



BOARD MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

April 26, 2023

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

Board Members Present

Cynthia Zdilor, Chair
Sharon Tennell, Vice-Chair
Peggy Barnhart
Julie Bjork
Richard Cardullo
Todd Carpenter (virtual)
Rich Gardner
Luz Negrón (late 3:09 p.m.)

City of Riverside Staff Present

Robyn Peterson, Museum Director
Toni Kinsman, Sr. Office Specialist

Board Members Absent

Lovelyn Razzouk

Guest Present

Stephanie Kingsnorth, Pfeiffer Partners

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Board Chair Cynthia Zdilor. Board Member Carpenter joined the meeting virtually under the SB 2449 "Just Cause" definition.

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 eComments were received online by the 1:00 p.m. deadline.

There were no callers for public comment.

One in-person speaker card was received from David Barnhart regarding item 6.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items 2 through 5 were approved as submitted.

Motion: Board Member Gardner

Second: Board Member Barnhart

Ayes: All

2. Minutes – March 22, 2023

The minutes were received and filed without corrections.

3. Record the absence of Board Member Richard Cardullo from the March 22, 2023, regular Board meeting as excused.

A motion was approved to record the absence as excused due to vacation.

4. Record the absence of Board Member Lovelyn Razzouk from the March 22, 2023, regular Board meeting as excused.

A motion was approved to record the absence as excused due to business / work.

5. Record the absence of Board Member Todd Carpenter from the March 22, 2023, regular Board meeting as unexcused.

A motion was approved to record the absence as unexcused due to business / work with less than 24-hour notice.

PRESENTATIONS

6. Discussion and presentation regarding the status of the planning for the main museum renovation and expansion.

A PowerPoint presentation was given by Director Peterson, then received and filed. The main architect on the project, Stephanie Kingsnorth from Pfeiffer Partners, was present. Questions from Board members were answered by both Director Peterson and Ms. Kingsnorth..

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

7. Update on the Museum of Riverside budget for FY2023-2024

The report was received and filed. The City is mid-cycle in its biennial (2-year) budget with no substantive changes expected for 2023/2024.

COMMUNICATIONS

8. Riverside Museum Associates (RMA) – quarterly update

RMA President Robin Whittington sent a written report with an update that the RMA has opened a Harada House investment account (a true endowment) with Charles Schwab. RMA attended the Insect Fair event, raising funds with gift shop merchandise and butterfly tent ticket sales.

9. Harada House Foundation (HHF) – quarterly update

HHF President Sarah Mundy attended virtually. The HHF attended a community event at the CA Citrus Park in conjunction with the Japanese American Citizens League, discussions continue with RUSD on the possible renaming of Highland Elementary in honor of Jukichi Harada, and the HHF (as a subgrantee of a grant received by UCR) will receive \$50,000 from the Mellon Foundation. The newly expanded HHF Board has vacancies.

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

Since the report upload deadline, Director Peterson reported that Museum staff have been busy with the capital projects for Harada and the main Museum as well as April programming. The new Associate Educator Kim Cobb started at the Museum and the outcome of offers extended to the Exhibition Designer and Curator of History positions will be announced shortly.

The Museum is preparing to go to the Cultural Heritage Board on May 17th with a Harada project update. A Harada project presentation is slated for a future Museum Board meeting.

11. Board Officer Report (Chair / Vice-Chair)

Board Chair Zdilor had no report. New ward 6 Board member Bjork introduced herself to the Board.

Vice-Chair Tennell volunteered for the In/VISIBLE, Un/HEARD program and encouraged the Board to attend Museum events and programming as well.

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

Board member Negrón volunteered for the In/VISIBLE, Un/HEARD program at the Chinatown site.

13. Items for future Museum of Riverside Board consideration as requested by Board members

No items were requested for the May Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

The next Museum of Riverside Board regular meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.
in the Art Pick City Council Chambers