



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: MARCH 19, 2019**

FROM: MUSEUM DEPARTMENT **WARDS: ALL**

SUBJECT: MUSEUM DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW AND RECOGNITION

ISSUE:

Receive a presentation providing an overview of the activities of the Museum Department and recognizing the Museum Department's Employee of the Year.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receive a presentation providing an overview of the activities of the Museum Department and recognizing the Museum Department's Employee of the Year.

BACKGROUND:

September 5, 2017 started a closure period for the Museum Department (Museum) to prepare for and begin a renovation and possible expansion of the Museum's downtown Riverside location. During this time, Museum has continued to serve the community through the Heritage House Victorian house museum, educational programming, and the Museum-curated exhibition *Uncovering Ancient Mexico: The Mystery of Tlatilco* at the Riverside Art Museum.

Additionally, the Museum Board has continued its regular meetings, the Museum has been reaccredited by the American Alliance of Museums, and progress has been made toward preservation of the National Historic Landmark Harada House. Staff have completed the process to select an architectural firm to design the renovation and possible expansion of the downtown museum.

DISCUSSION:

The attached presentation includes an overview of the Museum's activities over the past year and recognition of the Museum's Employee of the Year for 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation