

# Museum of Riverside Board Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: MUSEUM OF RIVERSIDE BOARD DATE: JUNE 26, 2024

FROM: MUSEUM DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: RECEIVE AND FILE A PRESENTATION FROM THE MUSEUM OF RIVERSIDE'S

**CURATOR OF NATURAL HISTORY** 

### **ISSUE**:

Receive and file a presentation from the Museum of Riverside's Curator of Natural History.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Museum of Riverside Board receives and files a presentation from the Museum of Riverside's Curator of Natural History.

### **BACKGROUND:**

At the December 2, 2020, Museum of Riverside Board (Board) meeting, then Chair Peggy Barnhart requested that Museum staff introduce themselves to the Board.

# **DISCUSSION**:

lan Wright will provide a presentation to introduce himself to the Board and describe his duties at the Museum.

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

The activities of the Museum of Riverside align with the Strategic Priority, "Arts, Culture and Recreation." Museum activities support, in particular, goal 1.1 (strengthening Riverside's portfolio of arts, culture, recreation, senior, and lifelong learning programs and amenities), goal 1.2 (enhancing equitable access to arts, culture, and recreational service offerings and facilities), and goal 1.5 (supporting programs and amenities to further develop literacy, health, and education of children, youth, and seniors throughout the community).

Museum activities further support the Strategic Priority, "Community Well-Being." Specific goals supported by Museum programs and partnerships include goal 2.3, which includes strengthening neighborhood identities, and goal 2.5, which points to fostering relationships

between community members and partner organizations.

- Community Trust The Associate Educator is one of the most active staff members in the community. A presentation about her position and what she brings to it reveals the community role of the position.
- 2. **Equity** The presentation about the Associate Educator is available in many formats for any audience.
- 3. **Fiscal Responsibility** There is no cost associated with a presentation about the Associate Educator's position.
- 4. **Innovation** Community-based organizations operate more smoothly when their staff are well known in the community. Individual staff introductions in Board meetings provide a recorded resource to build knowledge about the Museum.
- 5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** Presentations by staff reinforce the importance of each individual staff member, provide an avenue for the Board to make direct contact, and work to build a sense of a staff member being valued, which in turn reduces turnover.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

Prepared by: Robyn G. Peterson, Ph.D., Museum Director

Approved by: Kris Martinez, Assistant City Manager

Attachment: Presentation