

**RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Minutes of: Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees

Date of Meeting: January 25, 2016

Time of Meeting: 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Main Library
3581 Mission Inn Avenue
Riverside, California, 92501

Present: Tom Evans – President
Michael Yonezawa – Vice President
Erin House
Linda Ridgway
Jose Alcala
Gary Christmas
Teresa Seipel
Donna Goldware

Absent: Arnold Rowe – Secretary

Staff: Alexander T. Nguyen, Assistant City Manager
Tonya Kennon, Library Director
George Guzman, Administrative Services Manager
Angela Henson, Executive Assistant
Carl Carey, General Services Director
Emilio Ramirez, Successor Agency Executive Director
Rina Gonzalez, Deputy City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Evans.

Item 1 Public Comment

Morris Mendoza, Theresa Newham, Doug Schackelton, Chani Beeman, Paul Chavez, Tom Donahue, Don Gallegos, Denise Harden, Boyd Jensen, Brett Christiansen, Michael Gentile, Christina Duran, and Daniel Robles spoke about the Main Library Project update.

Item 2 Approval of December 14, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Christmas
Second: Alcala
Ayes: Unanimous

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items 3, 4 and 5 Formal approval of trust fund expenditures, formal acceptance of gift fund donations in the amount of \$1,000 or more, and incident report.

Motion: Christmas
Second: Alcala
Ayes: Unanimous

DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR

Item 6 Main Library Project Update

Director Kennon provided a presentation on the Main Library Project. Beginning with background from the December 14, 2015 Board of Library Trustees meeting where Trustees voted unanimously to 1.) Approve receipt of the report; 2.) Recommend current location be committed to a cultural, public reuse; 3.) Amend the recommendation to include that staff provide additional detail on 4019 Mission Inn Ave., 3911 University Ave., Northwest corner of Park and University, and other potential alternative locations; and 4.) Recommend funding options be determined and planning begin. Director Kennon provided twelve alternative site locations and discussed whether the locations were viable or deemed not viable.

The following twelve sites discussed in detail included:

Site (1) 4785 Chicago Avenue was deemed not viable due to the distance to the downtown area;
Site (2) 3210 Main Street was deemed not viable due to location;
Site (3) 2941 Market Street was deemed not viable due to public accessibility and location;
Site (4) Northwest (2462-2498) Market Street was viable;
Site (5) 4019 Mission Avenue was viable;
Site (6) 2275 Northbend Street was deemed not viable based on location;
Site (7) 2849 N. Orange Street was deemed not viable based on location;
Site (8) 1329 University Avenue was deemed not viable based on location;
Site (9) 1550 University Avenue was deemed not viable based on location;
Site (10) 2025 University Avenue was deemed not viable based on location;
Site (11) 2833 University Avenue was deemed viable; and
Site (12) 3911 University was not deemed viable since the highest and best economic use is private mixed use which is assessed at \$50 million.

Alexander Nguyen, Assistant City Manager responded to a comment on the current library building for reuse.

Director Kennon responded to questions regarding the Chinese Pavilion, employee parking, 144 parking spaces surrounding the current library building.

Board of Trustees discussion:

President Evans requested that Trustees evaluate all sites.

Trustee Goldware inquired what the height limit is for the building. Successor Agency Executive Director Ramirez responded that he believed the limit to be approximately 45 feet, but would need to verify. Trustee Alcalá thought the hope was using as a mixed use space for rentals. Director Kennon clarified not for mixed use but flexible design. Non-profit use the space and reception rental. The library is a general fund department and funds would be returned to the general fund. President Evans visited all the sites. Fairmount park area site is too far away from downtown, the site at 3911 University is visible from both University and Mission.

President Evans made a motion to recommend the city council approve a portion of 3911 University as the new location of the Main Library, Trustee Ridgway seconded the motion.

Discussion occurred after the first motion:

Trustee Goldware stated concerns that the Chestnut location was too small and disagreed with staff argument for criteria of a new location based on visibility and gateway to the city and that cost was the sole factor in favor of the Chestnut location.

Trustee House indicated that the board move slowly and look more closely at all four viable sites mentioned. However, Trustee House stated the site at 4019 Mission Inn is unsuitable and could not support the site.

Trustee Ridgway agreed with President Evans that the 3911 University site is close to downtown.

