



City of Arts & Innovation

Metropolitan Museum Board

TO: METROPOLITAN MUSEUM BOARD **DATE: APRIL 11, 2018**

FROM: COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: LOAN OF TAXIDERMY TO AMEAL MOORE NATURE CENTER AT SYCAMORE CANYON

ISSUE:

Vote to approve a loan of taxidermy mounts from Riverside Metropolitan Museum's Natural History collection to the City of Riverside's Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department, to be reviewed for renewal annually.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Museum Board approve a loan of taxidermy mounts from Riverside Metropolitan Museum's Natural History collection to the City of Riverside's Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department, to be reviewed for renewal annually.

BACKGROUND:

In the summer of 2017, the Riverside Metropolitan Museum (RMM) transferred the programming and operation of the Ameal Moore Nature Center to the City of Riverside's Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department (PRCSD). With the transfer, there is now a need to create a long-term outgoing loan for the taxidermy specimens installed as part of the Phase 1 exhibition at the Ameal Moore Nature Center.

The Museum Collections Committee recommended at its March 14, 2018 meeting to approve the loan.

DISCUSSION:

Specimens are housed in a climate-controlled building, the Nature Center, and are securely displayed in Plexiglass cases. They were cleaned and mounted by former Natural History intern, Jessika Vazquez. PRCSD employee and former RMM employee Kimberly Cobb conducts monthly inspections of the specimens. If this recommendation is approved, museum curators will add these objects to the long-term loan list and they will be inspected annually with the renewal of the loan subject to their continued stable condition.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

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Attachment:	Loan List