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# Board of Library Trustees

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**TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES** **DATE: MARCH 25, 2019**

**FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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

## **ISSUE:**

Receive an update on selecting a new site and request for proposal on design for the proposed SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Board of Library Trustees receive an update on selecting a new site and request for proposal on design for the proposed SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On March 27, 2018, the Board of Library Trustees received an update on the proposed site of the Bobby Bonds Park located at 2060 University Avenue for the new SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library (Eastside Library), and voted unanimously to consider this site for the new Eastside Library location.

On May 21, 2018, the new proposed site for the Eastside Library was discussed at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. At this meeting, Parks and Recreation Commissioners commented on the importance of hosting bilingual community meetings to discuss this site, the need for a thriving library on the Eastside, and that a new SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library does not block the Cesar Chavez Community Center.

On June 7, 2018, at 5:30 p.m., a presentation regarding the new Eastside Library was conducted for the Eastside Neighborhood Forum at the Cesar Chavez Community Center.

On July 12, 2018, at 5 p.m. a walking tour of the Cesar Chavez Community Center, Bobby Bonds Park and Ottawa and University sites were held for the community. Present for the tour was Erin Christmas, Library Director, Adolfo Cruz, Parks Recreation and Community Services Director, Carl Carey, General Services Director, Miguel Lujano, Legislative Field Representative Ward 2, George Guzman, Administrative Services Manager, Trustees Tate and Yonezawa, and 21 members of the community.

An informal poll was taken from the community members of what site they preferred and 15 were in favor of the Bobby Bonds Park site (Attachment 1) and 6 were in favor of the Ottawa/University site (Attachment 2). Additionally, signatures were received from 150 community members in favor of keeping a library in the Eastside neighborhood.

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

On January 30, 2019, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission received an update on community outreach feedback for selecting a new site for the proposed SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library, and unanimously, with five members present, recommended the Bobby Bonds Park at 2060 University Avenue as the location for the proposed SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library to the City Council for their consideration.

On February 25, 2019, the Board of Library Trustees received an update on community outreach feedback for selecting a new site for the proposed SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library, and unanimously, with eight members present, recommended the Bobby Bonds Park at 2060 University Avenue as the location for the proposed SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library to the City Council for their consideration.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Library staff anticipate taking the proposed SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library location of Bobby Bonds Park at 2060 University Avenue to the City Council in April 2019. At this meeting staff will also recommend the Council approve the proposed site and authorize staff to move forward with issuance of a request for proposal for a design firm to complete Phase 1 Design Services at a cost of up to \$100,000.

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

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this update.

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