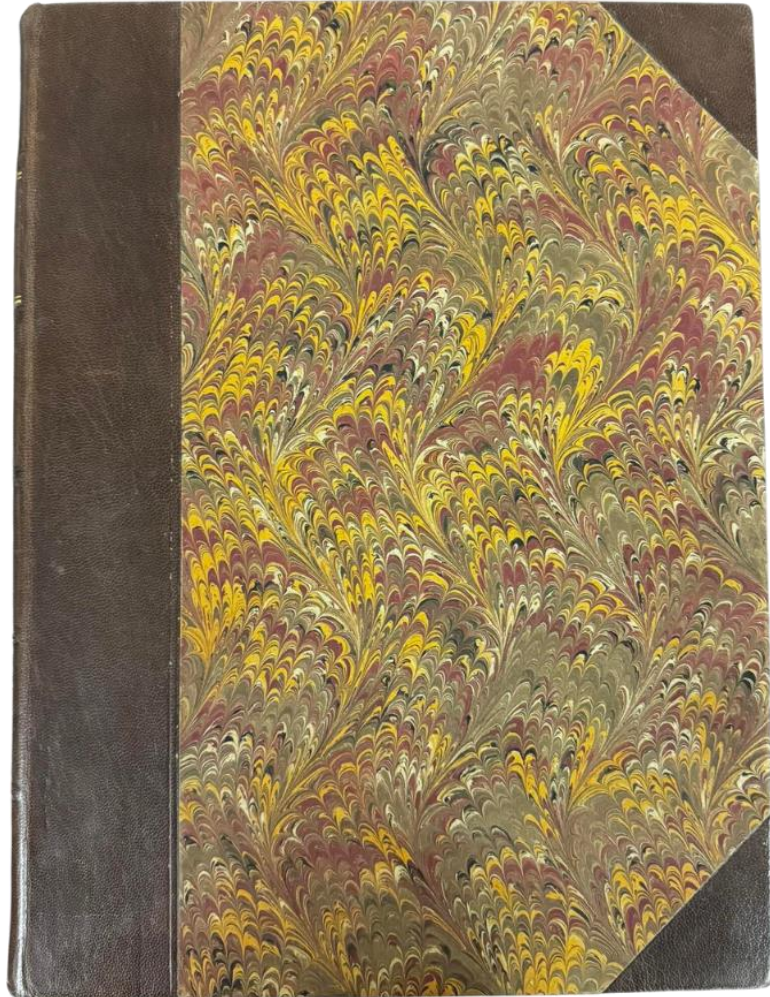


Gift from Linda Chew – Items from EPMH *Lunar New Year* Exhibition

*This Chew Family Heirloom Chinese Farmworker Hat is in good condition and fits in the Chinese Community collection



Gift from the Estate of Lineaus Lorette – *The Narrative of Alvar Nunez Cabeca de Vaca* –
Original 1555 text; Translated by Buckingham Smith, 1851
*This book is in excellent condition and fits in the Rare Books collection



Questions?