

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM BOARD MINUTES

August 10, 2016

Present

Chuck Wilson, Chair
Elio Palacios, Jr., Vice Chair
Jennifer Binkley
Todd Carpenter (A 4:03pm)
Dorothy Fadakar
Mary Hughes
Bud Minton

Museum Staff Present

Sarah Suverkrup Mundy, Director (A 4:05)
Brenda Focht, Senior Admin. Curator (A 4:07)
Lynn Voorheis, Curator Collec. & Historic Structures (A 4:05)
Toni Kinsman, Senior Office Specialist

Absent

Holly Evans
Rose Monge

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes- July 13, 2016

The minutes from July 13, 2016 were approved without correction.

Motion: M. Hughes

Second: D. Fadakar

Ayes: All

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

C. Wilson reported that the newest exhibit Changing America is now open. The Museum has been receiving lots of coverage in the Press Enterprise lately. In regards to the Museum Outreach PowerPoint presentation, Chuck wanted to see if any changes had been made. S. Mundy confirmed that there will be a slide added for outreach and one for the RMA/ Multicultural Council. A response from the AAM field reviewers was to have quicker turnarounds for Museum exhibits. Shorter duration and more traveling installations.

REPORT ON MUSEUM OPERATIONS

S. Mundy reported that the front desk renovation is almost complete. An idea to include a list of current constructions projects for the Museum and posted up front for the visitors was proposed and accepted. The lobby will feature new lettering. "Changing America" has opened. During one public event, a protest sign that was made the day prior during a special event for the African American Association of Museum (AAAM) conference was removed from the wall. Security footage has been obtained and will be handled accordingly. A discussion ensued about respect for Museum objects and exhibits, no matter the historical content. C. Wilson suggested a public event to collect items of specific eras to increase our contemporary collection at the Museum. Proper storage of the potential donations was a concern.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

2. National Historic Landmark Harada House Neighborhood Vision Plan

The recommendation for the Museum Board to accept and recommend the National Historic Landmark Harada House Neighborhood Vision Plan for City Council was approved.

Motion: E. Palacios

Second: D. Fadakar

Ayes: All

COMMITTEE REPORTS

3. RMM Board Harada House Project Ad Hoc Committee- the next meeting of the executive Committee will be at 11am tomorrow to discuss the contacted individuals for the formal Committee. A mixer will be organized for interested individuals to support the project.

4. RMM Collections Committee- a meeting was held prior to the Board meeting.

5. Exhibitions Committee- B. Focht reported the next meeting is scheduled for next week. Holly, Chuck & Mary will attend.

6. Budget/ Development Committee- a September meeting will be scheduled.

7. Riverside Museum Associates (RMA) – President Peggy Barnhart reported that the RMA has mailed invitations for their September 17th fundraiser at the Frank & Lucy Heyming Estate. Tickets will be \$75/ each. The Chinese Mood festival will be held at the Heritage House on Friday September 16th. Another fundraiser will be held at the Community Players theater on November 10th with tickets at \$35/ each. The RMA lecture series for November will be held at Heritage House on Thursday November 3rd. Reservations are requested since refreshments will be served.

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. Museum staff Brenda Focht and Teresa Belding attended the annual American Alliance of Museums conference.

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

11. Absence Motion- the absences of Holly Evans and Rose Monge was motioned as excused.

Motion: M. Hughes

Second: B. Minton

Ayes: All

12. Adjournment- the meeting adjourned at 4:54pm