

Ontario Museum of History & Art Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting – March 23, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

President Chris Kueng called the Museum Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:02 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Kueng

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	President	Chris Kueng
	Board Members:	Rick Caughman, Shannon Gerstheimer, Jerry Weems, Randy del Turco
	Museum Director	John Worden
	Executive Director	Helen McAlary
	Staff	Leslie Matamoros, Samantha Herrera, Lacey Rightmer

(All participating via teleconference)

ABSENT:	Council Liaison	Debra Dorst-Porada
	Museum Associates Liaison	Leslie Sherwood-James

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 23, 2021 were approved on a motion by Board Member Randy del Turco and seconded by Board Member Rick Caughman. The minutes from February were approved on a 5-0 vote with the edit to update the minutes from January to passed on a 401 vote (Board Member Caughman).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON DORST-PORADA

N/A

STAFF REPORTS

President Kueng inquired whether the collections update would be discussed tonight or moved to the next meeting. Museum Director John Worden advised that it would be moved to the next meeting.

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Staff Introduction

Museum Director Worden introduced Samantha Herrera who had moved from Part-Time Intern to Full-Time Assistant Curator. Samantha shared her excitement to the group who provided a welcome to her.

Museum Reopening

Museum Director Worden announced that the Museum is reopening to the public on March 25th

at 25% reduced capacity, in accordance with public health and safety guidelines. This will be done through 1-hour appointments that will be scheduled online or by phone.

Current exhibits

Museum Director Worden shared that “Art of Survival: Enduring the turmoil at Tule Lake” is currently on display through April 3rd. The companion exhibit, “Equal Justice Under the Law” also runs through April 3rd.

The next exhibit will be the 11th Biennial Ontario Open Art Exhibition which opens May 6 through June 20. There are 74 artists and 124 pieces that will be on display.

Built on Water Update

Museum Director Worden shared that the Museum staff is completing the first phase of the design firm’s development schedule that will help determine what objects will be included, descriptions of the interactive elements, as well as infographics.

State of the City

Museum Director Worden discussed that there will not be a live event this year but encouraged Board Members to visit the City’s website on Wednesday April 7th to watch the virtual event to see what the City has accomplished during 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Board Meeting Broadcasting – Colin Fernandez

Museum Director Worden shared this item will be moved to a future agenda as it is not ready to be discussed and is pending further instruction from the City Manager’s office.

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Board Member Shannon Gerstheimer asked for more information on what the State of the City is and how it will be different this year. Museum Director Worden provided some background on the event. President Kueng added his appreciation for the previous State of the City events.

Board Member Rick Caughman inquired how the appointment system for the reopening will work. Museum Director Worden replied with the procedures in place, stating they will be limiting visits to 10 people per hour.

Election of Officers

President Kueng was nominated by Board Member del Turco with a second by Board Member Caughman to serve as President for another year. The vote was 4-0-1 as President Kueng abstained.

Board Member Caughman was nominated by Board Member del Turco with a second by Board Member Jerry Weems to serve as President pro Tem. The Vote was 4-0-1 as Board Member Caughman abstained.

MUSEUM ASSOCIATES COMMENTS

N/A

MUSEUM BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Board Member Gerstheimer welcomed Samantha to the staff. She shared her excitement for the museum to reopen and requested a future agenda item to hear how she can represent the Ontario Ranch community.

Board Member Weems offered congratulations to Sam for her promotion. He discussed his excitement for the museum to reopen and shared his gratitude for the platform the museum has offered to artists to continue to work and showcase their work.

Board Member del Turco congratulated Sam on her promotion. He shared his excitement to see the museum reopening and hopes for next month's meeting to be in-person. Helen advised the Board Meeting will follow City Council's lead and when City Council goes back to in-person meetings, the Board Meetings will follow.

Board Member Caughman congratulated Sam on her promotion. He shared he is happy to be helping Leslie with photographs and is excited for the Museum to be reopening. He suggested looking into local colleges to invite their Asian studies programs to come see the exhibit. He

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shared his hopes to be able to meet at the Museum in-person for next meeting, and excitement for the Museum to be opening for the Biennial Exhibit.

President Kueng shared his excitement for reopening and hopes to be able to meet in-person for the next meeting at the Museum. He shared his enthusiasm for the Museum to be open for the Biennial Exhibit and reminded the Board Members that the Form 700 is due April 1.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion on how Board Members can better represent our community and the Museum

Collections Move Update

Board Meeting Broadcasting Presentation – Colin Fernandes

NEXT MEETING

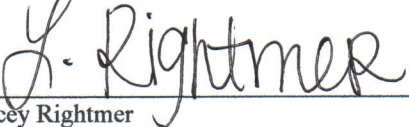
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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Board Member Caughman and seconded by Board Member del Turco by a 5-0-0- vote.

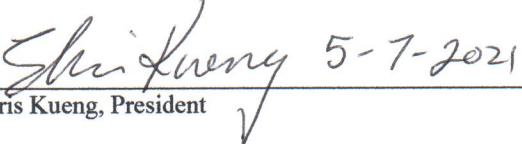
Meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM

Submitted:



Lacey Rightmer

APPROVED:



Chris Kueng, President