



## **BOARD MINUTES**

*Regular Board Meeting*

**June 26, 2024**

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

### **Board Members Present**

Richard Cardullo, Vice Chair  
Rich Gardner  
Peggy Barnhart  
Julie Bjork  
Mary Sue Berkley  
Luz Maria Negrón Bermo  
Lovelyn Razzouk  
Cynthia Zdilor

### **Museum Staff Present**

Robyn Peterson, Museum Director  
Ann Lovell, Manager of Operations  
Chantal Downing, Inst. Adv. Coord.  
Ian Wright, Curator of Natural History  
Jennifer Dickerson, Curatorial Svcs. Mgr.

### **Board Members Absent**

Sharon Tennell, Chair

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Board Vice-Chair Richard Cardullo.

### **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 or comment cards received in Chambers. No callers.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **2. Minutes – April 24, 2024**

The minutes were received and filed without corrections.

#### **3. Minutes – May 22, 2024 (cancelled meeting)**

The minutes were received and filed without corrections.

Motion for Consent Items 2 and 3

Motion: Board Member Gardner  
Second: Board Member Barnhart  
Ayes: Unanimous

## PRESENTATIONS

### **4. Receive and file a presentation from the Museum of Riverside’s Curator of Natural History.**

Ian Wright gave a presentation on his role as the Museum of Riverside’s Curator of Natural History and brief biography.

## DISCUSSION CALENDAR

### **5. Record Museum of Riverside Board member absences for the April 24, 2024, regular meeting**

A motion was made to excuse the absence of Board Member Gardner due to car trouble with less than 24 hours’ notice given that he would not be able to attend the meeting.

Motion: Board Member Negrón

Second: Board Member Berkley

Ayes: 2

Opposed: 6

Motion failed. Absence recorded as unexcused.

### **6. Recommendation to City Council to accession into the permanent collection two (2) cultural objects from regional tribal artists**

Motion: Board Member Zdilor

Second: Board Member Berkley

Ayes: Unanimous

### **7. Annual review of the Code of Ethics and Conduct**

Board of Ethics Chair Gil Vega gave a presentation on the Code of Ethics. Board members are requested to send recommendations to Toni Kinsman at [tkinsman@riversideca.gov](mailto:tkinsman@riversideca.gov) by 5:00 p.m., Friday, June 28. No recommendations were submitted during the meeting.

### **8. Discuss, receive, and file the Strategic Plan status report for the quarter ending March 31, 2024**

The quarterly update for the strategic plan was discussed, received, and filed. In addition to the published report, Museum Director Peterson reported that the process to renew the Museum’s strategic plan will begin at the three-year mark. The City is embarking on the process for a new General Plan, and the City’s current strategic plan, Envision Riverside 2025, will sunset. The Museum will continue to support City goals.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### **9. Director’s Update regarding the main museum renovation, historic houses, collections, exhibitions and programs, budget, staffing, advisory teams, volunteer and support opportunities, marketing, and communications.**

In addition to the published report, Director Peterson reported that 52 of the 100 programs for 2024 have been completed, and that by the end of fiscal year ending on June 30, 2024, the Museum will have served close to 17,000 people in person. Heritage House closes for the summer on June 30, 2024, and this weekend is the last chance to see the Chinatown exhibition at Heritage House. Exhibition planning for the reopening of the

downtown Museum site is underway. The Museum is exploring revenue-generating options starting with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala. The Museum plans to conduct interviews for the Curator of History this summer. FY24-26 budget was approved by City Council at the June 25, 2024, City Council meeting. The Museum will participate in the Long Night of Arts and Innovation. Prequalification processes are underway for general contractors for both the main Museum renovation and expansion and the Harada House Interpretive Center projects. A scavenger hunt for hidden animals in the new mural at 4049 Main Street in downtown Riverside was distributed to the Board. Board members were requested to mark their calendars for the opening of the Museum's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibition, *Dear Riverside*, being held at the Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties on July 25, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**8. Board Chair/ Vice-Chair update** – Board Vice Chair Richard Cardullo attended the Riverside Museum Associates business meeting. He congratulated Board Member Peggy Barnhart on her election as RMA President. Richard Cardullo is a new RMA Director-at-Large.

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

Board Member Negrón attended National Day of Prayer at Culver Center. Board Member Negrón reported that the Human Relations Commission would like Museum Board members to attend a Human Relations Commission meeting so that the Human Relations Commission can learn more about the Museum.

**12. Items for future Museum of Riverside Board consideration as requested by members of the Board. Only items that fall within the powers and duties of the Museum of Riverside as set forth in the City Charter and/or the Riverside Municipal Code will be agendaized for future discussion.**

No agenda items requested.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

The upcoming July 24, 2024, Museum of Riverside Board meeting has been cancelled.

The next regular Museum of Riverside Board meeting will be held  
Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.