

Meeting Minutes

Chandler Museum Foundation

Regular Meeting

February 21, 2023, | 5:30 p.m.
Chandler Museum, Saguaro Room
300 S. Chandler Village Drive., Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Meyerson at 5:44 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Member Attendance

Barbara Meyerson, Chair
Joan Clark, Vice-Chair
Brenda Abney
Calvenea Malloy
Jacki Ryan
Joshua Askey
Martin Sepulveda

Staff Attendance

Jody Crago, Museum Manager
Tiffani Egnor
Kim Moyers
Anna Camino

Absent

Tom Escobedo, Treasurer
Michelle Reid

Scheduled and Unscheduled Public Appearances

Philip Weddle of Weddle Gilmore Architects

Consent Agenda

1. January 2023 Museum Foundation Board Meeting Minutes
 - Martin Sepulveda made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 17, 2023.
 - Joan Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (7-0). The minutes were approved as written.

Action Agenda

2. Approve Moving Date of June 2023 Museum Foundation Board Meeting
 - Brenda Abney made a motion to move the June 2023 Museum Foundation Board Meeting from Monday, June 19, 2023, to Tuesday, June 20, 2023, due to the Juneteenth Holiday.
 - Calvenea Malloy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).
3. Approve Payment for Silk Stocking Neighborhood Video
 - Martin Sepulveda made a motion to approve payment for the Silk Stocking Neighborhood Video with the amendment to pay the full invoice amount of \$5,400, from the original discussion amount of a \$5,000 payment.
 - Joan Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (7-0), with the amended amount of \$5,400.
 - The video was originally sanctioned by the Chandler Historical Society to memorialize the historic neighborhood. Due to the pandemic and the main interviewee becoming ill, the completion of the video was delayed.
 - The video has been completed, and the final bill came to \$5,400.
 - Josh Askey inquired if the Foundation own the rights to the video.
 - Jody Crago replied it has become a part of the Museum's Collection.

Briefing

4. Tumbleweed Ranch Masterplan Presentation
 - Philip Weddle of Weddle Gilmore Architects shared a presentation of the Tumbleweed Ranch Conceptual Master Plan.
 - Tumbleweed Ranch will be known as "The Ranch at Tumbleweed Park."
 - The Masterplan is broken down into eight zones, and the project will be completed in phases. Philip Weddle reviewed each zone in detail. Some of the changes included in the Masterplan are additional entrances to the Ranch which will be clear points of entry; additional structures being added; and moving the Red Shed Theater and rotating it.
 - Flexibility has been built into the Masterplan.
 - The additional structures will allow new opportunities for events and functions at The Ranch.
 - Various structures such as the McCroskey House, Edwards House, the Grocery Store, and others will remain at The Ranch.
 - Barbara Meyerson inquired if the neighbors are okay with the upcoming changes.
 - Jody Crago responded that the Museum Foundation Board is the first to view the presentation. This presentation will be presented to other stakeholders and with the community/neighbors in public meetings.
 - Jody Crago will keep the board apprised of the meeting outcomes.

- Calvenea Malloy asked what the timeline was for these renovations.
 - Kim Moyers answered that some of the phases were included in the upcoming Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) budget, while other phases will be part of future CIP budget requests.
 - If the current CIP budget is approved, the first phase will be the general site improvements, which includes planting trees and grading where needed.
 - Josh Askey queried if the City of Chandler will be responsible for The Ranch. Kim Moyers replied that The Ranch will continue to be under the Museum.

5. Executive Subcommittee Update

- The Executive Subcommittee Meeting scheduled for March 6, 2023, has been cancelled in lieu of the Board Retreat, which will begin at 8:30 a.m. and is being held at the Chandler Museum in the Saguaro Room.

6. Strategic Planning Workgroup Update

- Barbara Meyerson, Joan Clark, and Jody Crago virtually met with the board retreat facilitator, Maureen Robinson.
- The book written by Maureen Robinson, "Nonprofit Boards that Work," was distributed to each board member.
- A homework assignment was also distributed to the board members. The assignment is for the board members to choose a few of the listed activities to do before the board retreat on March 6th. Many of the activities listed emphasize how the Museum is much more than the building which houses the exhibits.
 - Jody Crago stated if anyone would like to shadow a school field trip at The Ranch, to contact himself or Tiffani Egnor before attending.

7. City Update

- Recruitment for the Museum Storytelling Coordinator has begun. This is a revised position of the Collections Coordinator position.
 - Collections management is still a large part of this position. In addition to managing the collections, another major component of this position will be to collect the stories which go with the collections.
 - It is a key position for the Museum. Jody Crago will keep the board updated as the recruitment continues.
- Wayfinding signage installation is continuing. Pylons should be getting installed the first full week of March 2023.
- The Celebration Plaza Event was on Saturday, January 28, 2023. It was a successful event with over 150 people attending.
- Working on a project with students from Chandler Southside to possibly have student exhibits or a student film. More information to follow.
- The Chandler Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held on Saturday, February 18, 2023, at Hamilton High School.

- This year's inductees were Seton Catholic's girls' basketball coach Karen Self; Hamilton alum and wheelchair rugby star Joe Jackson; former Hamilton and Arizona State basketball star Eric Jacobsen; former Hamilton and Alabama volleyball star Brittany Kouandjio; and former Chandler resident and current Los Angeles Rams quarterback Bryce Perkins.
- Visual Arts staff is working with a contractor to get the art fins repaired and replaced.
- Completing a grant to rehouse the flat files.
- Working with Dr. Rafael Martinez Orozco of Arizona State University (ASU) Polytech School and his students on collecting Hispanic oral histories from Southside, Hightown, and Galveston neighborhoods.
- Jody Crago will be speaking at the 2023 Annual Conference of the American Association for State & Local History (AASLH). The conference will be this September in Boise, Idaho.

Member Comments/Announcements

None

Calendar

Museum Foundation Board Retreat will be Monday, March 6, 2023, at 8:30 a.m., in the Chandler Museum, Saguaro Room, 300 S. Chandler Village Drive, in Chandler, Arizona.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., in the Chandler Museum, Saguaro Room, 300 S. Chandler Village Drive, in Chandler, Arizona.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Barbara Meyerson, Chair

Jody Crago, President