

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM BOARD MINUTES

December 15, 2015

REVISED

Present

Chuck Wilson, Chair
Elio Palacios, Jr., Vice Chair
Surekha (Su) Acharya (A 4:24pm)
David Barnhart
Dorothy Fadakar
Bud Minton
Mary Hughes
Todd Carpenter

Museum Staff Present

Sarah S. Mundy, Director
Margie Haupt, Arts & Cultural Affairs Manager
Brenda Focht, Senior Curator
Toni Kinsman, Senior Office Specialist

Absent

Rose Monge

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:02p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes from November 10, 2015 were approved.
- Motion: D. Barnhart
Second: D. Fadakar
Ayes: All

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT- the latest issue of the RMA newsletter featured Museum staff bios. C. Wilson will send a letter on behalf of the RMM Board to retired Curator of Natural History, James Bryant thanking him for his 20 years of service to the Museum.

REPORT ON MUSEUM OPERATIONS- M. Haupt reported that the Festival of Lights event is underway with increased revenue from the ice skating rink. Activities for the event stretch from City Hall down to the Convention Center on Main Street. The 2015 Festival of Lights is in top running for the USA Today contest for best Holiday event.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

2. Revised Museum & Cultural Affairs Mission Statement

Approved as written. Motions were made to approve:

- 1- The revised mission statement for the Riverside Metropolitan Museum
- 2- The mission statement as included in the 2015 Collections Management Policy that was approved at the November 10, 2015 Board meeting; and
- 3- The mission statement to be included in the 2015 Code of Ethics that was approved at the November 10, 2015 Board meeting.

Motion: D. Barnhart
Second: M. Hughes
Ayes: All

COMMITTEE REPORTS

3. RMM Board Harada House Project Ad Hoc Committee- no report at this time.

4. RMM Collections Committee- a report by the Collections Committee was presented and motioned for approval.

Motion: M. Hughes
Second: B. Minton

Ayes: All

5. RMM Exhibitions Committee- the Committee met November 17th. The meeting discussed the workload of Curatorial staff and backlog of inventory, the water retrofits at Rumsey, and the proposed exhibits through 2018/19. Cahuilla Continuum was proposed to be extended through August 2018. 2016 will feature a traveling exhibition from the American Library Association. The traveling exhibit will be supplemented with Museum artifacts and temporary loans.

6. Budget/ Development Committee- S. Mundy reported that the City will begin a 2 year budget process, which includes a 5 year plan. The \$360,000 emergency retrofit for water improvements for the Rumsey Storage Facility was approved by City Council. A committee meeting will be scheduled.

7. Riverside Museum Associates- RMA President Peggy Barnhart reported that the cover and page 6 of the Riverside magazine featured the Heritage House Christmas Open House. The event tallied over 1,116 visitors. The event was a success thanks to the co-chairs Jo Matza & Robin Whittington and all of the Heritage House docents and volunteers. January 28th will be the fundraiser at Riverside Players. The invite will be sent soon.

BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

8. Public Comment Period- no public comment at this time.

9. Brief reports on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by Riverside Metropolitan Museum Board members. No comments at this time.

10. Items for future Riverside Metropolitan Museum Board consideration as requested by Board members. A Board presentation on emergency response for City facilities will be scheduled. C. Wilson requested a presentation of the Collections inventory process by Museum staff.

11. Absence Motion

The absence of Rose Monge was motioned as excused due to personal reasons.

Motion: D. Barnhart

Second: B. Minton

Ayes: All

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:59p.m.