

May 28, 2010

To the Individuals Who Signed-in at the May 17, 2010 Meeting:

Here is the update promised during the May 17 community meeting held in The Heckscher Museum of Art.

During the Executive Session of the May 17 Board meeting, the Trustees reaffirmed their decision to eliminate the position of Chief Curator. This was a business decision and is part of the "Operational Analysis and Recommendation" study and plan the Board unanimously accepted on October 3, 2009. The Board of Trustees also expressed its confidence in Judith Jedlicka as the Museum's Interim Executive Director. In addition, the Board agreed to post an abbreviated version of its plan on the Museum's Website [www.heckscher.org](http://www.heckscher.org) by mid-June.

All exhibitions announced for 2010 will move ahead as scheduled under the capable direction of Lisa Chalif, The Heckscher Museum's Assistant Curator. Ms. Chalif has been responsible for a number of critically-acclaimed exhibitions at the Museum.

The American Association of Museums (AAM) guidelines state "a museum must have a full-time director to whom authority is delegated for day-to-day operations and have at least one paid professional staff with museum knowledge and experience." The Heckscher Museum of Art meets these criteria as it heads into the re-accreditation process.

Going forward we hope that if Museum Members and persons from the community wish to meet with Trustees and staff we will be notified in advance. The Trustees discovered that the community wished to meet with the Trustees on May 17 by chance through an article on a Blog.

The Board appreciates the public's interest in The Heckscher Museum of Art and its recent comments about the Museum and its future. The Trustees are dedicated to ensuring that The Heckscher Museum presents exhibitions, public programs and an array of educational programs that serve the interest of this and future generations.

The Board of Trustees  
The Heckscher Museum of Art