

# **Cultural Resources Nomination Application**

	City Landmark Please check the Do	esignation for which you are applying	e of Merit
IDENTIFIC	ATION		
1.	Common name: MAIN L	-IBRARY	
2.	Historic Name: MAIN	LIBRARY	
3.	Street address: 3581 Mis	SSION INN AVENUE	
	City RIVERSIDE	State CALIF.	Zip <u><b>9250</b></u>
4.	Assessor Parcel number: 213-2	132-005-8 and 213-23	32-004-7
5.	Present Legal Owner: CITY	OF RIVERSIDE	
	City RIVERSIDE	State CALIF	Zip <u><b>9250</b></u> \
6.	Present Use: Library	Educational Facility	4
7.	• 1•	Educational Facility	•

Date form prepared:

| 1-26-2018 |
Jorge Villanueva	Carl Carey		
Sponsoring Organization (if any):	City of Riverside		
Address:	3900	Main	Street
City, State and Zip:	Riverside	CA	92501
Phone:	(951) 826-2426	\$\frac{4}{3}(951) 826-5952	

# **DESCRIPTION**

8.	Legal property description: 1.04 Acres M/L IN POR BLK 6 RGE 5 MB 007/017 SB TOWN OF RIVERSIDE			
	OF RIVERSIDE			
	Include approximate property size (in feet): Street Frontage 150 Depth 135.5			
9.	Architectural Style: New Formalism			
10.	Construction Date: Estimated 1963-1965 Factual Building Permit Sanborn Map  X Publications Oral Interviews			
11.	Architect's Name: Hewlett Builder's Name:			
12.	Condition: Excellent _X Good Fair Deteriorated No longer in existence			
13.	Alterations: None			
14.	Surroundings:			
	✓ Open Land Scattered Buildings Densely Built-Up			
15.	Use type:			
	Residential Industrial Commercial Civic Other			
16.	Is the structure on its original site?			
	X Yes No Unknown If moved, approximate year			
17.	Related features and/or out-buildings:			

# SIGNIFICANCE (SEE ATTACHED PRIMARY PROP. RECORD)

18.	Historical Attributes:	ŧ.	
	Unknown	Government Building	Folk Art
	Single Family	Educational Building	Street Furniture
	Multiple Family	Religious Building	Landscape Architecture
	Ancillary Building	Railroad Depot	Trees/Vegetation
	Hotel/Motel	Train	Urban Open Space
	Bridge	Rural Open Space	Canal/Aqueduct
	Farm/Ranch	Industrial Building	Dam
	Military Property	Public Utility Building	Lake/River/Reservoir
	CCC/WPA Structure	Theater	Ethnic Minority Prop.
	Engineering Structure	Highway/Trail	Civic Auditorium
	Amusement Park	Woman's Property	Monument/Mural/Gravestone
	Cemetery	Hospital	Stadium
	Mine	Community Center/Socia	al Hall
	Commercial Building, 1	-3 stories Commerc	cial Building, over 3 stories
	Other:		
19.	Architectural Description		
20.	Statement of Significance	1	
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21.	Bibliography	(SEE ATTACH	tED)
22.	Photographs		
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23.	Letter from property owner	(if other than applicant)	

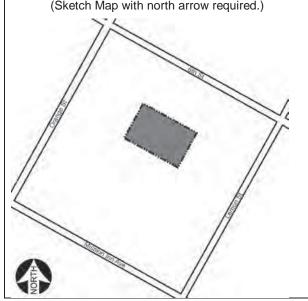
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*b. USGS 7.5' Quad	Date	T ; R	; of of Sec ; B.M.	
c. Address 3581 Mission Inc	Avenue	City Riverside	Zip 92501 mE/ mN	
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			January 13, 2009	<u>1</u>
			*P6. Date Constructed/Age	and
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- 3000 AXXXX		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affill and address) Teresa Grimes and	iation,
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			523 W. 6th Street, Suite 1134 Los Angeles, CA 90014	
			Eos Angeles, OA 30014	—
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	1		April 20, 2009	—
			*P10. Survey Type: (Describe)	
			Intensive	
	Sec. City			
*P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey re Riverside, Certified Local Govern	oort and other sources, or ement Grant	nter "none.") Modernisn	n Context Statement for the City of	_
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# **BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD**

	*NRI-	HP Status Code 3CS/	5S3	
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B1.	Historic Name: City of Riverside Central Library			
B2.	2. Common Name: Main Library			
B3.				
	Architectural Style: New Formalism			
*B6.	Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date	of alterations)		
1962	2 constructed, 1980s railing added, 2002 bathroom ren	nodel, 2005 multi-pur	pose room renovation	
	Moved? _No _Yes _Unknown Date:	Origi	nal Location:	
*B8.	Related Features:			
B9a.	Architect: Moise and Harbach; Gene Fickers	b. Builder: <u>L</u>		
*B10.	Significance: Theme Architecture	A	rea Riverside	
	Period of Significance 1963-5 Propert	t <b>y Type</b> Library	Applicable Criteria 3	
(Discus	ss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined b	by theme, period, and geog	raphic scope. Also address integrity.)	
the of feature archeto B Aug give According	e Main Library is eligible for listing in the California Regic context of modern architecture in Riverside as a good stures are the symmetrical plan, wide overhanging flat robitects were the local firm of Moise and Harbach and Pasolton C. Moise, Jr. This appears to be one of the best of gust 17, 1905 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and attended en to the top-ranking graduating student in each architectediting Board, and was elected to Alpha Rho Chi, a prize he won as an architecture student, he spent two years and Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes)	and rare example of pof, sculptural screen asadena architect Ge examples of his work Harvard University. Ecture program accreerofessional fraternity	New Formalism. Its most distinctive s, and original light fixtures. The ene Fickers. The design is attributed in Riverside. Moise was born on He received the AIA School Medal, dited by the National Architectural for those studying architecture. Due to	
*B12.				
See	e continuation sheet.			
B13.	Remarks:	(Sketch	n Map with north arrow required.)	
*B14.	*Date of Evaluation: 4/20/09			
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*Recorded by: Teresa Grimes and	*Date
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#### Description continued:

has a few, small windows. The building is unique in having a special kind of air conditioning that allows the cooled or warm air to "leak" through the ceiling. On the southwest of the building's Mission Inn Avenue facade is a ramp with an original concrete wall that says "RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY". The wrought iron railing in front of the building was added in the 1980s, but its design mirrors the "dove" pattern of the screens. The building is accessed from Mission Inn Avenue from the original wide flight of steps and new splayed concrete paths between grass. Trees are set generally in front of the screens and around the new semi-circular entrance landscaping. Originally, there were fountains and then in the 1980s, a rose garden. The lot also has two other buildings: at the southwest corner is a Chinese pavilion and at the southwest corner is a church. Surface parking surrounds the other sides of the building.

#### Significance continued:

He bounced from job to job, including a brief stint with the noted modern architect Edward Durrell Stone, until he joined the Army. At the end of the war Moise was assigned to March Air Force Base. He decided to stay in Riverside after the war and opened his office. Another one of his designs, the Central Fire Station (1957), is listed in the California Register of Historical Resources. The Main Library retains a high level of integrity with only minor exterior alterations for ADA compliance.

#### References:

Artists Rendering, The Daily Enterprise, August 31, 1962, p. B-3.

"Library Should Remain Downtown." Raincross Square blog, http://www.raincrosssquare.com/

"Riverside hopes to ask bids on new library by April 16," The Daily Enterprise, March 24, 1963, p. B-3.

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#### PRIMARY RECORD

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NRHP Status Code 3CS, 5S3

Other Listings Review Code

Reviewer

Date

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\*Resource Name or #: Main Library

P1. Other Identifier:

\*P2. Location: ☐ Not for Publication ■ Unrestricted \*a. County: Riverside

and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

\*b. USGS 7.5' Quad: Riverside West Date: May 17, 2012

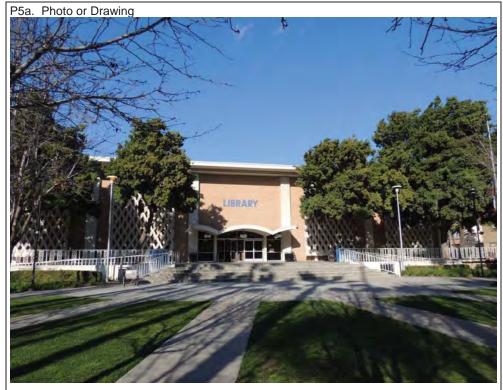
c. Address: 3581 Mission Inn Avenue City: Riverside Zip: 92501

