



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL** **DATE: MARCH 17, 2020**  
**FROM: MUSEUM DEPARTMENT** **WARDS: ALL**  
**SUBJECT: MUSEUM DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW AND RECOGNITION**

## **ISSUE:**

Receive and file 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 and file 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, special events, and community advisory teams and program planning collaborations. A new five-year strategic plan was adopted, and several policy documents have been or are in the process of update. The Museum of Riverside Board has continued its regular meetings, progress has been made on renovation planning, and steps have been taken that bring the Museum closer to the rehabilitation of the National Historic Landmark Harada House.

## **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 2019.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation