



EMMA S. BARRIENTOS MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 3, 2015**

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

Board Members in Attendance:

David Carroll, Chair
Anna Maciel, Member
Blanca Valencia, Member – Arrived at 7:01pm
Kathryn McMahon, Member
Juan Oyervides, Member

Board Members Absent: 2

Veronica Forsyth, Co-Chair
Velia Sanchez-Ruiz, Member

Staff in Attendance:

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

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Carroll called the Board Meeting to order at 6:09pm.
2. **Citizen Communication:** None.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Member Oyervides asked for the email sent by CJ Sackman regarding the removal of Item 5 on the agenda to be posted online.
 - b. Motion to approve the minutes from the Board meeting held on 5/6/15 with a correction to Item 8(b)(i) was made by Member McMahon with a second from Member Maciel. The motion passed unanimously. (4.0) + Chair Carroll and Members Maciel, McMahon, and Oyervides. Members Forsyth and Sanchez-Ruiz were absent and Member Valencia was not yet on the dais.
4. **Presentations:** None.

BOARD ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

5. **Discussion and approval of MACC Board items in progress and recommendations that they be continued by the future Board. (Carroll, Forsyth)**
 - a. Chair Carroll presented a list of recommended continuity items for the new Board officially starting July 1, 2015.
 - b. Member Oyervides raised a question regarding the term “pocket park” on item 2. He stated he could support each item except for the item 2 at this point in time.
 - c. Member Maciel motioned to approve these items with a second from Member McMahon. Motion passed (3.1) + Chair Carroll and Members Maciel and McMahon. – Member Oyervides. Members Forsyth and Sanchez-Ruiz were absent and Member Valencia was not yet on the dais.
6. **Creation of the Awards of Excellence Working Group to work with staff on the development of detailed guidelines and procedures for the AOE program. (Forsyth, Sanchez-Ruiz)**
 - a. Chair Carroll motioned to create a working group consisting of Members Maciel (lead), Forsyth, and McMahon with a second from Member Maciel. Motion passed unanimously.

(4.0) + Chair Carroll and Members Maciel, McMahon, and Oyervides. Members Forsyth and Sanchez-Ruiz were absent and Member Valencia was not yet on the dais.

7. Discussion and recommendation on the proposed Sackman Enterprises/Fremont Holdings project at 70 Rainey Street and the presentation and the offer made by CJ Sackman regarding 64 Rainey Street at the Special ESB-MACC Advisory Board meeting held on April 15, 2015.

(Carroll, Maciel)

- a. Various citizens expressed their opinions regarding this item.
 - i. Martha Cotera spoke in support of the City maintaining ownership and control of the 64 Rainey Street lot, transferring it to Dedicated Parkland, and protecting it in perpetuity.
 - ii. Jane Rivera, Parks and Recreation Board Chair, stated that the current offer is more to the benefit of the developer than the community. She recommended the Board say it appreciates the offer and it is okay with the staging but is against doing anything else. She also requested a presentation of the ESB-MACC strategic plan to the Parks Board.
 - iii. Gloria Mata Pennington asked the Board to vote no on the offer.
 - iv. Peggy Vasquez spoke in opposition to the request of four feet of the alley way and requested no future development on 64 Rainey. Vasquez stated that the 70 Rainey alley entrance starts at their property line, and the developers should construct an entrance on Rainey Street.
 - v. Emilio Zamora said the important thing is preserving the view of the ESB-MACC. The new development will block the view of the ESB-MACC.
 - vi. Council Member Renteria was in attendance and spoke in support of transferring 64 Rainey to Dedicated Parkland but not as a staging area for two years. He discussed that his vision is to have land to move a historic house on as a welcome/history center. He is identifying funds to make more investment in the community.
 - vii. Ben Siegel proposed that the neighborhood businesses should have a say in these discussions that affect the whole neighborhood.
- b. Member Valencia arrived at 7:01pm.
- c. Chair Carroll reviewed the asks, offers, considerations, and questions for the proposal.
- d. C.J. Sackman, Sackman Enterprises, made a presentation and answered questions from the audience to clarify his intentions.
- e. The Board commented on the offer.
 - i. Member Oyervides stated it would be more appropriate to postpone the vote until the next meeting when the new Board has officially started. He added a stipulation to the drafted recommendation that the setback easement should be vacated once 64 Rainey is transferred to Dedicated Parkland.
 - ii. Member Maciel stated she was concerned about parking availability once the ESB-MACC is completed. Overall, she sees this as an opportunity for the ESB-MACC.
 1. C.J. Sackman said that he would reserve public parking spaces for ESB-MACC event overflow parking in the garage at 70 Rainey.
 - iii. Several members of the audience suggested additional stipulations to the agreement that the Board approved.
 - iv. Members McMahon and Valencia both agreed that it would be nice to postpone the recommendation for the next Board to make, but because of the timeline, postponing would not accomplish what is in the best interest of the ESB-MACC. The advantages of accepting the offer, with all the outlined stipulations, is strong.
 - v. Member Maciel also stated that she sees this as a way to move forward.
- f. Member McMahon motioned to recommend recommendation 20150603-002 recommending that the Open Space, Environmental and Sustainability Committee and the Planning and Neighborhoods Committee review, discuss and validate the contractual requirements and

timeline to implement the outlined recommendations and move to place those recommendations on the City Council Agenda. Member Valencia seconded the motion. Motion passed. (4.1) + Chair Carroll and Members Maciel, McMahon, and Valencia. – Member Oyervides.

8. Working Group reports:

- a. 64 Rainey Street Working Group; Lead, David Carroll.

9. Staff briefings:

- a. Laura Esparza briefed the Board on June programming. The overflow parking lot will begin with the leveling of the field in June because of the stalls due to the recent rain and stone blocks. The architect is doing construction drawings for the Award of Excellence installation. The Auditorium upgrades are rescheduled for after the completion of the overflow parking lot to ensure funds are available. She also presented an outline of the development of the Award of Excellence.

10. Future Agenda Items:

- a. Presentation of ESB-MACC strategic plan to Parks Board
- b. The recommendation of a “pocket park” for 64 Rainey (Oyervides)

11. Adjournment: Chair Carroll adjourned the meeting at 8:59pm with a motion from Member McMahon and a second from Member Valencia without objection. (5.0) + Chair Carroll and Members Maciel, McMahon, Oyervides, and Valencia.