e. Other Locational Data: APN 213-232-005-8 and 213-232-004-7

\*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries) This property is located on the northeast corner of Mission Inn Avenue and Orange Street and contains the two-story Main Library constructed in 1963-1965. The library is approximately 61,420 square feet and is oriented toward Mission Inn Avenue. There is surface parking to the north, west, and east. The southern portion of the property contains mature landscaping and the Chinese Pavilion, which was added to the site in 1985-1986. The landscaping has been altered over time; the concrete pathways are later additions. The Main Library is in the style of New Formalism. It is square in plan with a symmetrical arrangement of features, and sits on a broad concrete pedestal with concrete stairs. Original signs consisting of individual metal letters reading "Riverside Public Library" are mounted on the front of the concrete pedestal on either side of the stairs on the primary (south) side. Accessible ramps and metal handrails are later additions. Concrete piers divide each façade into bays; the exterior is clad in running bond brick. There is a flat roof with wide, overhanging eaves. The primary entrance is centered on the south façade. The entrance is sheltered by a curved plate canopy and consists of two pairs of double, metal, fully-glazed automatic doors with transoms and sidelights that conform to the curved shape of the canopy. There are three original globe light fixtures suspended from the canopy. The most prominent features of the primary façade are the four concrete pierced screens centered in the bays flanking the entrance. The screens have a diamond-shaped pattern created by individual, interlocking, abstracted doves. These screens are also present at the Orange Street and Lemon Street facades. On the Orange Street façade, the concrete podium is accessed via a small flight of floating stairs. On the 6th Street façade there is a small loading dock with a flat roof. There is fenestration on the 6<sup>th</sup> Street façade at the second floor which consists of single and grouped metal sash casement windows.

\*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP15 – Educational building

\*P4. Resources Present: ■Building □Structure □Object □Site □District □Element of District □Other (Isolates, etc.)



**P5b. Description of Photo:** (View, date, accession #) View looking Northeast (February 2013)

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources: ■Historic

□Prehistoric □Both 1963-1965, building permits

\*P7. Owner and Address:

\*P8. Recorded by:

Historic Resources Group 12 S Fair Oaks Ave, Ste 200 Pasadena, CA 91105

\*P9. Date Recorded:

February 20, 2013

\*P10. Survey Type:

Intensive

\*P11. Report Citation:

Christopher A. Joseph & Associates, City of Riverside Modernism Context Statement, November 2009. Historic Resources Group, Citywide Modernism Intensive Survey, September 2013.

\*Attachments: ☐NONE ☐Location Map ☐Sketch Map ☐Continuation Sheet ☐Building, Structure, and Object Record ☐Archaeological Record ☐District Record ☐Linear Feature Record ☐Milling Station Record ☐Rock Art Record ☐Artifact Record ☐Photograph Record ☐ Other (List):

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B1. Historic Name: Main LibraryB2. Common Name: Main Library

B3. Original Use: Public/library B4. Present Use: Public/library

\*B5. Architectural Style: New Formalism

\*B6. Construction History:

Completed in 1965. Chinese Pavilion added in 1986. Landscaping redesigned in 1988.

\*B7. Moved? ■No □Yes □Unknown Date: Original Location:

\*B8. Related Features:

**B9a.** Architect: Moise, Harbach and Hewlett; Fickes & Fickes **b.** Builder: \*B10. Significance: Theme: Modern Architecture & Architects of Modernism

**Area:** Riverside

Period of Significance: 1963-1965 Property Type: Public/library

Applicable Criteria: 3/c,d

The Main Library located at 3581 Mission Inn Avenue is an excellent and rare example of New Formalism civic architecture in Riverside. It was designed by the noted local firm Moise, Harbach and Hewlett, along with Fickes and Fickes. It was constructed in 1963-1965. The growth in population in the immediate post-World War II period created a profound need for expanded city services, and several bond measures were placed on the ballot for the construction of fire stations, libraries, and schools. During this period, it was determined that the original Carnegie Library, which was constructed on this site in 1903, could no longer accommodate the needs of the growing city. In October 1961, Riverside voters approved a \$1.7 million bond to construct a new main library in downtown Riverside. In April 1963 the site was approved, in 1964 the existing Carnegie Library was demolished, and in March of 1965 the new Main Library was dedicated.

See Continuation Sheet.

**B11. Additional Resource Attributes:** 

\*B12. References:

See Continuation Sheet.

