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## MUSEUM AND CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Date: January 26, 2012  
Time: 4:00 p. m.  
Location: Mesa Arts Center  
One East Main Street  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor, south Studios building

### ◇ Results ◇

1. Approval of Minutes from the September 22, 2011, Meeting: Merlin Ellis, Vice-Chair, called for any corrections/additions/deletions to the minutes of September 22. Other than a typo, there were no other corrections. Dr. Robbi Venditti made a motion, Keiko Dilbeck seconded, and the Board members present unanimously approved the minutes of September 22.
2. Public Comments: No public present
3. Information – Introduce New Board Member Nancy Aposhian – Lars Nielson, Jr.
4. Discuss and Take Action: Review Fees and Charges for AzMNH – Tom Wilson  
Rob Schultz covered the Mesa Arts Center (MAC) portion of the report. Mesa Contemporary Arts no longer charges an admission fee as of July 1, 2011; therefore, the verbiage regarding free Thursday's no longer applies and needs to be removed from the Fees & Charges Schedule. MAC's Stageworks program is no longer being offered; therefore, the fees that are still on the Fees & Charges Schedule need to be removed. Mr. Schultz also referred to the item "Arizona Museum of Natural History – Starlight Theater." There was a mistake made in the budget office that listed the fee for each additional hour of rental as being zero (0); however, the fee range is \$80 - \$100.

Tom Wilson reviewed the report for the Mesa Grande portion. Public visitation at Mesa Grande Cultural Park will begin in the fall of 2012. The gathering place provides space to initiate tours and host special events. Tours can be self-guided with nine interpretive stations along the trail. Museum staff and volunteers will provide guided tours for school tours. A visit to the site will take one – two hours. The purpose is to establish fees that cover operating costs of the facility. A range of fees are being proposed, with the initial entrance fee being \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children 3 – 12. A group tour would be \$4 and includes a guided tour.

There will also be a join ticket option where a patron can purchase a ticket for the Arizona Museum of Natural History (AzMNH) as well as for the Mesa Grande Cultural

Park. When purchasing a joint ticket, a person will have one week to use the ticket for the other facility. The joint ticket can be purchased at either site.

After the review, Dr. Wilson called for any comments and/or suggestions. Cindy Ornstein suggested that under "Mesa Grande-AzMNH Joint Tickets" a note be added just as under "Proposed Mesa Grande Admission Fee Ranges" that states the initial fee.

It was also suggested that under the "Notes" for the above mentioned items, the word "actual" be changed to "initial." Joe Cooper suggested that the time to use the joint ticket option be extended to one month rather than one week. Dr. Wilson had no problem with that.

Pamela Williams made a motion to accept the report with the above mentioned changes, Dr. Robbi Venditti seconded, and the Board members present unanimously approved the report to move forward.

5. 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.
6. Director's Report – Cindy Ornstein, Arts and Culture Director/Ex. Director Mesa Arts Center - Update on Arts and Culture Activities.
7. Report on Conferences and/or Meetings/Performances Attended: Board Members – Information Only
8. Adjourn

Next Board Meeting: March 22, 2012