

MUSEUM OF RIVERSIDE BOARD MINUTES
Virtual Board Meeting
May 26, 2021
3580 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501

Board Members Present

Peggy Barnhart, Chair
Lovelyn Razzouk, Vice-Chair
Todd Carpenter
Mary Hughes
Rose Monge
Luz Negrón
Sharon Tennell
Cynthia Zdilor

City Staff Present

Robyn G. Peterson, Museum Director
Ann Lovell, Manager of Operations
Toni Kinsman, Senior Office Specialist
Douglas Long, Curator of Natural History

Board Members Absent

Micah Tokuda

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Board Chair Barnhart. New Ward 1 Board member Sharon Tennell was welcomed by Chair Barnhart.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. This is the portion of the meeting specifically set aside to invite your comments regarding any items within the jurisdiction of the Museum of Riverside Board.

No public eComments were received.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Receive and file a presentation from the Museum of Riverside Curator of Natural History

Douglas Long presented on his professional background and provided an overview of his position and goals for the natural history division at the Museum.

COMMUNICATIONS

3. Board Chair Report

Chair Barnhart requested that the Board continue to support the Harada House campaign and programming. She reminded Board members to respond promptly to Toni Kinsman upon agenda receipt to ensure a quorum.

4. Board Vice-Chair Report

Vice-Chair Razzouk awaits only two remaining Board member biographies and headshots to be prepared for the Board binder.

5. Director's update regarding advisory teams, COVID-19 impacts, historic houses, staffing, budget updates, collections, exhibitions and programs, marketing and communications, and volunteer and support opportunities.

Museum Director Peterson reported that—in common with other City departments that submitted—the Museum was not selected to receive Community Benefit Funding through Congressman Takano's office. An interim accreditation report to the American Alliance of Museums will be submitted in August with a Museum Board review of the updated ethics code

core document anticipated in July 2021. All core documents must also be reviewed and approved by City Council.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR

6. Approval of Minutes – April 28, 2021

The minutes were approved as written.

Motion: Board Member Hughes
Second: Board Member Zdilor
Abstain: Board members Monge and Negrón
Ayes: Board members Barnhart, Carpenter, Hughes, Tennell, Razzouk, Zdilor

7. Determine whether the absence of Museum of Riverside Board member Rose Monge on April 28, 2021 should be recorded as excused or unexcused

A motion was made approve the absence of Rose Monge as excused due to technical issues.

Motion: Board Member Zdilor
Second: Board Member Razzouk
Abstain: Board member Tennell
Ayes: Board members Barnhart, Carpenter, Hughes, Monge, Negrón, Razzouk, Zdilor

8. Determine whether the absence of Museum of Riverside Board member Luz Negrón on April 28, 2021 should be recorded as excused or unexcused

A motion was made approve the absence of Luz Negrón as excused due to technical issues.

Motion: Board Member Hughes
Second: Board Member Razzouk
Abstain: Board member Tennell
Ayes: Board members Barnhart, Carpenter, Hughes, Monge, Negrón, Razzouk, Zdilor

9. New City of Riverside Strategic Plan and its alignment with the Museum of Riverside's Strategic Plan 2019-2024.

This item was received and filed. No discussion.

10. Accession into the permanent collection two (2) digital prints by local photographer Benoit Malphettes.

The Museum of Riverside Board recommends that City Council approve accession into the permanent collection of two (2) digital prints by local photographer Benoit Malphettes.

Motion: Board Member Hughes
Second: Board Member Monge
Ayes: All

11. Accession into the permanent collection two (2) historic photographs

The Museum of Riverside Board recommends that City Council approve accession into the permanent collection two (2) historic photographs.

Motion: Board Member Zdilor
Second: Board Member Negrón
Ayes: All

12. To discuss, receive, and file the Strategic Plan status report for the quarter ending March 31, 2021.

This item was received and filed. No discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

13. Museum Board Development Committee – no report

The next meeting will be held May 28, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. virtually.

BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

14. Brief reports on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by Museum of Riverside Board members –The new main Library grand opening is slated for June 26th from 10-11:30 a.m. June 10th at 6 p.m. will be another webinar with the Harada House Foundation and Inlandia Institute.

15. Items for future Museum of Riverside Board consideration as requested by Board members – The June meeting will feature a presentation by the Museum Office Specialist as well as the annual mandated review of the Code of Ethics and Conduct by the City Attorney Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.