



City of Arts & Innovation

Board of Library Trustees

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

DATE: JUNE 27, 2016

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON PROPOSAL TO RENAME CASA BLANCA LIBRARY IN HONOR OF MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT PFC SALVADOR LARA AND RENAME EASTSIDE LIBRARY IN HONOR OF MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT SPC. JESUS S. DURAN

ISSUE:

An update on the proposal to rename Casa Blanca Library in honor of Medal of Honor recipient PFC Salvador Lara and rename Eastside Library in honor of Medal of Honor recipient Spc. Jesus S. Duran.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

On April 13, 2016, the Library Department received a proposal from the Concerned Citizens of Casa Blanca Committee to rename the Casa Blanca Library the PFC Salvador J. Lara Casa Blanca Library in honor of Medal of Honor recipient PFC Salvador J. Lara. In 2014, PFC Lara was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his service in the military, including World War II.

On April 15, 2016, the Library Department received a proposal from Mayor William R. "Rusty" Baily to rename the Eastside Library in honor of Medal of Honor recipient 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.

On April 25, 2016, the Board of Library Trustees considered both proposals along with the City Naming Policy, and comments from staff and the community. Following public comment and Board discussion, the Board of Library Trustees voted unanimously in support of 1) the proposal to rename the Casa Blanca Library in honor of Medal of Honor recipient PFC Salvador J. Lara; 2) the proposal to rename the Eastside Library in honor of Medal of Honor recipient Spc. Jesus S. Duran, and 3) submitting the proposals to City Council for consideration.

DISCUSSION:

On June 14, 2016, the City Council voted unanimously to rename the Eastside library the "Spc. Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library" in honor of Medal of Honor recipient Jesus S. Duran, who fought in Vietnam, and to rename the Casa Blanca Library the "PFC Salvador J. Lara Casa

Blanca Library” in honor of Medal of Honor recipient Salvador J. Lara, who fought during World War II, and to have the City cover all costs in the amount of \$11,416 associated with changing signage on the building façades.

Additionally, the Council directed staff to return with a report allowing Council to also consider renaming the plaza area between the Casa Blanca Library and the RPU customer service center in honor of Medal of Honor recipient Salvador J. Lara. Staff are working on this now. Once finalized, Library and General Services staff will work together to secure bids for library signage and installation.

Additional information will be provided once signage updating is scheduled and renaming ceremonies are planned.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact associated with this report is the cost for the façade at Casa Blanca estimated at \$4,100 to add lettering to read “PFC Salvador J. Lara Casa Blanca Library”. The cost for the façade at Eastside is estimated at \$7,316 to add lettering to read “Spc. Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library”. The total cost to for both signs and installation is \$11,416.

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