The following are minutes for the meeting of the City Art Board held at 10:00 a.m. on March 12, 2019 at the Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St., Las Cruces, NM.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
1. Rebecca Courtney, Chair
2. Ricardo Gonzales, Vice-Chair (present by phone)
3. Susan Frary, Secretary
4. Meg Freyermuth
5. Edward Schmitt
6. Robin Hutchins
7. Susan McNeill

OTHERS PRESENT:
1. Garland Courts, Operations Manager, City Museums
2. Lorenzo Zepeda, Art Program Coordinator
3. Leticia Soto, Recording Secretary
4. Greg Smith, City Councilor
5. Sonya Delgado, Parks and Recreation Director
6. Claudia Chavez, Recreation Manager
7. Margarita Paz-Pedro, Operations Director, ALMA

I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Garland Courts requested that Cathy Mathews' report be removed from today's agenda and replaced by Claudia Chavez from Parks and Recreation and Margarita Paz-Pedro from Albuquerque discussing summer projects. Lynn Gallagher, Director, Quality of Life Department was unable to attend and stated she will attend the April board meeting. The modified agenda was approved.

II. APPROVAL FEBRUARY 12, 2019 MEETING NOTES

The February 12, 2019 meeting notes were approved as presented.

III. STAFF UPDATE

- Lorenzo Zepeda, Art Program Coordinator
- Sonya Delgado, Director, Parks and Recreation Department
- Claudia Chavez, Recreation Manager, Parks and Recreation Department
- Garland Courts
  - Via Partnership
Garland Courts introduced Lorenzo Zepeda, the new Art Program Coordinator.

Lorenzo Zepeda is excited to begin working with the Art Board.

Sonya Delgado agreed that Cathy Mathews should bring the information on the Calle Abuelo sculpture to the next meeting, after public input and additional bids for repair of the Abuelo sculpture and a possible plinth.

Claudia Chavez discussed the summer arts program with John Carpentier of Taos and adding murals to the dog park across from Meerscheidt Recreation Center. The murals will be painted by ten youth 13 to 17 years of age. Registration is now open.

Margarita Paz-Pedro of Apprenticeships for Leaders in Mosaic Arts in Albuquerque discussed plans for bringing students from Albuquerque to do a tile mosaic project on the EBID utilities box in front of City Hall. Funding and budget were discussed to determine if CAB would be interested in adding funds for additional tiles. Two sides of the structure can be done in tile for $4,400. The project will begin in early April. Susan Frary moved to request a bid from ALMA to make tile art pieces to go on all four sides. Edward Schmitt moved to amend the motion to include painting the metal doors on top. Robin Hutchins seconded. Timing and contracts were discussed and Sonya Delgado promised to bring information to the April meeting.

Garland Courts reported that Via Partnership will return at the end of the month. They plan to get input from department heads about the public art program on Tuesday, March 26th. They will then take the bus along with members of the Art Board and several other committees to spend half the day of March 27th in El Paso learning about their public art program, then a round table discussion with local artists at Branigan Cultural Center in the Swartz Room at 6:00 that evening. Meredith will remain in town through Thursday for more meetings with anyone interested.

The public art survey was completed last week by Via and City staff has translated it into Spanish. It is ready to be posted on the website. There are also 4,000 postcards to be distributed in hopes of obtaining even more input. There are also meetings scheduled with various stakeholders and Via Partnership will then present their findings.

The CaFE call is almost ready to post. Garland Courts and Lorenzo Zepeda hope to have it up on the site Friday, March 15. Mr. Courts will send an e-mail to the Board Members when he gets it posted. The City Hall Art Selection Committee is: Edward Schmitt, Meg Freyermuth, Councilor Smith, Eric Martin, and Marisa Sage.
Garland Courts and Lorenzo Zepeda will continue to work on finding funding to stain the base of the Pride statue to cover the ugly rust stains. The Art in Public Places tour on NMSU campus is this Friday at 9:00 a.m. The meeting place will be Barnes and Noble at 9 am. The university staff will have golf carts.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION
Calle Abuelo Neighborhood Park sculpture decision is pending information provided by Parks and Rec at the April board meeting.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS
Susan Frary is happy about the processes being developed to work with the City regarding City art.

Robin Hutchins is pleased with the cooperation seen among the Board.

Edward Schmitt is looking forward to the CaFE call being posted and hopes for smooth meetings in future.

Meg Freyermuth is looking forward to all the tours and activities ahead and thanks the Board for allowing her presence.

Susan McNeill is pleased to have Meg Freyermuth on the Board.

Councilor Smith was at a meeting at White Sands for civilian and military committee and spoke to Joe Martinez who was instrumental in putting the Bataan Memorial Monument at Veterans Park. He is currently working on a First Responders' Monument that he wants to put in Albert Johnson Park. Councilor Smith hopes to put artwork in other places than Albert Johnson Park and is giving a heads-up to the Art Board and Parks and Recreation that Mr. Martinez will be coming to speak to them.

Lorenzo Zepeda is still absorbing information and thanks the Board for the warm welcome.

Garland Courts mentioned that Susan McNeill's reappointment application will be presented at Council for vote on Monday, March 18th. Lynn Gallagher was unable to attend today's meeting due to recovering from a leg surgery and promised to be at the April meeting.

Rebecca Courtney attended Chaos Collaboration and it was excellent. She encouraged all Board Members to attend as many events as possible. Name badges will be ordered soon. Flexibility is important in all aspects of Board activities. It will be months before Via Partnership has a plan to present to Council.
VII. NEXT MEETING

April 9, 2019 at City Hall, Room 2007-A at 10:00 a.m.

VIII. ADJOURN

Chairperson