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# Board of Library Trustees

**TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES** **DATE: MARCH 23, 2020**  
**FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**SUBJECT: SPC JESUS S. DURAN EASTSIDE LIBRARY SITE SELECTION UPDATE**

## **ISSUE:**

Receive an update on the selection of a proposed new site and Request for Proposal 1934 for Architectural Design Services for the New City of Riverside SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Library Trustees receive an update on the selection of a proposed new site and Request for Proposal 1934 for Architectural Design Services for the New City of Riverside SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On March 27, 2018, the Board of Library Trustees received an update on the proposed new 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 proposed new 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 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

for 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 and six (6) were in favor of the Ottawa/University site. 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 Library Director Erin 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, Recreation and Community Services Director Cruz. Director's Christmas and Cruz provided a joint presentation to the Park and Recreation Commission and the Board of Library Trustees in January 2019.

On January 30, 2019, the Park and Recreation Commission received an update on community outreach feedback for selecting a new site for the proposed Eastside Library, and unanimously, with five (5) members present, recommended the Bobby Bonds Park at 2060 University Avenue as the location for the proposed new 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 new Eastside Library, and unanimously, with eight (8) members present, recommended the Bobby Bonds Park at 2060 University Avenue as the location for the proposed new Eastside Library to the City Council for their consideration.

On April 9, 2019, the City Council approved the location of Bobby Bonds Park at 2060 University Avenue for the proposed new Eastside Library; approved \$100,000 of unexpended Measure Z Funds previously approved for the Eastside Library Site Selection to be reallocated to the Eastside Library architectural services; approved an interfund transfer of \$100,000 from Measure Z Operating (Fund 110, Account 0000110-990420) to Measure Z Capital (Fund 420, Account 0000420-985110), a reduction of the same amount in Professional Services account (Fund 110, 2240009-421000), and a supplemental appropriation of the same amount in Eastside Library Project account (Fund 420, Account 9907409-462050) to fund the capital expenditure of previously approved Measure Z Spending Item #24 – SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library Site Selection; and authorized staff to issue a Request for Proposal for an architectural firm to provide Phase I Design Services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

On May 2, 2019, Library Director Christmas provided a presentation to update the community at the Eastside Neighborhood Forum.

On May 21, 2019, the City Council provided input on the proposed mid-cycle budget to Fiscal Year 2019/20. Following discussion, the City Council recommended that staff take a funding request of \$2 million from Measure Z funds to the Budget Engagement Commission. Staff plans to bring this request to the Budget Engagement Commission *after* the selected architectural firm provides Phase I Design Services with building cost estimates.

On October 28, 2019, the Board of Library Trustees selected Trustee Teresa Seipel to participate in the selection of the architectural firm for the Phase I Design Services.

On October 30, 2019, the City received nine (9) responses to Request for Proposal (RFP) 1934

for Architectural Design Services for the New City of Riverside SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library.

The selection review committee is formed by Board of Library Trustee Teresa Seipel, Library Director Erin Christmas, General Services Director Carl Carey, Administrative Services Manager George Guzman and Project Manager Jorge Villanueva.

### **DISCUSSION:**

This item has been placed on the agenda per the request of the Board of Library Trustees as a recurring agenda item.

On March 16 and 17, 2020 the selection review committee interviewed the five (5) architectural firms that scored the highest on their written responses to RFP 1934. Firms interviewed were:

1. CannonDesign, Irvine, CA
2. Johnson Favaro, Culver City, CA
3. Roesling Nakamura Terada, Irvine, CA
4. SVA Architects, Santa Ana, CA
5. TR Design Group, Riverside, CA

Based on the interviews, the Committee will select the top architect team. Staff will subsequently request City Council approval to contract with the top architect team to perform phase one design services for a new SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library.

A verbal update on the highest scoring architectural firm will be made at the Board of Library Trustees meeting, as this report was due for publishing before the March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> interviews.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this update.

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