

**RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Minutes of: Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees

Date of Meeting: April 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  
Teresa Seipel  
Donna Goldware  
Arnold Rowe – Secretary  
Jose Alcala  
Dwight Tate

**Staff:** Alexander T. Nguyen, Assistant City Manager  
Tonya Kennon, Library Director  
George Guzman, Administrative Services Manager  
Rebecca Turner, Office Specialist  
Cheryl Hansberger, Mayor's Office

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**Item 1 Public Comment**

Ed Martinez commented on item 7, support for renaming.  
Ray Trosper commented on item 7, support for renaming.  
Jack Soto commented on item 7, support for renaming.  
Zack Earp commented on item 7 & 8, support for renaming.  
Alex Candelaria commented on item 7 & 8, support for renaming.  
Ofelia Valdez-Yeager commented on item 7, support for renaming.  
Rudy Chavez commented on item 7, support for renaming.  
Anthony Rivera commented on item 7, support for renaming.  
Barbara Purvis commented on item 7 & 8, support for renaming.  
Dena DeLucia commented on item 7 & 8, support for renaming.  
Tina Ruvalcaba commented on item 7 & 8, support for renaming.  
Linda Thompson commented on item 7 & 8, support for renaming.  
Cheryl Hansberger commented on item 7 & 8, support for renaming.  
Michael Elkins commented on item 7 & 8, support for renaming.  
Nancy Melendez commented on item 7, support for renaming.  
Jesus Duran commented on item 7, support for renaming.

**Item 2      Approval of March 21, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Rowe  
Second: Ridgeway  
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: House  
Second: Ridgeway  
Ayes: Unanimous

DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR

**Item 6      Main Library Project Update**

On February 23, 2016, the City Council voted to relocate the Main library to 3911 University Avenue (the RTA site). RTA is scheduled to vacate the site in early 2017. City staff are preparing a Request for Qualifications for architectural consulting services for the new Main Library. Services will include leading the public in an open process to determine, together with library management, how to best design a building that will meet our modern needs.

Trustee Alcalá motions to receive and file.  
Second: House  
Ayes: Unanimous

**Item 7 & 8      Renaming of Casa Blanca Library and Eastside Library**

The Board received comments on Items 7 and 8 simultaneously. Director Kennon addressed Trustees and members of the community regarding the renaming of both Casa Blanca and Eastside library. The Library Administration office received the renaming proposal for Casa Blanca Library on April 13, 2016 and the renaming for Eastside Library on April 15, 2016. Due to Director Kennon's absence, the meeting agenda had not yet published. Both items were thus added to the agenda. Trustees and staff have had little more than a week to review the items, and consequently, the department has done no community outreach regarding the items. Director Kennon recommended Items 7 & 8 be continued one month for further review and allow sufficient time to notice the entire community of the Board's consideration of the items.

Trustee Yonezawa inquired as to why the plaza could not be included in the Casa Blanca renaming proposal and asked about the process for renaming the Eastside Library, which is a leased facility. Director Kennon shared that the library is part of a shared campus with the plaza operated by Riverside Public Utilities, thus out of the purview of the Board of Library Trustees. Director Kennon's understanding of the naming policy is that should Eastside Library be renamed, the name would port with the library when a city-owned facility is built.

The Concerned Citizens for Casa Blanca Committee (CCFCBC) Chair Rudy Chavez, submitted a proposal to rename the Casa Blanca Library and Plaza in honor of PFC Salvador Lara. In 2014, PFC Lara was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his service in the military, including World War II.

The recommendation to the Board of Library Trustees is that the Casa Blanca Library be renamed the PFC Salvador Lara Casa Blanca Library.

Mayor William R. "Rusty" Bailey submitted a proposal to rename the Eastside Library in honor of Spc. Jesus S. Duran. In 2014, Spc. Duran was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his service in the military, including the Vietnam War.

The recommendation to the Board of Library Trustees is that the Eastside Library be renamed the Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library.

Trustee Goldware voiced her support for the renaming of the libraries and expressed the significance of each Medal of Honor recipient being citizens of Riverside.

Trustee Alcalá motioned to support the renaming of the Casa Blanca and Eastside libraries and to submit the proposals to the City Council for their consideration.

Second: House  
Ayes: Unanimous

## **Item 9      Library Budget**

Director Kennon presented the budget presentation to be presented to the City Council on May 3, 2016. Director Kennon reminded Trustees that the City is facing a \$10 million to \$12 million budget deficit and that each department was asked to reduce their General Fund operational budget by 4% which equates to \$238,217 for the library. Departments were additionally directed to meet a managed savings target which equates to \$150,000 for the library. For the FY 2016-18 Two-Year Budget the total 4% reduction and managed savings target for

the library is \$388,217, these numbers do not include the Measure I revenue of approximately \$1.4 million.

The proposal to achieve the 4% reduction target, is to implement the closures of all libraries twice monthly on alternating Fridays, implement branch closures at Main and La Sierra libraries each Sunday, and a one year reduction of the currently staffed Sr. Librarian position. Director Kennon provided historical data on previous reductions to the department during the recession, the increase in library locations, and the flat staffing levels during and after the increase. Director Kennon invited the Board to attend the Budget hearing scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Item 10      La Sierra 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Director Kennon thanked Trustees who attended the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the La Sierra Library on March 26, 2016. The 18-piece La Sierra High School Jazz Band opened and played during the event that attracted more than 400 people including Mayor Bailey, Councilman Burnard, Councilman Perry, Council Assistant Sandy Garcia, Judge Macomber, Assistant City Manager Alex Nguyen and Library Trustee Dwight Tate.

**BOARD AND DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION**

**Item 11      Brief Report on Conferences, Seminars and Meeting Attended by Board Members**

Trustee Yonezawa spoke about the Academic Library Conference he attended at the end of March and beginning of April and the value libraries of all types provide to the public.

**Item 12      Items for Future Board of Library Trustees Consideration as Requested by Board Members**

The Board requested information on the Eastside Library lease and future plans for the Eastside Library.

**Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

The next Board of Library Trustees is scheduled for May 23, 2016 at La Sierra Library.

Submitted by: Rebecca Turner

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Arnold Rowe, Secretary