



City of Arts & Innovation

Board of Library Trustees

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUBJECT: MAIN LIBRARY PROJECT UPDATE

DATE: JULY 24, 2017

ISSUES:

Receive an update on the Main Library Project to include information on local, national and international public library scouting trips and community meetings held June 15, and July 21, 2017.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

BACKGROUND:

Over the course of the past two years, Director Kennon visited several recently constructed or expanded, award-winning public libraries locally, nationally and internationally in preparation for the Main Library project. Visits included meetings with library directors, staff, architects and community members on library building space programming, operational models, architecture, interior design, library construction processes, sound attenuation, marketing, and more.

DISCUSSION:

The attached presentation of photos taken on location depict some of the advancements in public library construction and operational models. These customer-focused shifts from traditional models build on the need for continuous community engagement and community gathering places (libraries are often referred to as the community living room), the social economy and recent emerging technologies, while preparing for technologies to come, and all shifts are key to successful 21st Century library services.

A partial list of libraries visited (in alphabetical order) includes:

1. Almere Public Library, Almere, The Netherlands*
2. Amsterdam Public Library, Amsterdam, The Netherlands*
3. Bayview Public Library, San Francisco, CA
4. Beverly Hills Public Library, Beverly Hills, CA
5. Cambridge Public Library, Cambridge, MA**
6. Castaic Public Library, Castaic, CA

7. Cedar Rapids Public Library, Cedar Rapids, IA
8. Chicago Chinatown Public Library, Chicago, IL***
9. Dokk1 Public Library, Aarhus, Denmark*
10. Harold Washington Public Library, Chicago, IL***
11. Highgrove Public Library, Riverside County, CA
12. Lawndale Public Library, Los Angeles, CA
13. Library 21c, Colorado Springs, CO
14. Manhattan Beach Public Library, Manhattan Beach, CA
15. Mead Valley Public Library, Riverside County, CA
16. National Library of France, Paris
17. Piedmont Public Library, Oakland, CA
18. Quartz Hill Public Library, Los Angeles, CA
19. Ramona Public Library, San Diego, CA
20. Redondo Beach Public Library, Redondo Beach, CA
21. Rubidoux Public Library, Jurupa, CA
22. San Diego Public Library, San Diego, CA
23. San Ramon Public Library, San Ramon, CA
24. South Whittier Public Library, Whittier, CA
25. West Hollywood Public Library, West Hollywood, CA

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***Travel funded by the Library Department via unrestricted interest from the Gift Fund. Chicago libraries visited as part of the 2017 American Library Association Annual Conference.

Travel to all other libraries funded by Director Kennon.

Main Library Project community meetings were held June 15, and July 21, 2017 for the purpose of:

1. Introducing Johnson Favaro Architects and consultant Linda Demmers to the community.
2. Providing the community an update on the status of the project.
3. Hearing from the community their desires as it relates to how the new library may best meet their needs through space, services and programs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the General Fund.

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Attachment: Presentation