

Dipãttamenton I Kaohao Guinahan Chamorro

Department of Chamorro Affairs
Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
November 29, 2012 – 2:00 p.m.

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order**

- II. President’s Report**

- III. Old Business**
 - A. Approval of Board Minutes
 - 1. October 18, 2012

- IV. New Business**
 - A. Chamorro Village Matters
 - 1. Rules & Regulations

- V. Other Discussions/Announcements**

- VI. Adjournment**

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MINUTES

Members Present:

John Mafnas, Chairperson; Joseph McDonald, Vice Chairperson; Shana Pangelinan, Treasurer/Acting Secretary; Eddie Benavente, Vicente Meno and Maria Vilante.

Members Absent:

Dr. Katherine B. Aguon.

Special Guest:

Assistant Attorney General Monte May.

Management & Staff:

Joseph Artero-Cameron, President; Cathy Gogue, Vice President; Juanita P. Quintanilla, Administrative Services Officer; Jeffrey San Nicolas, Chamorro Village Manager and Jennifer G. Paulino.

Call to Order:

The Department of Chamorro Affairs Board of Trustees November 29, 2012 meeting was called to order by Chairman Mafnas.

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairman Mafnas called for an Executive Session.

The Department of Chamorro Affairs Board of Trustees board meeting re-convened shortly after.

President's Report:

President Artero-Cameron asked that Chairman Mafnas give a report on the latest Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility meeting, aka Guam Museum. Chairman Mafnas updated the board relative to the architectural development of the museum and the ongoing meetings held with the on/off island consultants. A few committee members have expressed their concerns about the design and educational aspect of the museum. At one of the committee meetings, Mr. Joe Quinata from the Guam Preservation Trust expressed his concern that the Naftan Mañanai'ta laws have been bypassed. It appears that the architectural and engineering consultants are forgetting the importance of the ancestral remains to be included in the museum build up. This was previously discussed and he felt that such input has been ignored.

The Guam Museum Foundation and Friends of the Museum are the fundraising arm for the Guam Museum. They do not have any funds to run the operations of the museum after it is built. A part of their fundraising efforts is proposing an idea of selling rock formed piece. Proceeds in

purchase of this rock will go towards the operations fund. The rock will be displayed in the museum, recognizing the people who made donations to build the museum.

The Educational Quality (EQ) committee groups are meeting regularly and moving rapidly. All committees involved have been paying close attention to all details as the museum progresses. Chairman Mafnas wanted to make sure that the DCA board is on the same page and is kept current throughout the planning process. He also mentioned that the architectural and engineering consultants should not run this project on their own. Chairman Mafnas reminded each board member to be aware of the museum's progress and that members stay involved. He also assured the board that this project will not move forward without the consent of the DCA board.

Member Meno questioned a previous concern regarding the exterior design of the new museum facility. The "book form design" does not impress Member Meno and Member Pangelinan. They felt that the design did not showcase any significance towards the Chamorro culture, especially to first time visitors. He also disagreed about the message from *Harao* be printed in big bold letters on the front exterior wall. Member Meno and Member Pangelinan felt that while they have expressed their concerns regarding the new design, their input has not been considered. They both agreed that the new design should somewhat be in line with the old design that the people of Guam chose. After a lengthy discussion, board members wanted to know if the design could be changed. Chairman Mafnas said that at this point the change in design may not be possible. He assured the board that the consultants will not be able to move forward without the consent of the DCA board and he will make sure the board's opinions be addressed.

President Artero-Cameron suggested maybe versatile panels, banner type material be rolled over the *Infresi* speech. This banner could be versatile and used in other areas of the museum. Member Benavente was not concerned about the placement of the speech, but reminded the board of the importance of the content and the meaning behind this speech. This speech is very important to our history and should not be dishonored. Member Pangelinan also disagreed with the printing of the speech on the outside of the building. Member Pangelinan suggested that the speech be etched into the wall so that it is preserved from weathering. Member Pangelinan suggested reverting to the 2005 original design. This design was favorably voted by the general public for Guam's future museum. President Artero-Cameron gave credit to Chairman Mafnas and the committee members who continue working hard and are progressing towards the building of the Guam Museum Facility. Opening of the Guam Museum Facility is still scheduled for December 2014.

President Artero-Cameron promised to provide each board member a copy of the power point presentation (Guam museum update) that was made earlier today. Board members are able to review and send their comments to Chairperson Marilyn Salas.

Old Business:

Approval of Board Minutes

Motion was made by Member Vicente Meno, seconded by Member Benavente to approve the October 18, 2012 Board Minutes. Motion approved.

New Business:

Chamorro Village Matters

Vicente Meno, Chairperson for the Chamorro Village Sub-committee gave a report on the first Chamorro Village Sub-committee meeting. There are many challenges for the Chamorro Village such as updating and revising the Rules and Regulations. Chairperson Meno met with Vice Speaker BJ Cruz and members of his sub-committee. Vice Speaker Cruz requested a letter be sent to him addressing the various concerns for the Chamorro Village. Vice Speaker Cruz informed the members present that based on Guam Laws, any recommendations to revise the Chamorro Village Rules and Regulations would have to be presented to the DCA board then to the Guam Legislature for a public hearing. Chairperson Meno did not totally agree with this information. His interpretation of the law indicates, DCA Board is able to amend or modify the Rules and Regulations. This is a bit confusing. President Artero-Cameron told the board that he has worked with the Guam Legislature and understands the process. He explained that any amendments to any law(s) must follow the Administrative Adjudication Act. This Act requires board approval and then requests to Guam Legislature for a public hearing.

Other Discussions/Announcements:

None.

Adjournment:

With there being no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 3:09 PM.