

City of Arts & Innovation

CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018, 3:30 P.M.
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
3900 MAIN STREET

Cultural Heritage Board Members

		LECH	TOBIN	VACANT	CUVAS	PARISH	FERGUSON	CARTER	PRESTON-CHAVEZ	FALCONE
	WARDS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	CW1	CW1
Roll Call:	Present	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
Chair Lech called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. with all members present, except Board Member Tobin.										
The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.										
COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE There were no oral comments at this time.										
<u>DISCUSSION CALENDAR</u>										
Board Member Tobin during staff's presentation.			X							
<u>PLANNING CASE P18-0186</u> – Continued from March 21, 2018, Certificate of Appropriateness – Main Library – 3911 University Avenue/3775 Fairmount Boulevard, Ward 1										
Certificate of Appropriateness requested by City of Riverside, General Services Department to construct a three-story, 42,000 square-foot new main library that would include the City Archive, a 100-seat community meeting room, and Friends of the Library bookstore, and demolish existing non-contributing bus terminals, former police sub-station, and related ancillary structures. Anthony Beaumon, Deputy City Attorney, read the staff recommended justifications and clarified for the Board that these items were the Board's purview in this case. Jennifer Mermilliod, Contract Historic Preservation Senior Planner, presented the staff report. Ms. Mermilliod introduced Alex Nguyen, Assistant City Manager. Mr. Nguyen spoke regarding the project path and timing. Over the last two years, they conducted numerous workshops and community meetings and in hindsight, should have included one of those workshops with the Cultural Heritage Board and he apologized for that oversight. He regretted that the design group was unable to attend the last meeting. He introduced Erin Christmas, Acting Library Director. Ms. Christmas spoke regarding the timeline and work that has been done to date. Ms. Christmas introduced Jim Favaro, architect with Johnson Favaro. Mr. Favaro explained how they arrived at the present design. Comments from the audience: Tom Evans, Resident of Ward 5 and Vice President Board of Library Trustees, spoke in support. Larry Burnside, Ward 2, spoke in support. Following discussion the Cultural Heritage Board: 1. Determined that Planning Case P18-0186 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15331 (Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation) and 15332 (In-Fill Development Projects) of										
Motion			X							
Second					X					
Ayes						X	X	X		
Noes		X							X	X



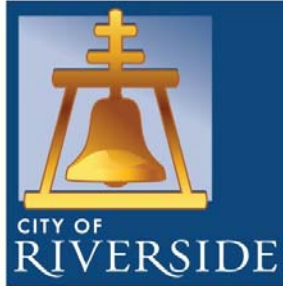
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<p>the CEQA Guidelines; and 2. Approved Planning Case P18-0186, based on the findings summarized in the staff report, and subject to the recommended conditions, thereby issuing a Certificate of Appropriateness for the project.</p> <p><u>MISCELLANEOUS PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS</u></p> <p>REPORT FROM THE CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD 50TH ANNIVERSARY SUBCOMMITTEE</p> <p>Board Member Ferguson reported that the Subcommittee recommend November 8, 2018 for the date of the Cultural Heritage Board recognition. The Subcommittee has identified venues for the event. Staff will be researching the availability of the venues.</p> <p>Mr. Watson stated that the City Clerk was able to provide a list of the Cultural Heritage Board members since the inception of the Board. He stated he would email the list to everyone and asked them to provide contact information for those individuals they knew.</p> <p>Board Member Ferguson also added that staff will work on obtaining a proclamation for the Board from the City Council recognizing the anniversary. The event will also kick off a six month of history and preservation related events that would culminate with Doors Open.</p> <p>MOTION was made to approve the plan put forth by Anniversary Subcommittee: to move forward to meet the proposed timing of the 50th Anniversary and to move along with the discussion for funding.</p> <p>ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND UPDATE FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION STAFF</p> <p>Mr. Watson reported that he and Board Member Parrish attended the OHP Workshop in Long Beach.</p> <p>Board Member Parrish stated that the California Office of Historic Preservation workshop is very beneficial as it goes over local government preservation and how it affects land use surveys as part of the land use process. She added that this demonstrates that, although antiquated, Riverside has a very good survey in place. The workshop also delved into the Mills Act. Again Riverside has a good Mills Act in comparison to other Cities</p>									
Motion Second All Ayes	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X



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<p>They next Office of Historic Preservation workshop will be one May 11, 2018. The event is free and Mr. Watson will send out the reservation link to the board members.</p> <p>Mr. Watson announced that the third annual Doors Open event will be May 10, 2018 from 6 – 9 pm.</p> <p>There will be a workshop at the Casa Blanca Library, May 2 from 6-8 pm for the Latino Context.</p> <p>The California Preservation Foundation conference, unfortunately the city is not able to provide attendance this year.</p> <p>He stated that the on-line historic database is expected to be up and running by June, 2018. There is an interim version now but it does not have the historic information.</p> <p>Board Member Tobin asked staff to agendize the outreach for the Mills Act on a future agenda. He announced that the Museum Director is holding a series of community workshops to solicit input about the restored museum. He asked if staff would invite her to do a similar workshop for the Cultural Heritage Board. He also suggested that staff may want to present the Historic Preservation Fund status presentation to the full Cultural Heritage Board.</p> <p>Board Member Parris announced that the Old Riverside Foundation is hosting its vintage home tour on Saturday May 19, 2018 and invited the Board's participation for this event.</p> <p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p>The Minutes of April 18, 2018 were approved as presented.</p> <p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m. to the meeting of May16, 2018 at 3:30 pm.</p>									
<p>Motion</p> <p>Second</p> <p>Ayes</p> <p>Abs</p>	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X

The minutes were approved as presented at the May 16, 2018 meeting.