



City of Arts & Innovation

Board of Library Trustees

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES **DATE: JUNE 27, 2016**

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUBJECT: MAIN LIBRARY PROJECT UPDATE – REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS NO. 1627 RELEASED FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW MAIN LIBRARY AT 3911 UNIVERSITY AVENUE

ISSUE:

Receive an update on the Main Library Project.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Trustees receive and file this report.

BACKGROUND:

On February 23, 2016, The City Council received a report from Director Kennon on the feasibility of a 21st Century library at the current location and information on proposed locations. Following discussion, the City Council voted unanimously to: (1) commit the current library building located at 3581 Mission Inn Avenue to a cultural, public reuse; (2) select 3911 University Avenue as the location for the new Main Library; and (3) direct the City Manager to determine funding options and begin planning the new Main Library.

The site located at 3911 University Avenue is currently occupied by the Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) and the Riverside Police Department downtown substation. RTA is scheduled to vacate the site in January 2017. Relocation of the Police Department substation is to be determined.

DISCUSSION:

On June 20, 2016, the City issued the attached Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for architectural services for the development of the new Main Library. Submittals are due on or before 2:00 p.m., July 22, 2016. 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 within a signature piece of architecture.

Staff will provide monthly updates to the Board of Library Trustees on project status and next steps for the Board's consideration and feedback.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Request for Proposal No. 1627