

Museum of Riverside Board Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: MUSEUM OF RIVERSIDE BOARD DATE: AUGUST 28, 2024

FROM: MUSEUM DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: RECEIVE AND FILE A PRESENTATION FROM THE MUSEUM OF RIVERSIDE'S

MUSEUM DIRECTOR PROVIDING AN UPDATE ON MAJOR PROJECTS

ISSUE:

Receive and file a presentation from the Museum of Riverside's Museum Director providing an update on major projects.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Museum of Riverside Board receives and files a presentation from the Museum of Riverside's Museum Director providing an update on major projects.

BACKGROUND:

The Museum of Riverside Board's Standing Rules include "advis(ing) on the stewardship of the museum's cultural resources" (Section 1, A) and "mak(ing) recommendations regarding the scope of museum activities." (Section 1, B).

DISCUSSION:

The Museum of Riverside is engaged in many multi-year projects that are progressing on different trajectories. To assist in keeping the Board informed about the scope of cultural resources about which they advise, the Museum Director will present an illustrated update on the main Museum project, the planning process for the reopening exhibitions, Harada House, the Harada House Interpretive Center, the remainder of the 100th anniversary year programming, collections, publishing and digital programs, maintaining national accreditation, and other significant continuing work.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

The activities of the Museum of Riverside align with the Strategic Priority, "Arts, Culture and Recreation." Museum activities support, in particular, goal 1.1 (strengthening Riverside's portfolio of arts, culture, recreation, senior, and lifelong learning programs and amenities), goal

1.2 (enhancing equitable access to arts, culture, and recreational service offerings and facilities), and goal 1.5 (supporting programs and amenities to further develop literacy, health, and education of children, youth, and seniors throughout the community).

Museum activities further support the Strategic Priority, "Community Well-Being." Specific goals supported by Museum programs and partnerships include goal 2.3, which includes strengthening neighborhood identities, and goal 2.5, which points to fostering relationships between community members and partner organizations.

- 1. **Community Trust** Community trust is enhanced when Board and Commission members who represent the various wards are kept informed about Museum activities.
- 2. **Equity** The major projects update presentation is available in many formats for any audience.
- 3. **Fiscal Responsibility** There is no cost associated with the presentation updating the Board about major projects undertaken by the Museum.
- 4. **Innovation** Many of the projects the Museum is engaged in are innovative conceptually, technologically, or socially. Board members are better able to articulate this when they are better informed about project details.
- 5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** Open communications about complex projects provide opportunities for Board members to identify areas where sustainability and resilience can be enhanced.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation