



BOARD MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

October 25, 2023

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

Board Members Present

Cynthia Zdilor, Chair
Peggy Barnhart (late)
Julie Bjork
Richard Cardullo
Luz Maria Negrón Bermó
Sharon Tennell, Vice-Chair

Museum Staff Present

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

Board Members Absent

Todd Carpenter
Rich Gardner
Lovelyn Razzouk

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Board Chair Cynthia Zdilor.

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 comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Minutes – September 27, 2023

The minutes were received and filed without corrections.

Motion: Board Member Cardullo

Second: Board Member Tennell

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

3. Discuss the absence of Board Member Todd Carpenter from the September 27, 2023, regular Board meeting.

A motion was made to record the absence as unexcused.

Motion: Board Member Cardullo

Second: Board Member Bjork

Ayes: Unanimous

4. Alternate meeting date for November and December 2023 scheduled meetings and approve the alternate meeting date.

A motion was made by the Museum of Riverside Board to:

1. Approve cancellation of the November 22, 2023, meeting due to the Thanksgiving holiday;
2. Approve cancellation of the December 27, 2023, meeting due to the winter holidays; and
3. Approve a Special Museum Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, in lieu of the November 22, 2023, and December 27, 2023, meetings.

Motion: Board Member Bjork

Second: Board Member Cardullo

Ayes: Unanimous

(The special meeting was subsequently cancelled due to lack of agenda items 10-27-2023.)

5. Discuss and approve an annual Museum of Riverside Board work plan for its own operation.

A motion was made to approve the work plan as submitted.

Motion: Board Member Tennell

Second: Board Member Negrón Bermo

Ayes: Unanimous

COMMUNICATIONS

6. Riverside Museum Associates – quarterly update

President Robin Whittington reported that the RMA 60th anniversary celebration on September 27th was a success. A joint appeal letter is in the process of being mailed to raise funds for the RMA, whose sole purpose is to support the Museum of Riverside. President Whittington encouraged those interested in donating to the Harada investment endowment held by Charles Schwab to contact her or Director Peterson for information. The RMA Strategic Planning Committee has worked hard on strategic objectives, including an updated logo and boosting membership numbers.

7. Harada House Foundation – quarterly update – no report

8. Board Chair/Vice-Chair update- no reports

3:23 p.m.- Board member Barnhart joined the meeting late due to traffic.

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

In addition to the published report Director Peterson reported that the last Open Lobby event will be hosted during Arts Walk on Thursday, November 9, at the main museum 5-9 p.m. The Museum is pleased to announce that it has filled the position of Coordinator of Institutional Advancement; Chantal Downing will begin October 27. Interviews continue

this week for the Manager of Curatorial Services. The mini-exhibit on the local machinist Fred Stebler is now on view in the Arlington branch of the library. The Festival of Lights switch-on ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, November 18, 2023.

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

No discussion.

11. 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 agendized for future discussion.

No agenda items requested.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

The regular meetings for November 22 and December 27 will not occur.

The next regular Museum of Riverside Board meeting will be held
Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.