

**RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Minutes of: Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees

Date of Meeting: July 25, 2016

Time of Meeting: 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Main Library  
3581 Mission Inn Avenue  
Riverside, California, 92501

**Present:** Tom Evans – President  
Michael Yonezawa – Vice President  
Erin House  
Linda Ridgway  
Teresa Seipel  
Arnold Rowe – Secretary  
Jose Alcalá  
Dwight Tate

**Absent:** Donna Goldware

**Staff:** Tonya Kennon, Library Director  
Erin Christmas, Assistant Library Director  
George Guzman, Administrative Services Manager  
Angela Henson, Sr. Management Analyst  
Emilio Ramirez, Community & Economic Development Department,  
Deputy Director

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Evans.

**Item 1 Public Comment**

Ed Martinez commented in support of agenda item 6.  
Lorenzo Maya Jr. commented in support of agenda item 6.  
Paul Chavez commented on agenda item no. 6, 7, and 8 and was not in support of Item 7.  
Morris Mendoza commented on agenda item no. 6 and 7.  
Bob Garcia commented on agenda item no. 6 and 7.

**Item 2 Approval of March 21, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes**

Motion: House  
Second: Ridgway  
Ayes: Unanimous

CONSENT CALENDAR

**Items 3, 4 and 5 Formal approval of trust fund expenditures, formal acceptance of gift fund donations in the amount of \$1,000 or more, and incident report.**

Motion: House  
Second: Seipel  
Ayes: Unanimous

DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR

**Item 6 Proposal to Rename Casa Blanca Library Plaza in Honor of Medal of Honor Recipient Private First Class (PFC) Salvador Lara**

Director Kennon gave a brief background on the property parcel map. Director Kennon clarified the lettering would match existing lettering and obtain clarification on the rank title of PFC Lara to Staff Sergeant. The interior of the building is in the Library's purview. The proposal is scheduled for City Council consideration on September 13, 2016.

Motion: Tate  
Second: Alcalá  
Ayes: Unanimous

**Item 7 Collaboration with Community & Economic Development Department for Development of Proposed Educational Garden on Vacant Land behind Casa Blanca Library**

Community & Economic Development Deputy Director Ramirez provided a presentation on the collaboration and development of proposed educational garden to be located on vacant land 1.46 acres (APN 230-351-016) behind the Casa Blanca Library. The concept of the education garden is an interactive outdoor classroom that was conceived from a tour of the Irvine Farm + Food Lab. Deputy Director Ramirez met with various entities (Community Action Group, Park Advisory Group, Parks Commission, etc.) to gauge interest to building partnerships with potential stakeholders. Director Kennon clarified that over activity at Casa Blanca is not impacting parking since there is parking available on Madison Street. Director Kennon also mentioned the interest in the Seed Lending Library and the Farm to Fork are unique programs that benefit Riverside.

Motion: House  
Second: Seipel  
Ayes: Unanimous

**Item 8 Eastside Library Lease Agreement Update**

Director Kennon provided an update on the Eastside Library Lease agreement. The Board of Trustees received and filed the report and included a directive for Director Kennon to return to the Board with information on how best to secure a new Eastside Library.

Motion: Alcalá  
Second: Yonezawa  
Ayes: Unanimous

**Item 9 Designation of Main Library Project Ad Hoc Committee**

Trustees designated President Evans, Alcalá and Tate as the Main Library Project ad hoc committee to represent the Board on matters related to the project including architect selection. Director Kennon informed Trustees of the addendum of the due date is August 5, 2016 at 2 p.m. of the city issued Request for Qualifications for architectural services for the development of the new main library.

Motion: House  
Second: Alcalá  
Ayes: Unanimous

**Item 10 Accept \$2,500 Grant Award from Riverside Public Library Foundation through a Grant from Stater Bros. Charities for Veterans Resource Center at Casa Blanca Library – 2985 Madison Street**

Trustees accepted \$2,500 from Riverside Public Library Foundation through a grant from Stater Bros. Charities in support of establishing the Veterans Resource Center at the Casa Blanca Library.

**Item 11 California State Library’s “California Listens” Digital Storytelling Project Update**

The board of library trustees received and filed a report on the California State Library’s “California Listens” Digital Storytelling Project.

BOARD AND DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION

**Item 12 Brief Report on Conferences, Seminars and Meeting Attended by Board Members**

**Item 13 Items for Future Board of Library Trustees Consideration as Requested by Board Members**

**Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

The next Board of Library Trustees is scheduled for August 22, 2016 at the Main Library.

Submitted by: Angela Henson

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Arnold Rowe, Secretary