B13. Remarks:

\*B14. Evaluator: Christine Lazzaretto

\*Date of Evaluation: February 20, 2013

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Significance Statement Continued.

New Formalism emerged in the 1950s as a rejection of the strict glass-and-steel vocabulary of International Style and Mid-century Modernism. The style was predominantly applied to public and institutional buildings from the late 1950s through the 1970s. Often monumental in appearance, buildings in the New Formalism style referenced and abstracted classical forms such as full-height columns, projecting cornices, and arcades. On a larger urban design scale, grand axes and symmetry were used to achieve a modern monumentality. Primary in developing New Formalism were three architects: Edward Durrell Stone, Philip Johnson, and Minoru Yamasaki, all of whom had earlier achieved prominence working within the International Style and other modernist idioms. Stone's well-published American Embassy in New Delhi (1954) is considered by many to mark the origin of the movement. The Main Library in Riverside exhibits significant character-defining features of New Formalism, including monumentality, elevated podium, symmetrical plan, emphasis on structure, carefully organized hierarchy, and use of traditional historical references in new ways.

Bolton Moise, Jr. was born on August 17, 1905 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and attended the architecture school at Harvard University, where he received a B.A. in 1927 and M.A. in 1931. While at Harvard, he earned the Cram Award, the AIA School Medal, and was elected to Alpha Rho Chi. Following graduation, Moise studied abroad for three years, spending most of his time in Paris, along with England and Germany. While in Paris, he spent time studying under French architect Eduard Leon. Upon his return to the United States, Moise worked for Edward Durrell Stone as a draftsman in 1934, moving to the firm Franklin and Brown to be a designer in 1936. In 1938, he became a designer for the firm Desmond and Lord in Boston. While practicing on the east coast, Moise was involved in high profile projects including the Museum of Modern Art, the New York World's Fair, and as a structural engineer on the wartime defenses of Boston Harbor. He also worked as a designer for General Motors. During World War II, Moise served as a Captain in the Aviation Engineers, working as an engineering officer in the United States. After his military discharge in 1946, Moise moved to Southern California. He worked briefly for an architect in San Bernardino before setting up his own practice in Riverside in 1947 in offices in the Lewis Building in downtown Riverside. He practiced in Riverside until his retirement in 1970. He is responsible for the design of many prominent buildings in Riverside, including numerous public and educational buildings. His most prominent commission is the Main Branch of the Riverside Public Library (1963-1965), which he designed with Edward Fickers. Bolton Moise died at the age of 84 in Riverside on November 8, 1989.

Wendell M. Harbach was born on December 12, 1923 in San Bernardino. By 1930, the family was living in Riverside. Harbach attended Poly High School in Riverside in the 1940s, and graduated from the USC School of Architecture in the early 1950s. After graduation, Harbach returned to Riverside and began practicing architecture, with a primary focus on school design. Harbach worked in various partnerships throughout his career, including with Bolton Moise in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Wendell Harbach died in Riverside on June 3, 2007.

There is little available information about James A. Hewlett. Hewlett was born on November 26, 1921 in San Bernardino. In 1943, he enlisted in the Air Corps as an Aviation Cadet and was stationed at the Santa Ana Army Base. Following the war, Hewlett practiced architecture in Riverside, either independently or as part of various local firms. He designed a number of local schools.

The Main Library retains all seven aspects of integrity and continues to convey its historic significance. It appears eligible for listing in the California Register at the local level of significance, and as a local landmark. It is eligible under the Modern Architecture theme as an excellent and rare example of New Formalist civic architecture in Riverside. It is eligible under the Architects of Modernism theme as the work of the significant local architectural firm Moise, Harbach and Hewlett. It does not meet National Register Criterion Consideration G of "exceptional importance" required for properties that are less than fifty years old, and therefore it does not appear eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places at this time.

References.

"Architect of Riverside Landmarks Dies at 84," Press-Enterprise, November 11, 1984.

"Artists Rendering," The Daily Enterprise, August 31, 1962, p. B-3.

City of Riverside Building Permits.

City of Riverside, "Downtown Main Library Notice of Preparation: Draft Environmental Impact Report," August 30, 2011.

City of Riverside Modernism Context Statement, prepared for the City of Riverside by Christopher A. Joseph & Associates, Los Angeles, CA, November 2009.

County of Riverside Property Information Center.

