



City of Arts & Innovation

Board of Library Trustees

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

DATE: JANUARY 28, 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 would wait until the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on May 21, 2018 to vote on a recommended site.

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 showing support for the 1910 University Avenue and 3870 Ottawa Avenue site and fifteen showing support for the 2060 University Avenue site. Following the meeting, Library Director Erin Christmas received communication from three 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.

On October 22, 2018, the Board of Library Trustees received an update from Director Christmas. The update included a report of a walking tour of Bobby Bonds site which included Councilmember Melendrez, General Services Director Carey, and Parks Director Cruz. Director's Christmas and Cruz will provide a joint presentation to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission and the Board of Library Trustees in January 2019.

DISCUSSION:

The Parks and Recreation Commission will hear an update on the proposed new SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library (Eastside Library) at their Special Meeting on January 30, 2019. At this meeting they will determine if they will recommend the site of 2060 University Avenue as the proposed location for the Eastside Library. Staff will return to the Board of Library Trustees on February 25, 2019 with an update on the results of this meeting.

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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