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# Board of Library Trustees

**TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

**DATE: JUNE 15, 2017**

**FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**SUBJECT: MAIN LIBRARY PROJECT COMMUNITY MEETING #1**

## **ISSUE**

Consider community input and provide feedback regarding the new Main Library.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Board of Library Trustees:

1. Consider community comment; and
2. Provide feedback to staff regarding the new Main Library.

## **BACKGROUND**

On May 16, 2017, the City Council:

1. Adopted the Reimbursement Resolution for reimbursement of the costs for the design of the Main Library project;
2. Approved the Professional Services Agreement with Johnson Favaro of Culver City, California in the amount of \$1,725,000 for architectural design services for the new Main Library project located at 3911 University Avenue;
3. Authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to issue change orders in an amount not to exceed 10% (\$172,500) of the Professional Services Agreement for design changes including, but not limited to, owner requested changes and design improvements;
4. Approved a total project budget of \$1,997,500 including design, contingency, project management, geotechnical and environmental services to be appropriated to an account to be established by the Finance Department in the Measure Z Fund; and
5. Authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Professional Services Agreement including making any minor, non-substantive changes and sign all documents necessary to implement the new Main Library project.

## **DISCUSSION**

Established in 1988, Johnson Favaro has successfully completed over \$300 million worth of

construction projects and scores of plans and studies for local governments, institutions of higher education and communities in Southern California in the past ten years. The company's services include all areas of planning and design including master planning, feasibility studies, facilities assessment, cost planning and conceptual design, building design, document production, construction administration and post occupancy services. Johnson Favaro's building projects range in size from \$1 million to \$100 million and include a variety of program and construction types.

The team is led by Steve Johnson, AIA, Principal, Project Architect and Jim Favaro, AIA, Principal, Project Manager contracting with renowned library consultant Linda Demmers. As a library consultant, Linda Demmers has extensive experience in library facility planning with a professional background as a librarian, planning consultant, and owners' representative on a wide variety of new construction and renovation projects. She specializes in planning process, program documentation, broad-based community and user involvement, and long-term owner client relationships. Linda is Project Manager for Libris DESIGN, library facility planning information system and downloadable database that was developed for California Public Library planners.

The \$30 million project to construct an approximately 45,000 sq. ft. new Main Library will create a modern library experience in the heart of downtown Riverside through enhanced public space, including flexible space for reading, exploration, collaboration, innovation, research, meeting and community programs. The new space will embrace traditional reading, better showcase popular and award winning literature, and provide better access to local history collections while building upon the library's STEAM offerings, such as its Makerspace, which currently provides access to 3D printing, a sound recording studio, iMacs, laptops, and computer coding instruction.

Public community meeting #2 seeking community input on the new Main Library is scheduled for July 21, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Art Pick Council Chamber, City Hall, 3900 Main Street.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation