

Hector Benitez
Douglas Brimhall
Amanda Buscas
Peter Cook
Lennee Eller

DJ Harper
John Hohmann
Andrea Soto
Laurent Teichman

Absent:
Crista Cloutier
Ramona Tecumseh

MUSEUM AND CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Date: March 14, 2007
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Location: Mesa Arts Center
1 East Main Street
3rd floor, south Studios building

◇ Results of Meeting ◇

- 3:30 1. Approval of Minutes from the February 14 Meeting: All Board members present unanimously approved the minutes of February 14 and they were posted on the Website.
2. Public Comments: Chair John Hohmann, on behalf of the Board, thanked Gerry Fathauer, who retires on March 30, for her leadership, vision, and inspiration that was exhibited throughout her many years as Director of the Arts and Cultural Department. Ms. Fathauer was presented with a gift from the Board.
3. Discuss and Take Action – Develop Work Program Priorities Per Visits with Mayor and Councilmembers – Dr. John Hohmann and Daniel Harper: Daniel Harper reviewed the report on visits to the Mayor and Councilmembers. There were three common threads that were apparent from those visits: **Thought Leadership, Partnership, and Communication**. It was indicated that the Mayor and Council would value the Board's expert opinions on how the City's arts and cultural program can sustain and/or grow services with dwindling City financial resources. Partnering with such entities as Mesa Public Schools, Tribal Nations, Williams Gateway Airport, other City boards, and private businesses and community groups were mentioned. It was also indicated that the Board could take a stronger role in communicating the value of arts and cultural programs to the community with strategies such as fact sheets and brochures and engage the community and neighborhood organizations by sharing information about arts and cultural programs.

Daniel Harper made a motion to adopt the three common thread areas and develop a plan to implement strategies. Hector Benitez seconded, and all Board Members voted unanimously.

Nancy Wolter facilitated an exercise to identify "why arts and cultural programs are necessary," "how to develop innovative ideas," "groups to partner with," and

"next steps." The information gathered will be typed up and brought back to the Board in April to look at ways of implementing the strategies.

4. Staff Reports – **Mesa Southwest Museum**, Update on Exhibits, Educational Programs, Collections, and Operations.
Arizona Museum for Youth, Update on Exhibits and Operations.
Public Art – Update on Public Art Projects.
Mesa Arts Center, Update on Studios Activities, Volunteer Activities, and Gallery Activities.
5. Director's Report – Gerry Fathauer
Update on Performing Live and Arts and Cultural Department.
6. Update Events – Board Members: Share Personal Arts Experiences
7. Adjourn