

Ontario Museum of History & Art Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
June 22, 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, Randy del Turco, Shannon Gerstheimer, Jerry Weems
	Executive Director	Helen McAlary
	Council Liaison	Debra Dorst-Porada
	Museum Associates Liaison	Leslie Sherwood-James
	Staff	Leslie Matamoros, Michelle Sifuentes, Miriam Valle-Mancilla
ABSENT:	Interim Museum Director	Cindy Cleary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2021 were approved by a 5-0 vote with a motion from Board Member Rick Caughman and second from Board Member del Turco.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON DORST-PORADA

Council Member Dorst-Porada shared that the City of Ontario just passed the budget for the new Fiscal Year and development updates and discussed the status of developments throughout the City.

STAFF REPORTS

Introduction

Executive Director Helen McAlary provided an introduction of the new Curator of Education, Miriam Valle-Mancilla to the board. Miriam provided a brief bio and background of her career in Museums.

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Directors Report

Executive Director McAlary advised on the museum's updated operating hours and the latest COVID-19 regulations for visitors. She provided an update on the ADA restroom that is being added at the front of the museum, collections move update, and a Built On Water Exhibit update. She shared that the museum store employee, Irene Gapido, will be retiring on June 30, and the Museum and Museum Associates will be working together to reimagine the operations of the museum store. Conversation ensued between the group regarding the store's revenue, impacts on accreditation, merchandise content, and the potential for the board members to visit surrounding museum stores for suggestions. Executive Director McAlary shared of two endowments and trusts that are specific to the Museum: the Denton Endowment and the Barnes Trust. Additionally, the Ontario Motor Speedway Fund, which can be used for community programs and events. The Denton Endowment and the Ontario Motor Speedway Fund will be utilized for museum projects. Conversation ensued regarding the need to strategize how to best utilize these funds over time. Executive Director McAlary discussed the City of Ontario's recently adopted budget for the new fiscal year, which included new allocations to the Museum and concluded with the suggestion to take a caravan tour to share the Council Member and Board Member's favorite places to Cindy and Miriam. Executive Director received a request for an update on the recruitment for Museum Director which she then provided.

Collections Move to Bon View Storage Site

Michelle Sifuentes shared a presentation providing an update on the move, including number of items moved, the staff who are assisting, and the process for the packaging and storage of the items. Questions were asked by the board and City Council Liaison which Michelle provided answers.

Built on Water Questionnaire

Leslie Matamoros provided background information on the purpose of the questionnaire and shared the questionnaire with the group, challenging them to reach 50 quotes from the public, which will be used in the exhibit.

OLD BUSINESS

None

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NEW BUSINESS

Discussion regarding board members representing the Museum in the community

Board Member Shannon Gerstheimer shared that she would like to know how to educate the community about the museum and get more engagement. The board members made suggestions and discussed ways to reach different parts of the community via community meetings and other means of outreach. The board agreed that they would need fliers and handouts from museum staff to conduct this sort of outreach in the community.

MUSEUM ASSOCIATES COMMENTS

Museum Associates Liaison Leslie Sherwood-James introduced herself to Miriam.

MUSEUM BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Board Member Gerstheimer welcomed Miriam and provided some of her background.

Board Member Caughman welcomed Miriam, provided his background, and shared of a pop-up exhibit that he will be participating in.

Board Member del Turco welcomed Miriam and shared his background.

Board Member Jerry Weems welcomed Miriam and his background with the museum.

President Kueng welcomed Miriam to the department, shared his excitement for the surveys and to see the museum grow through outreach.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday July 27, 2021 at 6:00pm in Historic Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Board of Trustees Meeting was made by Board Member Caughman with a second by Board Member del Turco by a 5-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM

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Submitted:

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APPROVED:

Chris Kueng
President