

Present:

Crista Cloutier
Peter Cook
Daniel Harper

John Hohmann
Andrea Soto

Absent:

Hector Benitez
Douglas Brimhall
Amanda Buscas

Lennee Eller
Laurent Teichman
Ramona Tecumseh

MUSEUM AND CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Date: April 11, 2007
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Location: Mesa Arts Center
1 East Main Street
3rd floor, south Studios building

◇ Agenda ◇

- 3:30 1. Approval of Minutes from the March 14 Meeting: Tabled for May; there was not a quorum of Board members present.
2. Public Comments: No Public Comments.
3. Information and Discussion – Report on Education Committee Meeting – Daniel Harper: The Committee discussion centered around the Mayor’s and City Council’s vision that the Board could assist in educating the public and develop ways to achieve greater cost recovery. Some ideas mentioned are: encourage more pedestrian traffic at Mesa Arts Center and the Museum’s, collaborating with the Mesa Downtown Association and Merchants on events, and alternative programming that would target diverse audiences. The Committee also expressed an interest in participating in the creation of a new cultural master plan for the City.

It was also stated that there is no reason to give up on cultural planning because of the current budget crisis. That discussion brought up the subject of Cultural Impact Fees. The Museum and Cultural Advisory Board members present support leaving the Arts and Cultural Impact Fees as a distinct category and not combine them with Parks and Recreation Impact Fees.

4. Information and Discussion – Continue to Develop Work Program and Finalize Strategies – Dr. John Hohmann and Nancy Wolter: Since there were so few Board members present, it was decided to wait until May to discuss and develop strategies.
5. 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.

6. Interim Director's Report – Rob Schultz
Mesa, Arts Center; Update on Studio Activities, Volunteer Activities, Gallery Activities, Performing Life, and **Arts and Cultural Department**.
7. Update Events – Board Members: Share Personal Arts Experiences
8. Adjourn