Trustee Christmas indicated all four sites are potential viable sites depending on programming and design. Additionally, he reminded the board the remodel of the existing Main Library is also a viable plan that went to the City Council and recommended to support staff recommendations from the report and add remodel of the Main Library and 4019 Mission Inn Avenue to the motion. Indicated the 3911 University site is too large for the libraries purposes and the potential revenue with the property.

Trustee Alcalá commented to revitalize current Main Library and in support of 3911 University.

Trustee Seipel commented in favor of renovating current Main Library and the University Park location.

Trustee Evans reminded board members that in December 14, 2015 members voted to move the Main library.

Trustee Yonezawa clarified recommendation in the report to select 4019 Mission Inn Avenue as an option for designers, and 3911 for council consideration, with an amendment to add remodel of Main Library.

Trustee Christmas recommended a couple of locations and prioritize options and consider to add the remodel of Main Library.

President Evans proposed a motion to select part of the property at 3911 University as new library location and substitute motion that would add reconstruction of current building.

Director Kennon addressed questions on the reason for the 4019 Mission Inn site. The site was discussed by the board in December 2015 and Director Kennon returned with additional information at the request of the board. Director Kennon requested specific direction from the board on what type of information to bring back in response from a comment from Trustee House requesting to look more closely at viable sites.

Trustee Christmas provided background on how the board reached the decision of the sites being discussed and the Council to also consider the current location as an alternative location, 3911 University Avenue and 4019 Mission Inn Avenue, and make a preference of one to the other. 3911 University Avenue or 4019 Mission Inn Avenue are the best sites to consider, while noting that 3911 University Avenue is potentially planned for commercial development.

Trustee Christmas recommend a friendly amendment of adding 4019 Mission Inn Avenue to Trustee Evans motion of part of 3911 University Avenue. Trustee Ridgway declined to accept the friendly amendment.

Trustee Evans requested a vote on the first motion of 3911 University Avenue site or a portion of the property as the new location was voted yes by Evans, Ridgway, Alcala, Seipel, and Goldware.

Ayes: Evans, Ridgway, Alcala, Seipel, Goldware
Noes: Christmas, House, Yonezawa
Motion passed

Recommendation 1: Receive and file the report

Motion: Yonezawa
Second: Christmas
Ayes: Unanimous

Recommendation 2: That the City Council not select 4019 Mission Inn Avenue, as the location for the new Main Library and consider 3911 University Avenue site or a portion of the property as the new location for the Main Library.

Motion: Evans
Second: Ridgway
Ayes: Evans, Ridgway, Alcala, Seipel, and Goldware
Noes: Christmas, House, Yonezawa

Item 7 Riverside Public Library Foundation Update

The Riverside Public Library Foundation was awarded a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the ER Carpenter Foundation for the enhancement of Makerspaces in Riverside Public Libraries. Trustee Christmas, also a member of the Riverside Public Library Foundation, presented the Board with the check. Trustees received and filed the Riverside Public Library Foundation update.

Item 8 Friends of the Library Update

Trustees received and filed the Friends of the Library update with a correction on the report from Director Kennon stating the verbiage for Riverside Public Library Foundation should have been Friends of the Library. Barbara Purvis invited Trustees to the Friends of the Library Annual meeting in spring at a date to be determined at the Casa Blanca Library.

Item 9 Approval of 3D Printer Policy

Director Kennon discussed the 3D Printer Policy and fee schedule. The Fee Schedule will be implemented upon City Council approval of the annual Master Fee Schedule Resolution. Funding for 3D printing will be provided by grant funds.

Motion: Christmas
Second: House
Ayes: Unanimous

BOARD AND DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION

Item 10 Brief Report on Conferences, Seminars and Meeting Attended by Board Members
Trustee Christmas announced his reappointment to the State Library Board.

Item 11 Items for Future Board of Library Trustees Consideration as Requested by Board Members

1. Director Kennon announced that the Nominating Committee for Board of Library Trustees Election of Officers board report did not make the January deadline as described in the bylaws. Trustees expressed that the Nominating Committee to be agendized for the February 22 meeting. The report should include the selection of Nominating Committee and a break for the selected Nominating Committee to determine its slate and the full board conduct its election at the February 22, 2016 meeting.
2. Training to be scheduled after new Board appointments have been determined.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The next Board of Library Trustees is scheduled for February 22, 2016.

Submitted by: Angela Henson

Tom Evans, President

Arnold Rowe, Secretary