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Statement to City Council regarding Museum Board meeting of 16 June 2010

From: John Pearse, immediate past Chair, current Vice-Chair, Museum Board

Mayor, Council Members

The Museum Board met this afternoon and had a cordial, productive meeting, with Mayor Garcia, Council Liaison Cunio, City Manager Frutchey, and Foundation Liaison Arcanin being present during some of the meeting.

We discussed the amendment to the Museum Agreement. Although there was general support for the amendment, no vote was taken. The Museum Board will go through the amendment, point by point, at our next meeting, and prepare a report.

However, there were two items of concern:

Item # 5: Section 5.06, Subsection (e) that would allow the Museum to apply for an alcohol permit for Museum events that occur during Museum hours.

The concerns are two: 1) How will the Museum make sure that minors are not served alcohol? 2) Is it reasonable to close a portion of the Museum during normal operating hours when visitors might come to see exhibits in the closed room?

Item # 6: Section 5.07 that allows the Foundation to sell merchandise at the Monarch Sanctuary. The Museum Board would like to consider this action before the Foundation actually begins such sales.

The Museum Board is also in the midst of revising Council Policy 200-5 for Council approval. A draft version of the revision is on today's agenda of the Museum Board's website. The Board urges the Foundation and all others concerned about this document to provide input to the Board before our next meeting next week.