



MEETING MINUTES

Special Board Meeting

December 4, 2024

Art Pick Council Chambers, 3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522

Board Members Present

Richard Cardullo, Vice Chair
Mary Sue Berkley
Peggy Barnhart
Rich Gardner
Luz Maria Negrón Bermo
Lovelyn Razzouk
Cynthia Zdilor

Museum Staff Present

Robyn G. Peterson, Museum Director
Ann Lovell, Manager of Operations
Toni Kinsman, Sr. Office Specialist
Jennifer Dickerson, Curatorial Svcs. Mgr.
Chantal Downing, Inst. Adv. Coord.

Board Members Absent

Sharon Tennell, Chair
Julie Bjork

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Board Vice-Chair Cardullo.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. This is the portion of the meeting specifically set aside to invite your comments regarding any matter within the Museum of Riverside Board's jurisdiction.

Individual audience participation is limited to 3 minutes. If you are in person, please complete and submit a speaker card to Museum staff. To comment via Telephone, call (951)826-8688. Press *9 to be placed in the queue to speak. Individuals in the queue will be prompted to unmute by pressing *6 when you are ready to speak. To comment via Zoom, use the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/92696991265>, select the "raise hand" function to request to speak. An on-screen message will prompt you to "unmute" and speak. You can also comment using the eComments feature at www.riversideca.gov/meeting until 1:00 p.m. on the meeting day.

No public eComments or in-person comment cards received in Chambers. No callers or Zoom speaker requests.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Minutes –October 23, 2024

The minutes were received and filed without corrections.

3. Record Museum of Riverside Board member absence as excused for the October 23, 2024, regular meeting

The absence of Board member Mary Sue Berkley (illness) was approved as excused.

Motion to approve for Consent Items 2 and 3:

Motion: Board Member Barnhart

Second: Board Member Zdilor

Ayes: Unanimous

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

4. Accession into the permanent collection one (1) cultural object from a regional tribal artist and three (3) archival items from a local donor.

A motion was made to recommend that City Council approve accession into the permanent collection of one (1) cultural object from a regional tribal artist and three (3) archival items from a local donor.

Motion: Board Member Barnhart

Second: Board Member Gardner

Ayes: Unanimous

5. Deaccession from the permanent collection three hundred seventy-three (373) objects from the Meier collection, including books and magazines (193), documents (79), photographs and prints (27), household utensils (20), household objects (13), personal objects (4), recreational objects (4), tools (31), and miscellaneous objects (2).

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Motion: Board Member Zdilor

Second: Board Member Berkley

Ayes: Unanimous

6. Discuss, receive, and file the Strategic Plan status report for the quarter ending September 30, 2024.

This report was received and filed.

COMMUNICATIONS

7. Director's Update regarding the main museum renovation, historic houses, the 100th anniversary, collections, exhibitions and programs, budget, staffing, advisory teams, volunteer and support opportunities, marketing, and communications.

In addition to the published report, Director Peterson announced the Museum has five remaining programs in the 100th event program series for the 100th anniversary. The main museum renovation project will not go to public bid, but only to the three contractors who have been selected through a pre-qualification process. When the bid is released, the three contractors will have approximately 45 days to submit their bid. The lowest bid will be presented to City Council for approval. The December 5th Arts Walk event has been cancelled. Some natural history collections in the main museum are in the process of being relocated offsite. Staff are in the 2nd round of interviews for the Exhibition Designer

position. Staff are in the process of creating the spring 2025 exhibition for Heritage House. There are five potential members for the Community Advisory Team that will meet regarding the re-opening exhibition about immigration; a press release will be issued once members are finalized. Museum Curator Brenda Focht will be retiring in December and will return as a volunteer in 2025. The Galleria mall digital ad will promote the *Roaring Riverside* exhibition at Heritage House through December. The Museum is working diligently to use available grant funds (Save America's Treasure grant and Community Development Block Grant) for Harada House and its Interpretive Center. Both will expire soon; project delays have affected the ability to spend funding.

8. Board Chair/ Vice-Chair update – no updates.

9. Brief reports on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by Museum of Riverside Board members

Board Member Negrón attended a December 1st craft fair and visited booths of many nonprofit organizations that support the immigrant community.

Ward 4 Councilmember Chuck Condor appeared at the meeting at 3:18 p.m. to thank the Museum of Riverside Board for their time and service in volunteering.

10. Items for future Museum of Riverside Board consideration as requested by members of the Board. Only items that fall within the powers and duties of the Museum of Riverside as set forth in the City Charter and/or the Riverside Municipal Code will be agendaized for future discussion.

No agenda items requested.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

The regular Museum of Riverside Board meeting for December 25, 2024, has been cancelled due to the Christmas holiday.