

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Carlsbad Museum Advisory Board
Held in Carlsbad Museum
On March 16, 2022 at 1:30 PM**



Voting Members Present:

Desiree Kicker	Member
Tom Bemis	Member
Larry Pardue	Member
Francene Hoffman	Member
Sky Soto	Member
Lisa Simmons	Member

Voting Members Absent:

David Prell	Museum Board President
KC Sparks	Member
Mike Medrano	Member
Allison Hervol	Member
Dailey Jones	Member

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Dale Janway	Mayor
John Lowe	City Administrator

Others Present:

Dave Morgan	Museum Director
Edward VanScotter	Museum Assistant Director
Quay Dominguez	Museum Attendant

1. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Edward VanScotter took roll call at 1:30. It was determined that a quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF MARCH 16, 2022

The motion was made by Larry Pardue and seconded by Desiree Kicker to approve this item.

The vote was as follows:

Yes – Desiree Kicker, Tom Bemis, Larry Pardue, Francene Hoffman, Sky Soto, Lisa Simmons

No – None

Absent – David Prell, KC Sparks, Mike Medrano, Allison Hervol, Dailey Jones

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

The motion was made by Tom Bemis and seconded by Francene Hoffman to approve this item.

The vote was as follows:

Yes – Desiree Kicker, Tom Bemis, Larry Pardue, Francene Hoffman, Sky Soto, Lisa Simmons

No – None

Absent – David Prell, KC Sparks, Mike Medrano, Allison Hervol, Dailey Jones

4. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

- The board received sales reports from the museum gift shop for November of last year through February of this year. Fall and Winter are slow seasons for the museum, but museum sales have been climbing, especially after getting the Square point-of-sale system. Sales are roughly four times greater than they used to be before the museum could take credit cards.
- The board received statements from the museum's accounts at the Carlsbad Foundation. There has not been a lot of activity in these accounts over the past few months. At Bob Stockwell's request, several donations have been made to the Amigos Demand Fund at the Carlsbad Foundation in memory of his late wife Hedi.
- Francene Hoffman questioned if the funds in the foundation accounts are freely spendable. Dave Morgan replied that most of the accounts have stipulations on what the funds can be used for, for example the McAdoo account funds can only be spent on the McAdoo gallery and to acquire Taos Society art.

The motion was made by Desiree Kicker and seconded by Lisa Simmons to approve this item.

The vote was as follows:

Yes – Desiree Kicker, Tom Bemis, Larry Pardue, Francene Hoffman, Sky Soto, Lisa Simmons

No – None

Absent – David Prell, KC Sparks, Mike Medrano, Allison Hervol, Dailey Jones

5. APPROVAL OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- There was no quorum at the January board meeting.
- Larry Henderson resigned from the board due to moving out of the state.
- New board members Sky Soto and Lisa Simmons introduced themselves.
- The museum contracted with Kenneth Bertin with "wedoallsigns.com" to install a large new sign on the front of the building with the museum's new logo and name. The installation should be complete in about 4-6 weeks. An illustration of the sign as it will appear and provided by Kenneth was passed around to the board.
- A new roof for the museum and library is in the initial planning stages. The city is currently working to fund the project.
- Engie, the company the sold and installed the museum's HVAC system, will be coming to the museum for a consultation about adding the ability for the HVAC to dehumidify. Having an HVAC that can regulate temperature as well as humidity within set parameters is crucial for the stewardship of the museum's collections, and is not currently possible with the present HVAC system.
- The previously purchased collection of Will Shuster paintings is ready to be picked up in Santa Fe. Dave will try to pick them up during the week of March 21.
- Larry Pardue brought up that he was impressed with the refurbished Jack Drake bird display in the Feezer Gallery. Jameson Lucas created the new text panels for this exhibit, which give much-needed context to Drake and his art. Francine asked if such text panels are planned for other exhibits, Dave responded yes and the museum will continue its work to make the changes.
- Dave Morgan and Edward VanScotter participated in the Carlsbad river blitz cleanup event on March 5 with artist Toro Martinez. Toro collects trash at such cleanups, and processes the trash to turn it into a medium with which he creates large landscape paintings. Martinez will use the trash he collected at the river blitz cleanup to give an art demonstration at the museum this summer while the museum is hosting his exhibit "Sacred Lands". The exhibit will open on May 3 in conjunction with Andy Villarreal's exhibit "Sacred Warriors".
- The museum held art classes in February and March, taught by Emmalee Carrigan. The turnout and feedback for these classes was very positive, and the museum hopes to hold art academy classes again this summer. The summer art academy has not been held in a few years due to the pandemic and other issues. The museum is currently looking for art

instructors that are interested in teaching these classes.

- Dave updated the Board about the ongoing process to purchase the Jack Drake birds that are on loan to the museum from Jack's daughter, Jan Drake. Francene Hoffman observed that she thought the birds were worth more than the price agreed to by Dave and Jan and asked the Board if they had any objections to paying a higher price if she would raise the money for the purchase. There were no objections from the Board.

The motion was made by Sky Soto and seconded by Larry Pardue to approve this item.

The vote was as follows:

Yes – Desiree Kicker, Tom Bemis, Larry Pardue, Francene Hoffman, Sky Soto, Lisa Simmons

No – None

Absent – David Prell, KC Sparks, Mike Medrano, Allison Hervol, Dailey Jones

7. DISCUSS CURRENT AND FUTURE EXHIBITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- The Carlsbad Municipal Schools art show will open on March 22. Due to the pandemic, this will be the first time since 2019 that the CMS show has been installed. The CMS art teachers asked that there be no opening event due to ongoing Covid concerns.
- The two summer exhibits, "Sacred Lands" by Toro Martinez and "Galactic Warriors" by Andy Villarreal, will open to the public on May 3. The opening reception with catering, live music, and artist talks is scheduled for May 14.
- A retrospective exhibit of Carlsbad native artist Gary Niblett will open at the museum in October of this year. Gary is very excited about the exhibit, and Dave Morgan plans to meet with him and see some of his artwork that may be part of the exhibit when he goes to Santa Fe to pick up the Will Schuster paintings.

8. ADJOURN

The motion was made by Desiree Kicker and seconded by Larry Pardue to approve this item.


The vote was as follows:

Yes – Desiree Kicker, Tom Bemis, Larry Pardue, Francene Hoffman, Sky Soto, Lisa Simmons

No – None

Absent – David Prell, KC Sparks, Mike Medrano, Allison Hervol, Dailey Jones

David Prell, President

 Date 18 May 2022