



City of Arts & Innovation

Board of Library Trustees

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

DATE: JULY 24, 2017

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUBJECT: GIANT ORANGE RESTORATION DEDICATION OF “THE JOURNEY OF ELIZA’S ORANGE TREES 1874” AT MARCY LIBRARY, 6927 MAGNOLIA AVENUE

ISSUE:

Receive an update of the newly restored Giant Orange dedication of “The Journey of Eliza’s Orange Trees 1874” at Marcy Library held on May 25, 2017.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Trustees receive and file the update.

BACKGROUND:

The original Giant Orange, “The Journey of Eliza’s Orange Trees 1874” was rescued from a city storage facility a few months ago by the Library Department. The original orange was painted in 2006 by Tibbets Family descendants Patricia Ortlieb and her grandchildren as part of The Giant Orange Artventure (<http://www.artwork.net/ks/giantorange/>).

The Riverside Public Library partnered with the Ortlieb Family and local artist Anna Vanover to restore Eliza to her original beauty. There was no cost to the City for restoration services.

DISCUSSION:

The Orange is now completely restored and at its new home in the Marcy Library foyer, very near the parent navel orange tree. “The Journey of Eliza’s Orange Trees 1874” looks stunning and is a perfect complement to the library.

The Giant Orange Dedication event at Marcy Library was a huge success. The event was attended by several descendants of Eliza Tibbets. Eliza’s great-great-great grandson Trevor did a very nice job with his comments and was accompanied by his grandmother Patricia Ortlieb (the original giant orange artist), his uncle and his uncle’s wife, and his aunt, three City Council members, some current and former members of the Library Board of Trustees, some City staff

and members of the general public.

Before:



After:



FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no general fund impact.

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