



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: OCTOBER 3, 2017
FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY WARD: 1
SUBJECT: DONATION OF CARNEGIE LIBRARY WINDOWS BY CHADWICK AND BETTY BARRIE AND THE BARRIE FAMILY OF RIVERSIDE

ISSUES:

Formally accept donation of the Carnegie Library windows donated by Chadwick and Betty Barrie and the Barrie Family of Riverside.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Accept the donation of the Carnegie Library windows from Chadwick and Betty Barrie and the Barrie Family to the Riverside Public Library; and
2. Approve the guidelines for the donation listed in the discussion.

BACKGROUND:

On July 31, 1903 the Carnegie Library opened to the public. In late 1964, the Carnegie Library was demolished and the new Main Library was opened.

Chadwick H. Barrie lived in town in the late 1930's and became a permanent resident of Riverside in 1958. Mr. Barrie retired from the Air Force and in 1964 worked for the Post Office then located right down the street from the Carnegie Library. Barrie witnessed the library demolition and went on site to ask what was being done with the windows. The construction crew told him that everything was being taken to the landfill. He asked whether he could preserve several of the windows and the construction supervisor gave him permission to do so. Chadwick and two of his sons, David and Chad, went to the site and retrieved the windows. The library windows were stored in the garage of the Barrie home on Magnolia Avenue in Riverside from 1964 to 2013. Barrie Chadwick passed away in 1982 and his wife Betty passed away in 2013. Their children, David, Chad, Doug, Bruce and Jim, sold the family home in 2013. At that time the windows were moved to Doug's home in Riverside. It is their desire to have the windows, which represent a beautiful part of Riverside's history, be preserved and appreciated. The Barrie Family wish to donate these pieces for incorporation into the new Main Library.

On July 24, 2017, the Board of Library Trustees unanimously voted to formally accept the donation and recommended that the City Council authorize the acceptance of the donation to the Riverside Public Library.

DISCUSSION:

There are 12 windows (and 1 screen) representative of the various types of windows that were in the Carnegie Library. On May 10, 2017, Robert Przeklasa, Curator of History of the Riverside Metropolitan Museum and Kevin Halloran, Archivist, inspected and authenticated the windows. David Barrie, who resides in Crestline, was also present to recount his memories of moving the windows with his father in 1964. During this meeting, Przeklasa and Halloran recorded the window dimensions which are listed below. Also shown below are photographs of the Carnegie Library and photos of the windows in their current state.

Carnegie Library and Window Photographs



Note: There are four of each of the two window types shown on the left side of the bottom picture. The dimensions of some of the windows vary in size, such as 25.25 inches in width by 43 inches

in height, 32 inches in width by 55.5 inches in height, 31.75 inches in width by 32.5 inches in height, and 25.25 inches in width by 81.25 inches in height.

Guidelines for the donation:

The guidelines were developed from communications between the Barrie Family, Riverside Metropolitan Museum and Riverside Public Library.

1. The Barrie Family has requested if Johnson Favaro, architect firm, is unable to utilize the donated pieces in the new Main Library at site 3911 University Avenue, then the donated pieces would be returned to the Barrie Family.
2. The Library and City of Riverside will not be held liable if the pieces are damaged in transit, design or install.
3. A decorative nameplate that acknowledges the donor is to be determined at a later date. The size, media and style is to be determined once the final piece is created to ensure the overall appearance is cohesive, in style with Library design and meets the requested wording of the donor. The Barrie Family has provided an example of the wording for the acknowledgement to include “Salvaged and donated by Chadwick and Betty Barrie and the Barrie Family of Riverside.”
4. The delivery of the donated pieces to the Riverside Public Library will be facilitated by Riverside Metropolitan Museum staff at no cost to the Library.

Interim Museum Director Nguyen previously concurred with the donation presented to the Board of Library Trustees.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact with accepting this donation will be the cost for the acknowledgment on the final display to indicate “Salvaged and donated by Chadwick and Betty Barrie and the Barrie family of Riverside.” At this time the final wording and type of material has not been determined; however, the costs will be included as part of the project budget, if needed.

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