

EMMA S. BARRIENTOS MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

REGULAR MEETING

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

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

Board Members in Attendance:

Aida Cerda-Prazak, Vice Chair

Art Navarro, Member

Endi Silva, Member

Rosemary Banda, Member

Tomas Salas, Member

David Goujon, Member

Board Members Absent:

Nelly Garcia, Member

Claudia Massey, Member

Andrea Chavez, Member

Staff in Attendance:

Herlinda Zamora, ESB-MACC Manager

Tina Herrera, ESB-MACC Administrative Assistant

A. CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Cerda-Prazak called the Board Meeting to order at 6:10pm.

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

1. Javier Salas, ESB-MACC Staff Member let the Board know that his father Commissioner Salas had just recently joined the Board and that it was brought to his attention that someone had filed a complaint against him. The complaint was that there was a conflict of interest because both his sons were temporary employees at the MACC.
 - Member Salas confirmed with the Board that he had spoken to Ashley Glotzer, Law Department Division Chief and she assured him that there was no conflict.
2. Leonard Davila, Citizen invited the Board to support the Tejano Independence Day event taking place April 6th from 4pm-8pm.
 - Member Salas and Navarro extended their appreciation and thanked him for bringing the community together.
3. Michael Mendoza, Co-Founder and CEO of Augzoo invited the Board to attend La Mujer announcing that his band would be performing.
4. Bertha Delgado with the City of Austin Housing Commission shared with the Board her concerns with booking a space at the MACC and not having received an email, phone call, or invitation from the MACC for events or forums.
5. Hector Ordaz, Proyecto Teatro Visual Arts Director announced that they had launched their art academy “Artes Americas” and currently had 80 students participating.
 - Classes are held Monday-Friday at the MACC. Programming is free, and all ages are welcomed. (Infants-50+ years of age)

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Silva motioned to approve the minutes with a correction to be made to **A. CALL TO ORDER: “Chair Maciel” to “Vice Chair Cerda-Prazak.”** Member Salas seconded. Motion passed. (6.0) Members Garcia, Chavez, and Massey were absent.

D. PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation by Allan Umana Financial Analyst III on the FY20 ESB-MACC budget.

1. Umana went over the timeline for FY2020 budget.

(Please see backup material on Boards & Commissions website)

- Member Salas asked if the budget for full time employees would go up if more workers were requested. Umana, responded, “No, but it would be a great time to request a budget for positions.”
- Umana let the Board know that the MACC receives revenue from the MACC’s parking meters and the funds collected go towards parking lot improvements for the MACC. He also commented that the ESB-MACC Master Plan will also be funded by the 2018 G.O. Bond.
- Vice Chair Cerda-Prazak requested that a presentation be given for additional grant information that would affect the MACC.
- Member Salas requested that he be added onto the budget working group.
- Umana reminded the Board to provide their recommendation by May 3rd on the template that was provided to all Boards and Commissions.

Briefing by Justin Schneider, Community Engagement Specialist, on the LARP Review Panel process.

2. Schneider provided a brief overview of the LARP process.

(Please see backup material on Boards & Commissions website)

- Schneider informed the Board of the panels suggestion to rename the program. Their reasoning was the name of the current program does not meet a traditional residency. They decided a more fitting name for the program would be the Latino Artist Access Program since they would be receiving access to perform or present their works of art.
- Application has been amended and will be available on the website 4/4th.
- Schneider asked the Board to support the recommendations.

E. BRIEFING, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

ACTION ITEM: Officer Elections.

