



City of Arts & Innovation

Board of Library Trustees

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES **DATE: MARCH 28, 2017**

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**SUBJECT: LIBRARY DEPARTMENT PRIORITIES FOR BUDGET ENGAGEMENT
COMMISSION MEASURE Z SPENDING**

ISSUE:

Consideration of the Library's department priorities for Budget Engagement Commission on Measure Z spending.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board of Library Trustees:

1. Approve the Library Department's priorities to include continued support of critical capital investment of the new Main Library;
2. Recommend reinstatement of one Full Time Equivalent Library Assistant position defunded to address security needs;
3. Recommend funding for a new city-owned SPC. Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library; and
4. Select an authorized representative to speak at the April 6th Budget Engagement Commission meeting.

BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

On January 10, 2017, the City Council amended the Riverside Municipal Code establishing a Budget Engagement Commission to advise the City Council on spending and policy priorities based on the information received through quarterly financial and performance reports, including revenues from transaction and use tax, to work with City staff to maximize public engagement on municipal budgetary issues and to provide input on performance measures and reporting programs.

On February 14, 2017, the Mayor and City Council appointed eighteen-members to the Budget Engagement Commission (attached). The Budget Engagement Commission is comprised of nine business members and nine residents with a list of members on the attached City Council report.

DISCUSSION:

On February 13, 2017, President Evans, requested a report on the following regarding the Budget Engagement Commission:

1. What is the schedule of meetings?
2. What is the process?
3. What is the ability for Board of Library Trustees to attend scheduled meetings?
4. What are the Board of Library Trustees priorities pertaining to the Budget Engagement Commission?

Responses:

1. The Budget Engagement Commission's proposed by laws indicate they will regularly meet quarterly on the last Thursday of the months of February, May, August, and November, at 5 p.m. in the Mayor's Ceremonial Room in City Hall. Their first meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2017. The Budget Engagement Commission's March 9, meeting agenda indicates it will hear from and discuss potential changes to Measure Z spending priorities and will also hear from departments, boards and commission on April 6 and possibly May 4.
2. The Budget Engagement Commission will review the Fiscal Year 2016-2018 Budget to become familiar with City finances and provide input and recommendation to the City Council on Measure Z spending priorities. On January 31, 2017, staff presented the Proposed Measure Z Spending Plan to the City Council for comment and direction. The City Council provided their commentary/direction and directed staff to work with the Budget Engagement Commission to refine the five-year spending plan for Measure Z in time for the May 9, 2016 City Council meeting.
3. The Budget Engagement meetings are open to the public.
4. The Board of Library Trustees continued priorities are to support critical capital investment of the new Main Library, reinstating one Full Time Equivalent Library Assistant position, and funding a new city-owned SPC. Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no general fund impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: February 14, 2017, City Council Report