



City of Arts & Innovation

Board of Library Trustees

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

DATE: OCTOBER 22, 2018

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUBJECT: SPC JESUS S. DURAN EASTSIDE LIBRARY SITE SELECTION UPDATE

ISSUE:

Receive an update on community outreach feedback for selecting a new site for the proposed SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Trustees receive an update on community outreach feedback for selecting a new site for the proposed SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library.

BACKGROUND:

On April 23, 2018, the Board of Library Trustees agreed to continue to consider the site of 2600 University Avenue for a new SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library and postpone the vote on the recommended site until the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on May 21, 2018.

On June 25, 2018, the Board of Library Trustees requested this item on every agenda to give Trustees and the community an opportunity to discuss and receive updates, as necessary.

On July 23, 2018, the Board of Library Trustees received an overview on the community meeting and tour held on July 12, 2018, and signatures and email correspondence received through July 23, 2018, regarding the proposed site. Twenty-one residents were in attendance at the community meeting with six (6) showing support for the 1910 University Avenue and 3870 Ottawa Avenue sites and 15 showing support for the 2060 University Avenue site. Following the meeting, Library Director Erin Christmas received communication from three (3) Eastside residents indicating a preference for the 2060 University Avenue site and over 140 signatures in support of a Library on the Eastside with no specific site recommendation.

DISCUSSION:

On September 27, 2018, City staff toured the Bobby Bonds site as an option and discussed steps forward on this as a potential location for the proposed new SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library.

Library Director Erin Christmas and Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director anticipate they will bring a joint presentation to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Board of Library Trustees about the Bobby Bonds site option in January 2019.

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director concurs with this report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this update.

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