1. Vice Chair Cerda-Prazak opened the floor for nominations of Chair.

- Member Goujon nominated Member Navarro. Member Navarro accepted.
- Vice Chair Cerda-Prazak nominated Member Salas. Member Salas accepted.
- Board Members took a vote to elect Member Navarro as Chair. (4.2) Members Salas and Vice Chair Cerda-Prazak voted against. Board Members took a vote to elect Member Salas as Chair. (2.4) Members Navarro, Goujon, Banda, and Silva voted against.
- Member Banda nominated Vice Chair Cerda-Prazak to continue the position of Vice Chair. Vice Chair Cerda-Prazak accepted.
- Member Navarro nominated Member Goujon as Vice Chair. Member Goujon accepted.
- Board Members took a vote for Vice Chair Cerda-Prazak to continue as Vice Chair. (4.2) Members Goujon and Navarro voted against. Board Members took a vote to elect Member Goujon as Vice Chair. (2.4) Members Salas, Banda, Silva and Vice Chair Cerda-Prazak voted against.
- Member Navarro asked the Board to reconsider their votes. Member Banda suggested holding a Special Called Meeting so that all current Board Members could be present. The Board agreed. Tina Herrera, ESB-MACC Administrative Assistant will contact the Board to find out what date and time works best to reconvene.

Discussion and possible action on LARP Panel Recommendation.

2. - Hector Ordaz, Proyecto Teatro Visual Arts Director expressed that it was a shame that other LARP artist and PT Members had not been able to attend numerous meetings due to conflicting

schedules or not getting an invite. He stated that the whole objective of the new process was to review and generate a new contract but now a contract was being rewritten with no input from the community or it's artists.

- Anna Maciel, Former ESB-MACC Chair thanked Lucas Massie, Laura Esparza, and Justin Schneider for all the work they had put into the new process but was concerned that they still were no-where close to getting a signed and approved contract by legal that protected the LARP groups. She asked the Board and staff to work together to build and make sure that there would be a finalized contract that protected both LARP Members and staff.
 - Member Banda addressed the issue and shared with the Board that there was no way that they could produce a contract without redefining the program and its process.
 - Vice Chair Cerda-Prazak did not feel comfortable with the term limit and stated she could not support the recommendation with those terms.
 - Member Goujon motioned to support the LARP Panel Recommendation with the exception of the term removal clause. Member Banda challenged the motion to approve the recommendation as is with a discussion to be had with the working group. Member Goujon redacted his motion, no action, does not want to make a second motion. Vice Chair Cerda-Prazak motioned to approve the recommendation with the exception of the term limits, which would be discussed by the working group and then reported back to the Board where they would then make a final vote. Member Salas seconded. Unanimous (6.0) vote.

Discussion and possible action on MACC facility improvements.

3. Member Salas requested that the item be tabled for Mays meeting.

Update on the Bond Working Group.

4. Member Goujon reported that the working group discussed how they could insert themselves in the process from start to finish with the RFQ, selection, and budgeting process with the help of PARD.
 - Member Goujon believes it would be a good way to explore budgeting and programming and would keep the Board informed.
 - Member Goujon requested that the Bond Working Group be an ongoing agenda item.

Update from the Awards of Excellence Working Group.

5. Member Silva let the Board know that the group met on 3/28, they discussed that the nomination form would be active until 4/8.
 - She announced that there were only 6 nominees. She noted that Board Members should be nominating community members and if they had not, to put in their nominations by the April deadline.
 - She informed the Board that they would be meeting again 4/11 to discuss the final selection process.

F. STAFF REPORTS BY HELINDA ZAMORA, ESB-MACC SITE MANAGER

1. Zamora invited the Board to attend the opening gallery receptions for Yareth Fernandez in the Sam Z. Coronado Gallery and Tiffany Moreno in the Community Gallery on April 5th.
2. Zamora shared with the Board that there would be a Tejano Independence Day Celebration on April 6th in the Auditorium.
3. April 13, from 3pm-8pm in the Zocalo, the MACC would host their signature event "La Mujer" a celebration of women inspired by Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz.
 - The Teen Camino students would be unveiling the mosaic that they had been working on. Zamora let the Board know that Senator Barrientos was invited to the unveiling.

4. Zamora provided all Board Members a handout of the MACC's new coloring book titled, "An Empowered Village and its Citizens."

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Election of officers for the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center.

Update from the Budget Working Group.

Update from the LAAP Working Group.

Update on the Awards of Excellence Working Group.

Update on the Bond Working Group.

H. ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chair Cerda-Prazak motioned to adjourn with a second by Member Silva. Motion passed. (6.0)

Members Garcia, Massey and Chavez were absent. Co-Chair Cerda-Prazak adjourned the meeting at 9:21pm.