



City of Arts & Innovation

Board of Library Trustees

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

DATE: JULY 25, 2016

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF MAIN LIBRARY PROJECT AD HOC COMMITTEE

ISSUE:

Consideration of designation of a Main Library Project ad hoc committee to represent the Board of Library Trustees on matters related to the project, including architect selection.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Trustees designate a Main Library Project ad hoc committee composed of three members of the Board of Library Trustees to include President and two other Board members per Board By-Laws Section 7(a)(b).

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.

On June 20, 2016, the City issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) (Attached) 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.

DISCUSSION:

The Board of Library Trustees members designated to serve on the Main Library Project ad hoc committee will represent the Board on matters related to the project, including architect selection. Meeting location, date(s) and time(s) are not yet available and will be shared with the Board once available.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachments: Request for Qualifications