"Library Should Remain Downtown," Raincross Square website: http://www.raincrosssquare.com/. Accessed March 2013.

Riverside County Land Information System (LIS)

"Riverside hopes to ask for bids on new library by April 16," The Daily Enterprise, March 24, 1963, p. B-3.

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View of the North Façade, looking South (February 2013)



□ Update

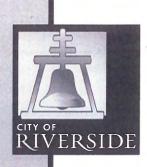
Detail of Folded Curve Roof on South Façade (February 2013)



Detail of Pierced Screen on West Façade (February 2013)



Detail of Decorative Metal Balustrade (February 2013)



#### MEMORANDUM

## **GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

DATE:

**JANUARY 26, 2018** 

TO:

SCOTT WATSON, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**DEPARTMENT, HISTORIC PRESERVATION** 

FROM: CARL CAREY, GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

CC:

**JORGE VILLANUEVA, PROJECT MANAGER** 

**ERIN GETTIS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER** 

RE:

HISTORIC DESIGNATION OF RIVERSIDE MAIN LIBRARY - 3581 MISSION

**INN AVENUE** 

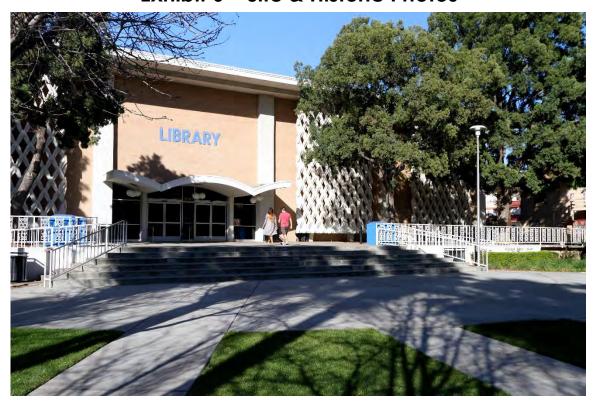
Attached for your review and consideration are forms and documents for designating the Riverside Main Library a historic building. As you may know, the library will be renovated into the Cheech Marin for Chicano Art Center in the near future and we are currently on the Phase1 Conceptual Design.

Please let Jorge Villanueva know of any questions you may have regarding this request for the historic designation of the building.

Carl Carey, General Services Director

Date: 1/29/18

# Exhibit 6 - Site & Historic Photos



Entry, view looking northeast



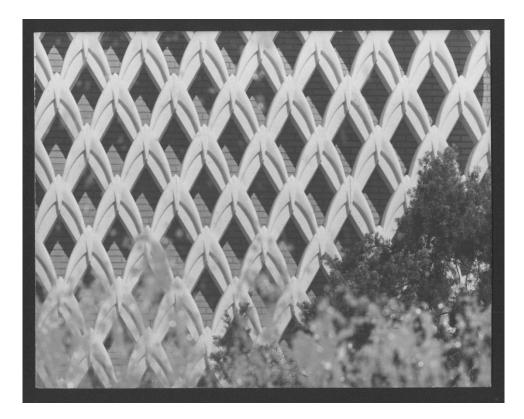
Façade, view looking northwest



West elevation, view looking northeast



Southwest corner, view looking north



Sculpted Perforated Screen



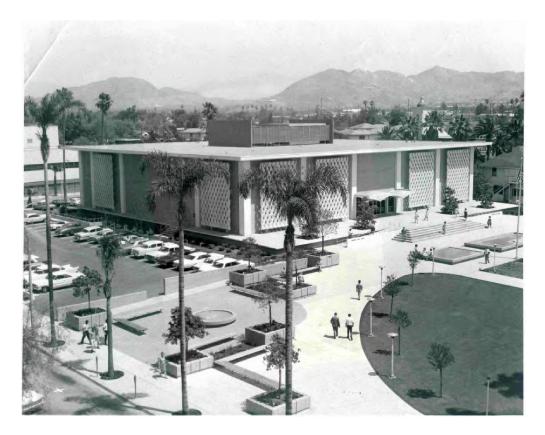
Original Rendering



Construction, c. 1964, view from Sixth St and Lemon St, looking southwest



Construction, c. 1965, view from Orange St, looking east



c. 1966 Bird's eye view from Mission Inn Ave and Orange St, looking northeast



Façade c. 1968, view looking northwest



Façade at night c. 1967



Interior view of main entry



View of stairway looking down



Sendai Court