



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2018

FROM: RIVERSIDE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM WARD(S): ALL

SUBJECT: ACCESSION OF TEN (10) EARLY TWENTIETH-CENTURY YEARBOOKS AND ONE (1) 1895 ABSTRACT OF TITLE INTO THE RIVERSIDE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM'S PERMANENT COLLECTION

ISSUE:

Approve the accession into the Riverside Metropolitan Museum's permanent collection of ten (10) early twentieth-century yearbooks and one (1) 1895 abstract of title.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve the accession into the Riverside Metropolitan Museum's permanent collection of ten (10) early twentieth-century yearbooks and one (1) 1895 abstract of title.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

On August 8, 2018, the Metropolitan Museum Board, with seven members present, unanimously recommended that City Council approve the accession into the Riverside Metropolitan Museum's permanent collection of ten (10) early twentieth-century yearbooks and one (1) abstract of title from 1895.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

In 1925, City of Riverside Ordinance No. 419 established a Municipal Museum for Riverside (now the Riverside Metropolitan Museum) and states that all gifts and donations made to the museum are to be filed with the City Clerk.

DISCUSSION:

An individual wishes to donate his family's collection of yearbooks from Riverside high schools and Riverside Junior College. He also wishes to donate an 1895 abstract of title for Riverside land holdings. These objects came from his now-deceased parents and grandparents, all of whom lived and were raised in the City of Riverside.

The list of objects, pictured in Attachment 2, includes:

1. 1911 "The Sybil" (Riverside Girl's High School)
2. 1914 "The Sybil" (Riverside Girl's High School)
3. 1914 "The Stag" (Riverside Polytechnic High School)
4. 1937 "Orange and Green" (Poly High)
5. 1938 "Orange and Green" (Poly High)
7. 1940 Tequesquite (Riverside Junior College) – two copies (with his/her notes)
8. 1941 Tequesquite (Riverside Junior College) – two copies
9. 1895 Abstract of Title

None of these objects is currently represented in the Riverside Metropolitan Museum. These objects are rare pieces of local history containing both photographic and documentary material concerning the lives of Riverside's past residents. Several of the documents contain signatures and intimate inscriptions that document Riverside's social past. Many of these items are likely to be one-of-a-kind and therefore constitute an exceptional donation to the Museum's collection. Storage for the items requires less than one archival carton and therefore places little claim on the present storage capacities of the Museum. Therefore, the Museum would like to request that City Council approve the accession of the items into the Riverside Metropolitan Museum's permanent collection.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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ATTACHMENT:

1. Draft Minutes – 10-8-18
2. Pictures of Twentieth-Century Yearbooks and One Abstract of Title