

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM BOARD MINUTES
March 13, 2019
Riverside Metropolitan Museum
3580 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501

Board Members Present

Mary Hughes, Chair
Todd Carpenter, Vice-Chair
Peggy Barnhart
Dawn Gleason
Rose Monge
Chuck Wilson

City Staff Present

Robyn G. Peterson, Museum Director
Ann Lovell, Operations Manager
Toni Kinsman, Senior Office Specialist
Lauren Sanchez, Deputy City Attorney
Douglas Long, Curator of Natural History

Absent

Lovelyn Razzouk

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT – this item was moved to the end of the meeting.

Lorna Jenkins – spoke regarding the Explore Riverside Together project on May 4, 2019

Luz Negrón – spoke regarding the renaming of the Museum

PRESENTATIONS

2. Board Chair Report – the Museum was featured in the *Press Enterprise* with an article on staff activities during closure. The annual City Boards and Commission reception will be held on March 20.

3. Riverside Museum Associates (RMA)

RMA President Robin Whittington reported that Luz Negrón was the recipient of the Carlos Cortez award for Diversity during the State of the City address. The RMA participated in the citrus event at the Arlington Library. The Heritage House featured Victorian Valentine practices during the month of February. Heritage House will feature quilts from the collection during the month of March, with a Quilting Day event on March 16. May 9 will be the RMA Annual Dinner. Board member Monge reported that the Multicultural Council will host four events for the coming year, to become more inclusive of the diverse youth in the region. An open house event on April 27 at the Casa Blanca library branch will take place from 1-2:30 p.m.

4. Harada House Foundation (HHF)

Board member Wilson reported that the Request for Proposals (RFQ) for historic preservation architectural services will be revised to include more funding, meaning that fewer awards will be made (two rather than three). The revision is due to feedback from potential firms.

5. Director's update regarding administration and budget, staffing, collections, facilities, main museum renovation, exhibitions and programs, and community engagement

In addition to the written report, Director Peterson introduced the Museum's new Curator of Natural History, Dr. Douglas Long. The Museum is currently finalizing a contract for the renovation architectural firm. The Museum's Heritage House will be participating in the citrus-themed *Zest!* collaborative initiative coordinated by the Mission Inn Museum and Foundation. The Collections Registrar position is now open for recruitment. The Museum will give a year-in-review presentation to City Council on March 19 at 2:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR

6. Approval of minutes for the meeting held on December 12, 2018

The minutes were approved as written.

Motion: P. Barnhart
Second: D. Gleason
Ayes: All

7. Determine whether Museum Board member absences for the December 12, 2018 Museum Board meeting should be recorded as excused or unexcused

The absence of D. Gleason was approved as excused. No motion was made to approve the absences of Bergis Jules and Deb Whitney due to their recent resignations from the Board.

Motion: P. Barnhart
Second: C. Wilson
Ayes: All

8. Election of Museum Board Officers

A motion was made to elect the following as 2019-2020 Board officers: Mary Hughes (Chair) and Todd Carpenter (Vice-Chair).

Motion: C. Wilson
Second: P. Barnhart
Ayes: All

9. Deaccession of 1935-1970 Amazonian Canoe, Oar, and Tiller (A1010-1A, 1B & 1C)

This item has received Parks Department concurrence regarding the transfer. A motion was made to approve a recommendation to City Council for the deaccession of the 1935-1970 Amazonian canoe, oar, and tiller (A1010-1A, 1B, 1C).

Motion: C. Wilson
Second: P. Barnhart
Ayes: All

10. Determine whether to dissolve the Ad Hoc Harada House Project Committee

A motion was made to dissolve the ad hoc Harada House Project Committee.

Motion: C. Wilson
Second: P. Barnhart
Ayes: All

11. Propose renaming of the Riverside Metropolitan Museum

A motion was made to recommend that City Council approve the renaming of the Metropolitan Museum to “Museum of Riverside” as part of the renovation and reinvention of the institution.

Motion: C. Wilson
Second: T. Carpenter
Ayes: All

COMMITTEE REPORTS (*written reports are requested for each Committee update*)

12. Harada House Project Committee (HHPC) – minutes were included in the agenda packet. The next meeting will be April 5 at 10:00 a.m.

13. Budget Committee – no report.

14. Development Committee – no report.

BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

15. Brief reports on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by Riverside Metropolitan Museum Board members – no report.

16. Items for future Riverside Metropolitan Museum Board consideration as requested by Board members.

A Board Development Committee report will be presented by Board member Barnhart for the April Museum Board meeting.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

The next regular Metropolitan Museum Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Museum conference room