

SILVER CITY MUSEUM BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Held at Silver City Museum Annex – 4:30 P.M.

Thursday, January 26, 2017

Present: Ronald Phair, Pauline Gomez, Susan Musgrove, Marguerite Flanagan, Judy Billings, Bobbie Neal-Little, Billie Turrieta, and Jaime Embick

Also Present: Museum Director Carmen Vendelin, Silver City Councilor Cynthia Bettison

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 4:30 P.M. by Board President, Ronald Phair.

Public Input: None

Minutes of October 27, 2016 Meeting: Bobbie Neal-Little motioned that the minutes be accepted as written. Pauline Gomez seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as written.

Museum Society Board Report: Report was provided by Susan Musgrove for Museum Society meetings held in November and December 2016 and January 2017. Board members were encouraged to assist the Museum Society with the annual Chocolate Fantasia social on Saturday, February 11, 2017, between noon and 5:00 p.m. in the Museum Annex. Planning for fundraising activities for this year's 50th Anniversary Campaign were discussed. During this discussion Councilor Bettison reviewed the important distinction between Museum Board members participating on Museum Society subcommittees *qua* Museum Society members and not as representatives of the Museum Board.

Director's Report: Carmen Vendelin reported on recent museum attendance; outstanding critical structural repairs and recent completion of interior refurbishments; successful progress being made by the Museum's three recently hired full-time staff members; in-progress grant applications and pending Landmark status for the Museum; forthcoming workshops, programs, and exhibitions; anticipated attendance at professional conferences and on-going professional commitments.

Committee Reports: Carmen Vendelin circulated the Collections Committee report. She led the discussion about Museum Board committees, noting that recently hired full-time staff members are prepared to lead these service committees. Members indicated to her their commitment to participate on one or more Museum committees: Collections, Education, Exhibits, and Facility. Carmen Vendelin confirmed that expanded participation on these committees will be sought by seeking out community members (e.g., parents of school-age children, members of the arts community), active Museum volunteers, and local specialists.

Unfinished Business:

- Members continued the discussion regarding recruitment for open Board positions.
- Members selected Bobbie Neal-Little as new Museum Society Liaison, Judy Billings as new Museum Board Secretary, and Jaime Embick as Alternate Secretary.

- Ron Phair announced that the next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. in the Museum Annex.

New Business: None. Pauline Gomez moved to adjourn the meeting. Susan Musgrove seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Marguerite Flanagan, Secretary