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MUSEUMS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board (MCAAB)
Thursday, October 17, 2024, 4:00 PM
Via Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

Call to Order. Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm.

Roll Call.

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<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Edens Gary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Giangiulio, Anne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glenn, Lucio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gonzalez, Marlene	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hernandez- Cigarruista, Patrick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Loweree, Carlos III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Olivares, Christopher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prieto Montoya, Pamela (Vice-Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Salas, Jose Luis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tena, Vanessa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valdez, Laura (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Zampini, Maria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Consecutive Absences: None

Others Present: Claudia Cardoza, Jesus Quintanilla, Sebastian Ribas-Normand, Edward Hayes, Michael Reyes, Erica Marin, Rocio Rivas, Lucero Duran, Stephanie Gardea, Carolyn Yañez, Michael Reyes, and Ariana Varela

Public Comment. None.

- Approval of Minutes.** A Motion made by Patrick Hernandez-Cigarruista, seconded by Maria Zampini; and unanimously carried to APPROVE the September 19, 2024 minutes as written. None opposed. The Motion Passes.

AYES: G. Edens, L. Glenn, A. Giangiulio, P. Hernandez- Cigarruista, P. Prieto, J. Salas, and L. Valdez
M. Gonzalez, C. Loweree, V. Tena, M. Zampini, and C. Olivares

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

- Discussion and Action on El Paso Museum of Archaeology Accessions.** Sebastian Ribas-Normand, Director, addressed the Board to present the proposed Accessions. Mr. Ribas-Norman presented a detailed presentation of 15 ceramic pieces donated by Susan K. Talley, from Washington DC, in memory of her father, Robert H Kaim. The pieces were legally purchased by Mr. Kaim in the 1980s from Amerind Art, Inc., Santa Monica, California. The pieces were presented and divided into three sets; Pueblo and Hopi-Tewa ceramics, Prehistoric ceramics, and two West Mexican pieces. Board Members posed questions, which were addressed by Sebastian Ribas-Normand.

A Motion made by Christopher Olivares, seconded by Pamela Montoya Prieto; and unanimously carried to APPROVE the El Paso Museum of Archaeology Accessions. None opposed. The Motion Passes.

AYES: G. Edens, L. Glenn, A. Giangiulio, P. Hernandez- Cigarruista, P. Prieto, J. Salas, and L. Valdez
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NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

- 3. Discussion and Action on El Paso Museum of History Accessions.** Stephanie Gardea, Museum Registrar, addressed the Board to present two proposed items for accession into the Museum's permanent collection. The first item, donated by Michael T. Ricker, is a print from the EPMH *Mexicanidad* exhibition, in excellent condition. The second donation, from Ginger Warden, includes two S.D. Myers Saddle Company family heirlooms: a saddle and a pistol case, both in excellent condition, which fit well within the Museum's early El Paso collection. A Board Member posed a question, which Stephanie Gardea addressed.

A Motion made by Maria Zampini, seconded by Patrick Hernandez-Cigarruista; and unanimously carried to APPROVE the El Paso Museum of History Accessions. None opposed. The Motion Passes.

AYES: G. Edens, L. Glenn, A. Giangiulio, P. Hernandez- Cigarruista, P. Prieto, J. Salas, and L. Valdez
M. Gonzalez, C. Loweree, V. Tena, M. Zampini, and C. Olivares

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

- 4. Discussion and Action on El Paso Museum of Art Acquisitions.** Edward Hayes, Director, addressed the Board to introduce the agenda item and to welcome a new staff member, Ariana Garcia Varela, Assistant Curator. Michael Reyes, Senior Curator, addressed the Board and presented four proposed acquisitions for the Museum's permanent collection. The first is a gift from Willis Inde, executor for the estate of Lineaus Lorette, featuring a piece by artist Cecilia Visser titled *Next Tide*. The second is a gift from Brooke Olson of an oil on canvas by artist Hari Kidd titled *Woman Capturing Snake*. The third gift is from artist Mark Messersmith, an artwork titled *August Night at the Boat Ramp*. The fourth acquisition is a purchase of *Selena #4*, a chromogenic print by John Dyer. Board Members posed questions, which were addressed by Michael Reyes.

A Motion made by Vanessa Tena, seconded by Pamela Montoya Prieto; and unanimously carried to APPROVE the El Paso Museum of History Accessions. None opposed. The Motion Passes.

AYES: G. Edens, L. Glenn, A. Giangiulio, P. Hernandez- Cigarruista, P. Prieto, J. Salas, and L. Valdez
M. Gonzalez, C. Loweree, V. Tena, M. Zampini, and C. Olivares

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

- 5. Discussion on FY24 Cultural Funding Program.** Carolyn Yañez, Cultural Development Coordinator, addressed the Board to provide an update on the final report for the fiscal year 2024 cultural funding program. She highlighted three program categories: the Operating Support Program, the Arts Activate Program, and the Artist Incubator Program. For fiscal year 2024, a total of \$200,500 was awarded, funding eight artists and sixteen organizations, with a final attendance count of 84,408, marking a significant increase over the previous year. Carolyn Yañez highlighted several key grantees and successful projects, including senior musicians' concerts and art education initiatives, showcasing the program's positive impact on the community. Board Members posed questions, which were addressed by Carolyn Yañez.

- 6. Discussion on Museums & Cultural Affairs Department Festivals and Events.** Lucero Duran, Production and Marketing Coordinator, addressed the Board to provide an overview of recent and upcoming signature events. She highlighted Chalk the Block, held recently on October 11–13, with over 50,000 attendees and a new cohesive layout incorporating both the MACC and La Nube sites. The event featured local and national artists, including a brand-new popular People's Choice Award where people were able to vote online. Lucero Duran then discussed the upcoming Día de Los Muertos event on November 2, with a new parade route beginning at City Hall, and provided details about the upcoming WinterFest Market, running November 23 to January 5, with over 50 vendors each week. Finally, Ms. Duran introduced the Lunar New Year celebration, scheduled for February 1, 2025, at the El Paso Museum of History, noting its potential as a growing signature event. Board Members posed questions, which were addressed by Lucero Duran.

- 7. Museum Reports.** Edward Hayes, Director of the Museum of Art, addressed the Board and provided updates on recent programming and upcoming exhibitions. He shared the success of the Museum's Film Festival and previewed the fall programming, noting that some dates remain tentative due to an ongoing HVAC upgrade. Mr. Hayes anticipates a reopening of the second gallery in early 2025, pending the

project's completion. Sebastian Ribas-Normand, Director of Archaeology, addressed the Board to report on current attendance. He then highlighted the success of the recent *Dig into the Past* event for Texas Archaeology Month, which drew close to 100 attendees. Mr. Ribas-Normand also provided details about the Museum's involvement in upcoming Día de Los Muertos events, including details about the group participation in the parade. Additionally, he noted the plans for Native American Heritage Month, with a revised speaker lineup, and announced a new exhibit, *Sun Sparkle-Pueblo Micaceous Pottery*, opening in December. Erica Marin, Director of the Museum of History, addressed the Board, sharing the Museum's doubled attendance year-to-date, which is largely due to the reopening of Cleveland Square. She highlighted several Día de Los Muertos upcoming events. Lastly, Ms. Marin announced a collaboration with the Mexican American Cultural Center to activate Cleveland Square Park during the main Día de Los Muertos celebration.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:01 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2024.

Approved for content by:
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Attachments: None

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