The University of New Mexico Historic Preservation Committee Monthly Meeting

September 14, 2015 11:00am 12:15pm

Committee Members Present:

Audra Bellmore, Sue Mortier, Justine Andrews, Patrick Hogan, Franciso Uviña **Additional Attendees:**

Taudy Miller, Advisor Maxine Marks, Research Assistant

Item 1: Welcome and Introductions

Audra Belmore shared welcoming comments and introduced Maxine Marks as replacement for former student assistant Lilian Makeda. Overview of UNM Regents Decorative Arts Project.

<u>Item 4: UNM Board of Regents Decorative Arts Program Electronic Tagging</u> (Agenda order not followed.)

Vendor did not fulfill offer of free beta project with UNM Space management. Jeff Smith was unsuccessful in getting vendor to produce software to accomplish electronic tagging system. Thus, beta project to inventory-tag artworks lacks software/program and is not ready to merge databases. Electronic tagging will not be completed. The other option is to purchase a program or system for tagging and protection of objects on campus. Audra suggests metal tags if electronic tags are unavailable.

Discussion explored alternatives including linking the archive with PPD inventory. There was clarification about what the tag will do if somebody notices it on the object. Audra referred to the HPC email address that is printed on the tags. Storage space is an issue when people report found objects. Audra suggests that HPC pursue a free storage area on campus because HPC is a university-wide effort.

Item 6: Storage Space (Agenda order not followed.)

Space is large concern for CSWR especially since the Predock archives may be housed there. The important collection needs to be accessible. Audra evaluated the collection and affirms CSWR should accept the collection, but with integrity and the ability to make it accessible to researchers and for public display. The Biology Annex building (built 1947) is a potential site for storage. Audra is meeting with the Library Dean to pursue storage space and recommend acquisition of the Predock collection.

Outcome:

Send link to ContentDM UNM Regents Decorative Arts Project. Put Historic Preservation on next meeting's agenda.

Item 5: Hokona Hall (Agenda order not followed.)

Discussion surrounded efforts by Wayne Sullivan, Director of Student Life, to pursue restoration of Hokona Hall with students. Taudy Miller referred to study of Hokona Hall with Melissa Vargas as the contact.

Item 3: Campus Windows Update (Agenda order not followed.)

Discussion: PPD was going to replace Anthropology building windows. HPC formerly drafted a procedure for window treatment including inventory, preservation first, then interior storm window replacement. Preservationist drafted evaluation form with cost to do evaluation at \$6000. Taudy Miller said that PPD proposed to paint and caulk the windows for \$3000 instead, though it is unknown if they have done so. Taudy Miller suggests that PPD repair windows as needed, but come before the committee when windows need replacement. Discussion surrounds cost effectiveness versus the value of a window-treatment-model as a one-time expense that can be used for future reference.

The cost is high and any contractor could evaluate and do the work economically, but the original intent was to use it as a guiding policy. First, evaluate windows, then repair in place or repair in kind. Funding is an issue and the cost to repair windows to architectural standards is prohibitive, but should be considered as a valuable step.

Francisco Uviña offered to meet with PPD to survey the process and restoration of windows in the Anthropology building. His expertise could guide future treatments to windows across campus as caulking and painting might not be enough when windows need more attention.

Original \$40,000 funding for window treatments was redirected and will not go to fund this project. Funding went elsewhere, this building will not be the model project. Patrick Hogan and Francisco Uviña suggest working collaboratively in phases with training for PPD staff.

Outcome: For a subcommittee to being after Thanksgiving.

<u>Item 2: Approval of Minutes</u> (Agenda order not followed.)

Patrick Hogan moved to approve the June 1, 2015, minutes. Sue Mortier seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

<u>Item 7: Audra Bellmore's report to Regents</u> (Agenda order not followed.) Audra will print Preservation Plan for Sue, Francisco, Justine and the Regents . (survey of campus, volumes 1 & 2)

Agenda items for next meeting:

- 1. Historic Preservation
- 2. Captsone projects (Francisco Uviña)

News:

Taudy Miller: Forum on pending capital projects for the University, 801 University Blvd. Rotunda 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Sue Mortier: Announcement about Art Annex plaza renovation from Alumni Association, gifts from early classes 1905 & 1903 (concrete benches, mounds of rocks, drinking fountain, middle fountain 1985). For HPC future consideration. Audra offers to pull some historic photos.

Taudy Miller: Ferris Engineering going through complete remodel.