

Board Members Present:

Douglas Brimhall
Amanda Buscas
Peter G. Cook
Daniel (DJ) Harper

Kent Layton
Andrea Soto
Lars Nielson, Jr.
Ramona Tecumseh

Board Members Absent:

Hector P. Benitez
S. Vincent Hernandez
Rebecca Nolan

MUSEUM AND CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Date: July 25, 2008
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Location: Mesa Arts Center
1 East Main Street
3rd floor, south Studios building

◇ Results ◇

- 3:30 1. Approval of Minutes from the June 11 Meeting: All Board Members present unanimously approved the June 11 minutes. They are posted on the City's Web page.
2. Public Comments: No public present
3. Introduction of New Board Member – Peter Cook: Rebecca Nolan was unable to attend the meeting due to a death in her family and was going to attend via phone; however, when called, she had a medical emergency and was not available.
4. Discuss and Take Action – Election of Chair – Peter Cook: Daniel (DJ) Harper nominated Peter Cook for chair. Peter Cook accepted the nomination. Daniel (DJ) Harper moved to elect, by acclamation, Peter Cook as chair for FY08-09, Dr. Kent Layton seconded, and all Board members present unanimously voted Peter Cook as the chair.
5. Discuss and Take Action – Election of Vice-Chair – Peter Cook: Amanda Buscas nominated Daniel (DJ) Harper for vice-chair. Daniel (DJ) accepted the nomination. Dr. Kent Layton made a motion to elect, by acclamation, Daniel (DJ) Harper as vice-chair for FY08-09, Ramona Tecumseh seconded, and all Board members present unanimously voted Daniel (DJ) Harper as vice-chair.
6. Discuss and Take Action – Consider Resending Letter of January 2008 to New Council – Peter Cook: Daniel (DJ) Harper suggested that agenda items six and seven be discussed as one item, which Peter Cook, Chair, agreed to. After lengthy discussion, Dr. Kent Layton made a motion to send a copy of the original letter that was sent to the previous Mayor and Council requesting a budget line remain in the current budget for Public Art and the Arts and Cultural Grants until

they can be restored to their previous status to the new Mayor and Council and follow-up with an additional letter that would lay out how the Board can assist the Mayor and Council in their role as an Advisory Board, and Doug Brimhall seconded. After further discussion, Dr. Layton amended his motion to draft a paragraph or two to the Mayor and Council, reference the original letter in the cover letter, and send the cover letter and a copy of the original letter to the Mayor and Council at the same time. Peter Cook, Chair, called for a vote on the amended motion. All Board members present unanimously voted to move forward. Daniel (DJ) Harper agreed to prepare a draft cover letter for the next meeting and present to the Board on August 13. It was further decided that talking points would be prepared for Board members to use in discussion with citizens and elected officials of Mesa. Staff will assist in creating the talking points and they will be discussed further at the August 13 meeting.

7. Discussion – Consider Strategies to Engage Council – Peter Cook
8. Discussion – Responding to RSVP request each month – Peter Cook
9. Staff Reports – **Arizona Museum of Natural History**, Update on Exhibits, Educational Programs, Collections, and Operations.
Arizona Museum for Youth, Update on Exhibits and Operations.
Mesa Arts Center, Update on Studio Activities, Volunteer Activities, Gallery Activities, and Performing Live.
10. Director’s Report – Johann Zietsman
Arts and Cultural Department, Update on Arts and Cultural Activities
11. Report on Conferences and/or Meetings/Performances Attended: Board Members – Information Only
12. Identify Items for Future Agendas
13. Adjourn