

# **METROPOLITAN MUSEUM BOARD MINUTES**

**July 13, 2016**

## **Present**

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

## **Museum Staff Present**

Sarah Suverkrup Mundy, Director  
Brenda Focht, Senior Admin. Curator  
Toni Kinsman, Senior Office Specialist

## **Absent**

Todd Carpenter

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **1. Minutes- May 10, 2016**

The minutes from May 10, 2016 were approved without correction.

Motion: M. Hughes

Second: H. Evans

Ayes: All

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

### **REPORT ON MUSEUM OPERATIONS**

Museum Natural History Consultant Paisley Cato has begun work on the Live Animal Policy as well as working on collections management and meeting with Education staff in preparation for the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) reaccreditation visit. Paisley has served as an AAM reviewer in the past. The AAM visit has been scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The schedule will consist of interviews with Museum staff, City officials, Board Chair and RMA President. The AAM reviewers will be conducting site visits and assessing governance and Museum policies.

The Museum has a new WRCOG fellowship intern for the next 9 months, Megan Elder who will be working under Margie Haupt. Megan is a recent graduate from Cal Baptist University majoring in sociology and a minor in social justice.

Live Nation has donated \$45,000 to the Riverside Museum Associates to be used for the Nature Lab.

The Arts & Cultural Affairs division is already underway with planning for the 2016 Festival of Lights event.

Museum staff will arrange sites tours for the newest Museum Board members.

### **2. Presentation for Metropolitan Museum Board to Use for Outreach Activities**

The PowerPoint presentation for the Museum Board to use for outreach as requested was distributed in PDF form in Board packets. R. Monge suggested adding the RMA Multicultural Council into the RMA slide for their Family Village Festival and Day of Inclusion events. Bud Minton showed a presentation he created many years ago to promote RMA membership at the Museum.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS-** No items at this time.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**3. RMM Board Harada House Project Ad Hoc Committee-** the Executive Committee has moved forward with contacting individuals to join the ad hoc committee. There will be approximately 20-25 members. The next meeting will occur in September. The Harada House preservation project has begun.

**4. RMM Collections Committee-** C. Wilson asked for volunteers to join the Collections Committee.

**5. Exhibitions Committee-** H. Evans volunteered to join.

**6. Budget/ Development Committee-** D. Fadakar and J. Binkley volunteered to join. The City is now on a two year budget cycle. The goal is to have quarterly meetings for updates. The Museum received a 4% budget cut and \$100k in managed savings that was spread across ten line items.

**7. Riverside Museum Associates (RMA)** – President Peggy Barnhart was absent due to surgery.

#### BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

**8. Public Comment Period-** none at this time.

**9. Items for future Riverside Metropolitan Museum Board consideration as requested by Board members.** No current discussion.

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

**Adjournment-** the meeting adjourned at 5:09pm