



EMMA S. BARRIENTOS MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, September 3, 2014

The Emma S. Barrientos: Mexican American Cultural Center Advisory Board convened in a Special Meeting at 600 River St. in Austin, TX.

Board Members in Attendance: 6

Juan Oyervides, Chair
David Carroll, Co-Chair
Velia Sanchez-Ruiz, Member
Blanca Valencia, Member
Veronica Forsyth, Member
Kathryn McMahon, Member

Board Members Absent: 1

Anna Maciel, Member

Staff in Attendance: 3

Laura Esparza, HAND Manager
Herlinda Zamora, ESB-MACC Manager
Kelly Grajeda, ESB-MACC Administrative Assistant

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Oyervides called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.
2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** Citizens communication will be heard regarding recommendation to City Council for transfer request of Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center to an alternate host City Department.
 - a. Ernesto Calderon spoke in support of a new Cultural Department that would be more conducive to creativity and the community. He supports any Board recommendation that is in the community's interest.
 - b. Larissa Davila, Voces Austin/Voces Latinas, recommended keeping the ESB-MACC in PARD until the property becomes dedicated parkland.
 - c. Martha Cotera, Nuestro Grupo, supported staying in PARD until the ESB-MACC site becomes dedicated parkland and acquires the 64 Rainey lot. She stated more research needs to be done before transferring, and an Art and Cultural Department would be good.
 - d. Valerie Menard, Center for Mexican American Cultural Arts, supported parkland dedication for the ESB-MACC and would support the Board if it felt transferring Departments would be conducive to the ESB-MACC.
 - e. Jane Rivera, PARD Board Chair, would support a Cultural Arts Department. She stated it is not uncommon to have cultural centers via Parks and Recreation Departments, and supports the Board.
 - f. Gilbert Rivera, La Raza Roundtable, stated the need to be cautious of a potential transfer. He ultimately believes the ESB-MACC should be independent of other Departments.
 - g. Hector Ordaz, Proyecto Teatro, would support a transfer to an Arts Division if it was good for the nourishment and sustainability of the Latino arts community. Completing the other phases of the ESB-MACC master plan is a priority.
 - h. Emilio Zamora, Nuestro Grupo, urged the Board to ensure the ESB-MACC remains secure.
3. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Oyervides adjourned the meeting at 6:31pm with a motion from Member McMahon and a second from Member Sanchez-Ruiz without objection (6.0). + Chair Oyervides, Co-Chair Carroll and Members Sanchez-Ruiz, Valencia, Forsyth, and McMahon.