

MUSEUM OF RIVERSIDE BOARD MINUTES
Hybrid Board Meeting
September 22, 2021
3580 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501

Board Members Present

Peggy Barnhart, Chair
Lovelyn Razzouk, Vice-Chair
Mary Hughes
Micah Tokuda (late 3:13 p.m.)
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
Brenda Focht, Museum Curator

Board Members Absent

Todd Carpenter

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Board 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 or in-person comment cards.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Minutes of August 25, 2021

Minutes were approved as written.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Receive and file a presentation from the Museum of Riverside Museum Curator, subject matter specialty in anthropology

Dr. Brenda Focht gave a presentation on her history, roles, and responsibilities with the Museum Department with the anthropology collection. This presentation was received and filed.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

4. Determine whether the absence of Museum of Riverside Board member Mary Hughes on August 25, 2021 should be recorded as excused or unexcused

A motion was made approve the absence of Mary Hughes as excused due to vacation.

Motion: Board Member Tokuda

Second: Board Member Razzouk

Abstain: Board member Hughes

Ayes: Board members Barnhart, Razzouk, Tokuda, Monge, Tennell, Razzouk, and Zdilor

COMMUNICATIONS

5. Board Chair Report

Chair Barnhart thanked Board member Zdilor for organizing Museum Board member volunteers for the outreach table and Museum staff for the well-planned Moon Festival event.

6. Board Vice-Chair Report

No report.

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

In addition to the submitted report, Director Peterson reported that 600 attendees registered via Eventbrite to attend the Moon Festival on September 21st. The Museum plans to use the same reservation system for the Christmas Open House December 12th at Heritage House. A committee to review the submitted RFPs for the future Harada House Interpretation Center and Harada House will meet in the next week or two. Museum staff are working on renewing the Strategic Plan for 2022-2027.

8. Brief reports on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by Museum of Riverside Board members

Rose reported that the RMA Multicultural Council has set their date for the annual Day of Inclusion event as December 11th at the Library. Luz reported that she worked outreach at the Tamale Festival with Museum staff.

9. Items for future Museum of Riverside Board consideration as requested by Board members

The quarterly updates from the Riverside Museum Associates and the Harada House Foundation will be added to the October agenda.

It was asked if the Museum Board wanted to receive presentations (similar to what Museum staff presented) for each individual Board member, expanding on what is included in their Board binder bio.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.