

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM BOARD MINUTES

May 10, 2016

Present

Chuck Wilson, Chair
Elio Palacios, Jr., Vice Chair
Holly Evans
Mary Hughes
Rose Monge
Bud Minton

Museum Staff Present

Brenda Focht, Senior Admin. Curator
Toni Kinsman, Senior Office Specialist

Absent

Todd Carpenter
Dorothy Fadakar

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:03p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes- April 19, 2016

The minutes from April 19, 2016 were approved with the following corrections: under Museum Operations, correct the sentence regarding Paisley Cato to the following: A Museum contract with Paisley Cato is in progress for consulting for Natural History subject matters and also to assist in the updating of the live animal policy. Delete *polo mallets were* from the Collections Committee. The gift of appreciation for Dave Barnhart will be given to his wife, Peggy as it is with Sarah Mundy.

Motion: E. Palacios

Second: M. Hughes

Ayes: All

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It was requested that the Museum Board consider an alternative meeting date that does not coincide with the City Council meetings on Tuesdays. The Museum Board made a motion to change the meeting date of the Metropolitan Museum Board to the 2nd Wednesday of each month. If an issue with the date arises, the date can be re-evaluated. The next meeting will be scheduled for June 8th at 4:00pm.

Motion: H. Evans

Second: R. Monge

Ayes: All

2. Update on Museum Outreach Materials for Board Use

A report was distributed with the information that a presentation will be available at the June Museum Board meeting. This request was based on an inquiry by B. Minton.

REPORT ON MUSEUM OPERATIONS

B. Focht reported that on July 19th and 20th the Museum will have on-site reaccreditation reviewers from the American Alliance of Museums (AAM). The Museum & Cultural Affairs department presented their budget to City Council on May 3rd. The Director of the Smithsonian Affiliates visited Riverside and was able to view the Smithsonian models on display. The Insect Fair was a success, despite rain in the morning hours. Associate Curator of Anthropology, Sean Milanovich gave his resignation notice so he could pursue his doctorate degree full time. The two offers given for the Development position were declined by the candidates because one candidate accepted a job offer at UC Riverside and the other candidate's spouse accepted a new job out of state.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS- No items at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

3. RMM Board Harada House Project Ad Hoc Committee- the next meeting is scheduled for May 12th at 3:00pm

4. RMM Collections Committee- C. Wilson pointed out wooden life size cut outs displayed in the conference room windows; a creative storage use for past exhibit items. The Collections Committee meeting date will be changed to coincide with the Museum Board meetings.

5. Exhibitions Committee- a meeting will be scheduled next month by Brenda. A new exhibit will be opening soon in the Orientation Gallery about Riverside's firsts.

6. Budget/ Development Committee- B. Minton reported no meeting was held.

7. Riverside Museum Associates (RMA) - Peggy Barnhart gave an update that the Annual Business Meeting will be held at 6pm on May 12th in the Museum's 2nd floor gallery. The election of officers will occur and committee reports will be given. There are no new nominations for the slate of officers, Peggy Barnhart is up for re-election as President. The RMA reception after the May 12th meeting was cancelled due to the Museum's participation in the Open Doors Riverside event. The Annual Ice Cream Social (ICS) at Heritage House is scheduled for June 26th. May 17th will be the next planning meeting for the ICS. The RMA lecture series will host an event in the Heritage House gardens on Wed. Nov. 2nd. They would also like to schedule a tour of Sycamore Canyon as well.

BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

8. Public Comment Period- none at this time.

9. Brief reports on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by Riverside Metropolitan Museum Board members- Sarah Mundy, Brenda Focht & Teresa Belding will be attending the annual AAM conference in Washington, DC at the end of the month.

10. Items for future Riverside Metropolitan Museum Board consideration as requested by Board members.

C. Wilson requested that Museum site tours be scheduled for the new Museum Board members in September.

11. Absence Motion- the absence of Dorothy Fadakar was motioned as excused due to vacation. The absence of Todd Carpenter was not motioned as excused due to no notice.

12. Adjournment- the meeting adjourned at 4:44pm