



City of Arts & Innovation

Board of Library Trustees

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES **DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2021**
FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY **WARD: 2**
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 Number 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 responses to Request for Proposal (RFP) 1934 for

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

On December 8, 2020, the City Council approved a Professional Consultant Services Agreement with Cannon/Parkin, Inc., dba CannonDesign from Irvine, California for architectural design services for the new SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library – Phase 1 for a term through December 31, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$94,500.

On January 13, 2021 Library and General Services staff had a kickoff meeting with the CannonDesign team. Initial topics discussed were process, timeline, community meeting opportunities, and library program data. The intent is for City and CannonDesign staff to meet on an approximately biweekly through Phase 1.

On July 28, 2021 Library and General Services staff met with Cannon Design staff to begin the SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library Phase 1 Design work in earnest.

Key components will include engaging with project stakeholders through community meetings to determine preliminary building size, programming, spatial requirements, building layout and parking requirements for the proposed building including the proposed exterior event/entertainment/meeting plaza. Additionally the architect will provide proposed Phase 2 project costs and schedule.

Phase One Design should be substantially completed by the end of the calendar year 2021.

DISCUSSION:

This is a regular monthly update on the SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library.

CannonDesign is working to identify the best location to situate and ideal direction for the entrance of the proposed new facility.

Dates will be forthcoming to have the design firm provide community engagement opportunities on this project for community members to provide input as it relates to how the new library may best meet their needs through space, services and programs.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 1 *Arts, Culture & Recreation* and Goal 1.1 - Strengthen Riverside's portfolio of arts, culture, recreation, senior and lifelong learning programs and amenities through expanded community partnerships, shared use opportunities and fund development

This item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The Library held several community meetings for input and involved the Board of Library Trustees, Cultural Heritage Board, City Council and the Budget Engagement Commission.

2. **Equity** – The SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library provides members of the community equal access.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – The costs associated with Phase 1 Design Services are within the Measure Z Fund budget of \$100,000.
4. **Innovation** – The SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library has space for programs however the space is not flexible to meet the community needs.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library is a cultural and educational asset for lifelong learning.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Costs associated with Phase 1 Design Services will be paid with Measure Z funds as approved by City Council on April 19, 2019. Sufficient funds in the amount of \$100,000 are available in the Eastside Library Project account 9907409-462050 Measure Z Fund 420.

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