

Museum Department

Major Projects Update

**Museum of Riverside Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 28, 2024**



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MAIN MUSEUM

- Project goes to bid summer 2024
- Construction begins prior to end of 2024
- Construction lasts at least two years
- Installation of reopening exhibitions
- Grand re-opening early in 2027



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REOPENING EXHIBITIONS

- At work with exhibition design firm Riggs Ward Design to create:
 - Nature Lab
 - Im/migration exhibition
 - Food exhibition
 - Riverside's stories told in 2-story wall case and arched entry cases

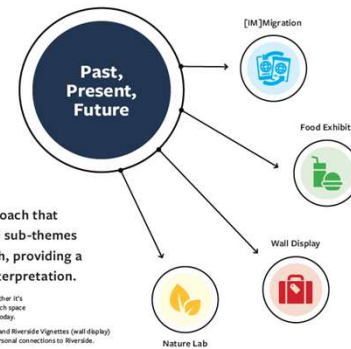
MUSEUM OF RIVERSIDE
PHASE I - PROGRAMMING

APPROACH 11 riggs ward

APPROACH

RWD has identified an overarching approach that encompasses all three exhibits. Possible sub-themes for each exhibit expand on this approach, providing a lot of potential for programming and interpretation.

Each exhibit explores different facets of Riverside's past, present, and future. Whether it's Riverside's surprising Taca Ball connection or a heartfelt story of family history, each space encourages visitors to consider how Riverside's rich history influences the region today. Subtle connections are made within and between (IM)Migration, the Food Exhibit, and Riverside Vignettes (wall display) to get visitors thinking about migration, movement, local history, and their own personal connections to Riverside.



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HARADA HOUSE

- Resolve engineering challenges
- Complete Phase I - Raise up house, rebuild foundation, set house down
- Begin Phase II and complete the project
- Open in 2027 or later



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HARADA HOUSE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

- Begin two-phased site work in fall 2024
- Salvage original three rooms and move to back of site
- Harada House, Phase I work occurs
- Move three rooms back and build rest of interpretive center.



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100TH ANNIVERSARY

- Complete remaining 100 programs
- Hold a successful gala event on December 12, 2024
- Follow up with grateful thanks to our sponsors and supporters



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COLLECTIONS

- Continue long-term project to ...
 - Hone collection through judicious accession and deaccession
 - Rehouse objects
 - Digitize collections
 - Upgrade documentation
 - Create a conservation plan
 - Share collections via website and short videos



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PUBLISHING, DIGITAL PROGRAMS

- Issue 2022-2024 biennial report
- Initiate Harada House documentary project
- Create more collection highlight videos
- Produce a booklet for each Heritage House temporary exhibition



Video footage captured during removal of Harada House inscription wall, April 2024 – for use in documentary

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ALO Is this a video that will play during the presentation? If so, I didn't get it to play.

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MAINTAIN ACCREDITATION

- Maintain confidence of Accreditation Commission
 - Reopen main Museum
 - Open Harada House
 - Maintain high level of public programming
 - Continued collections management improvement
- Next reaccreditation self-study due July 1, 2027



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OTHER CONTINUING WORK

- Continuing improvements at Heritage House
- Transition to temporary offices and management of museum's supplies
- Website and communications
- Maintain baseline programming



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RECOMMENDATION

That the Museum of Riverside Board receives and files a major projects update presented by the Museum of Riverside staff.

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