



EMMA S. BARRIENTOS MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, December 6, 2011

The Emma S. Barrientos: Mexican American Cultural Center Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting at 600 River Street, in Austin, Texas.

Juan Oyervides, Chair called the Board Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Juan Oyervides, Chair
Emilio Zamora, Vice Chair
Velia Sanchez-Ruiz, Member
Sylvia Orozco, Member
Cassie Smith, Member
Marisa Limon, Member
Rossana Barrios, Member

Board Members Absent: 0

Staff in Attendance:

Herlinda Zamora, Culture & Arts Education Manager

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

3. PRESENTATIONS: None

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS: None

5. BOARD ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND / OR ACTION

a. The Chairs Report

- i. Chair Oyervides recognized Member Sanchez-Ruiz as being part of the “Economy Furniture Strike”.
- ii. Chair Oyervides pointed out that he had a meeting with Commissions Coordinator, Candy Parham regarding MACC by-laws ARTICLE 6. AGENDAS, confirming that the chair has final authority to approve agendas and staff are not allowed to alter the chair’s agenda items.
- iii. Chair Oyervides pointed out that staff contacted Candy Parham questioning authority of board to make recommendations regarding art gallery policy and programming. Candy Parham verified the scope of board authority includes ability to make those recommendations.
- iv. Chair Oyervides requested a running list of up-to-date board actions and minutes to be brought to each meeting which must include how each member voted according to the bylaws.

b. The Board will discuss and take action on recommendations for council regarding the ESB-MACC Parking Study. (Oyervides and Zamora)

- i. A motion to approve the parking study as is was provided by Vice Chair Zamora with a second by Member Barrios.

- ii. Chair Oyervides reviewed the eight questions that he submitted to David Smythe-Macaulay in a one-on-one meeting and David's responses to his questions.
- iii. The Board expressed how the interests of the MACC were not addressed pertaining to page 8 of the study and the Boat House is projected to need 120 spaces once the new expansion of the Boat House is completed, and in a future scenario with the construction of a parking garage.
- iv. Member Barrios suggested that the Board needs to engage the community on parking issues and get more effort from the community to support the MACC's interests. She also expressed how there were issues in the process of the Parking Study.
- v. Vice Chair Zamora withdrew his motion to accept the parking study as is with a second by Barrios.
- vi. A motion to reject the most current version of the parking study as delivered to the Board was made by Vice Chair Zamora with a second by Member Sanchez-Ruiz to reject the parking study
- vii. A discussion by the Board continued on the number of errors in the study. Member Smith suggested that the Board needs to be part of the dialogue and process since there are more phases to the parking study.
- viii. Member Orozco suggested that Board members meet with the Director of PARD, Sara Hensley. The Board also suggested meeting with Friends of the MACC.
- ix. The Chair Oyervides called for a vote on the motion and it was unanimously rejected (7.0). + Chair Oyervides, Vice Chair Zamora and Members Orozco, Barrios, Smith, Sanchez-Ruiz, and Limon.

6. FUTURE AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS

Oyervides adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm with a motion from Member Orozco and a second from Member Limon without objection (7.0). + Chair Oyervides, Vice Chair Zamora and Members Limon, Barrios, Orozco, Smith, and Sanchez-Ruiz.