



BOARD MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

May 24, 2023

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

Board Members Present

Cynthia Zdilor, Chair
Sharon Tennell, Vice-Chair
Julie Bjork
Richard Cardullo
Todd Carpenter (virtual)
Luz Maria Negrón Bermo
Lovelyn Razzouk (virtual)

City of Riverside Staff Present

Robyn Peterson, Museum Director
Ann Lovell, Manager of Operations
Toni Kinsman, Sr. Office Specialist

Board Members Absent

Peggy Barnhart
Rich Gardner

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Board Chair Cynthia Zdilor. Board Members Carpenter and Razzouk joined the meeting virtually under the SB 2449 “Just Cause” definition.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. You are invited to participate by phone at (669) 900-6833 and enter Meeting ID: 926 9699 1265 to comment on any matters within the jurisdiction of the Museum of Riverside Board. Press *9 to be placed in the queue to speak when the agenda item is called. Individuals in the queue will be prompted to unmute by pressing *6 to speak - Individual audience participation is limited to 3 minutes.

No public eComments were received online by the 1:00 p.m. deadline.

There were no callers for public comment.

There were no in person comment cards.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items 2 and 3 were approved as submitted.

Motion: Board Member Cardullo

Second: Board Member Negrón Bermo

Ayes: All

2. Minutes – April 26, 2023

The minutes were received and filed without corrections.

3. Record the absence of Board Member Lovelyn Razzouk from the April 26, 2023, regular Board meeting as excused.

A motion was approved to record the absence as excused due to business.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

4. Museum of Riverside values exercise

Ann Lovell distributed a grid for Museum Board members to complete and submit at the end of the meeting. Board members were asked to select the top 10 values that resonated with them as appropriate to guide the Museum of Riverside.

5. Discuss, receive, and file the Strategic Plan status report for the quarter ending March 31, 2023.

The status report was received and filed.

6. Recommend that City Council adopt a revised Code of Ethics and Conduct for the Museum of Riverside

A motion was made to recommend that City Council adopt a revised Code of Ethics and Conduct for the Museum of Riverside.

Motion: Board Member Bjork

Second: Board Member Cardullo

Ayes: All

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Since the report upload deadline, Director Peterson reported that the Museum has hired an Exhibition Designer who will begin June 9. An event will be held Saturday, July 15, from 1-2:30 p. m. at the Casa Blanca Library for the mini-museum exhibition. An ambitious program calendar for 2024, the Museum's 100th anniversary, will be possible only with the collaboration of our cultural partners as presenters. The Museum has purchased an outdoor inflatable projection cinema and plans to screen films with Riverside connections on the Heritage House garden grounds as part of its 100th anniversary programming. About 75 attended the Open Lobby event on May 18, and the annual Victorian Ice Cream Social at Heritage House saw an estimated 1,750 for the popular event.

Museum staff are providing Harada documents to assist a new program featuring local judges, lawyers, and high school students who will reenact the court case. The event will be held September 21, from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. in the Riverside County Courthouse. The Riverside Museum Associates may be requested to sponsor transportation costs for the students to the event.

The Museum website is still in the outline process with City Marketing and will be the last City department website to be updated. New Museum Board member Julie Bjork joined the Museum Design Advisory Team.

8. Board Officer Report (Chair / Vice-Chair)

Board Chair Zdilor reported that she attended the annual Victorian Ice Cream Social at Heritage House this past Sunday as well as the new Casa Blanca mini-museum at the Salvador Lara Library branch.

Vice-Chair Tennell had no updates to report.

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

No discussion.

10. Items for future Museum of Riverside Board consideration as requested by Board members

No items were requested for the next Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

The Museum of Riverside Board regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. has been cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

The next regular Board meeting will be Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in the Art Pick City Council Chambers