

EMMA S. BARRIENTOS MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURE CENTER

REGULAR MEETING

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

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:

Rick Hernandez, Chair
Juan Oyervides, Member
Juanita Tijerina, Member
Julia Aguilar, Member
Kathy Vale-Castillo, Member
Anna Maciel, Member
Ruth Powers, Member

Board Members Absent:

Blanca Valencia, Co-Chair
Aida Cerda-Prazak

Staff in Attendance:

Laura Esparza, MCP Manager
Herlinda Zamora, ESB-MACC Manager
Tina Herrera, ESB- MACC Administrative Assistant

A. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Hernandez called the Board Meeting to order at 6:10PM.

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

There was no citizen communications, instead the following reports were given.

1. Chair Hernandez read the MACC's Mission and took a moment to introduce the Center's Teen Coordinator, Frederico Geib.
2. Rupert Reyes with Teatro Vivo invited the Board Members to the "EL" performance showing from September 8th-25th, and mentioned that Sunday night was a matinee, and Thursday night a pay what you wish. He complimented and thanked the staff.
3. Chair Hernandez let the Board know that the possibility of there being a Community Band at the MACC would be an Action Item that will be addressed.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: With no corrections to the minutes, the minutes were approved. Member Vale-Castillo motioned. Member Maciel seconded. (7.0) passed.

D. PRESENTATIONS:

1. Nikelle Meade gave a presentation requesting termination of 1979 restrictive covenant limiting the number of residential units on the property to 30 single-family units per acre.
 - Member Maciel expressed her main concern would be the traffic. Ben Turner, President of Consort, Inc. stated that they are a little early in the process to address any possible traffic issues but shared with the Board that he feels if the covenant is removed then traffic would be lessened.
 - Meade went over the possibility of affordable housing letting the Board know that if this were to happen then it ranges from 5-80%.

- Member Maciel stated it is important to her that a trail be created that runs through to the MACC.
 - Chair Hernandez asked what is the impact on Red River, stating that the MACC Board had included a service entrance in the Master Plan. Developers with Sutton Company responded that they would be in favor of a service entrance.
 - Member Maciel believes that it is important for the developers to provide a presentation for the community letting them know what's going on. Nikelle let the Board and staff know that the developers are scheduled to go to Planning and Commission September 13th and then City Council September 22nd.
 - Meade will contact MACC staff to see if there is space available to hold a community forum for the Villas of Town Lake/ Application to Terminate Restrictive Covenant on September 12th.
2. Kim McKnight from PARD's Planning and Construction Division provided an update on the ongoing Master Plan process and schedule at the ESB-MACC.
- McKnight discussed the Scope of work and what the Board was willing to remove from the plan letting the Board know that they are working with the budget of \$360,000 and not to exceed \$400,000.
 - McKnight let the Board Members know that she will be going before Council and will provide a Recommendation for Council Action. She also let the Board know she would be out of town October 5th so she would not be giving a presentation however Ricardo Soliz, Division Manager for PARD's Planning and Construction Division will be giving an update in her place.
 - Member Vale-Castillo motioned to place an action item onto the October 5th Agenda recommending CasaBella as the design team and to not exceed the \$360,000. Member Maciel seconded. (7.0) passed.
 - McKnight provided an update on the status to repair the upper stair railing that are rusted, letting the Board know that the quote received for labor and materials would be \$37,825.78. PARD would prefer to fund this item through General Fund's maintenance dollars; however, they are waiting to see how much funding will be received in the budget cycle. In the meantime, they will continue to maintain the railing with touch up painting as needed.
 - Parking lot light pole fixtures have been replaced. George Maldonado, PARD Project Manager will schedule a night to conduct an illumination survey of the parking area and walkway. Herlinda Zamora let the Board know she received an email from a neighbor that they are happy with the light fixtures.
 - Multipurpose room improvements/renovation, currently gathering information and budget analysis to develop a project management plan and cost. Project will need to obtain a consultant, electrical and structural engineer for lighting beam placement and theatrical curtains installation. Laura Esparza stated this does not include the flooring.
 - Herlinda gave an update on the Wall of Excellence letting the Board know that they paid for the name plates. Robert Mezquiti will be picking up the paint and taking it to the company in East Austin to get them painted. Once that is finished then they will discuss the rivets.

E. BRIEFING, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

1. Chair Hernandez gave a report on the dialogue with the Hispanic Quality of Life Commission.
 - Chair Hernandez stated that he presented the MACC's accomplishments to the Hispanic Quality of Life at their meeting. He explained that he presented the MACC's Capacity Participation report and received good feedback.
2. Member Oyervides motioned that the Board receive the Minutes the Friday before the Board Meetings at the same time they receive the Agenda. Member Tijerina seconded. (7.0) passed.
3. Member Vale-Castillo motioned for the Board to move forward and develop "A Taste of Rainey" working group that would consist of Members Maciel, Tijerina, and Cerda-Prazak. Member Maciel seconded. (6.1) passed. Juan would not approve if the program does not relate to the mission of the MACC.

F. STAFF REPORTS:

- Laura Esparza met with Robert Ojeda who had been asked to be the Director for the Community Band. The idea is to have an event once a week in the plaza. Open call to anyone in the community who wanted to come and volunteer. Learning a piece of music one week and then playing it for the community. Laura has asked Robert to set up a meeting with Ernesto Calderon who had come and requested the possibility of the Community Band.
- Herlinda Zamora invited the Board to Viva Mexico September 16th. There will also be two gallery openings the same day "Ceromantia by Robert Munguia and "In Production" by Yareth Fernandez.
- Zamora provided the August Marketing, Outreach report and September calendar dates.
- Zamora shared with the Board the MACC's marketing ad in the Arts & Culture paper.

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

- Update on the working group reports.
- Discussion on the possible recommendation for CasaBella as the design team.

H. ADJOURNMENT: Member Powers motioned to adjourn with a second by Member Aguilar. Motion passed. (7.0) Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.