



City of Arts & Innovation

Board of Library Trustees

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES **DATE: SEPTEMBER 12, 2022**
FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY **WARDS: ALL**
SUBJECT: UPDATE FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY AND RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

ISSUE:

Receive an update from the Friends of the Library and Riverside Public Library Foundation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Trustees receive and file an update from the Friends of the Library and Riverside Public Library Foundation.

BACKGROUND:

The Friends of the Library (Friends) was incorporated on October 11, 1983, a nonprofit corporation. The purpose of the Friends is to maintain an association of persons interested in books and libraries; to focus public attention on library services, facilities and needs; and to stimulate gifts of books, magazines, other literary media, desirable collections, and endowments. Since its incorporation, the Friends through its volunteers has raised funds for the benefit of the Riverside Public Library through the sale of books and other donated materials.

The Riverside Public Library Foundation (RPLF) was created in 1997 by Library supporters. The RPLF directors and officers are all volunteers. The RPLF relies on donations and fund-raising events for support to ensure the excellence of library services for Riverside Residents. The 2020 annual campaign raised funds to provide digital and online materials.

DISCUSSION:

The Friends and RPLF will provide an update on their organizations, specific volunteer activities, and naming of their officers.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 1 *Arts, Culture & Recreation* and Goal No. 1.1 -

Strengthen Riverside's portfolio of arts, culture, recreation, senior and lifelong learning programs and amenities through expanded community partnerships, shared use opportunities and fund development.

This item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – Involvement between the Board of Library Trustees, the Friends of the Library, the Riverside Public Library Foundation, and the library promote community trust.
2. **Equity** - This item aligns with equity by having the potential to facilitate equitable distribution of services to every member of the community through the role of the Friends of the Library and the Riverside Public Library Foundation.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** - Through City Charter Section 808 (f), the Board of Library Trustees shall have the power and duty to accept money, personal property or real estate donated to the City for library purposes, subject to the approval of the City Council.
4. **Innovation** - This item aligns with Innovation in future partnership opportunities with the Friends of the Library and Riverside Public Library Foundation.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** - This assists the Library with Sustainability & Resiliency by potentially providing fund development opportunity through the books sales from the Friends of the Library and fundraising campaigns led by the Riverside Public Library Foundation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with receiving an update from the Friends of the Library.

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