

MUSEUM OF RIVERSIDE BOARD MINUTES
May 8, 2019
3580 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501

Board Members Present

Mary Hughes, Chair
Todd Carpenter, Vice-Chair
Peggy Barnhart
Dawn Gleason
Rose Monge
Lovelyn Razzouk
Chuck Wilson

City Staff Present

Robyn G. Peterson, Museum Director
Toni Kinsman, Senior Office Specialist
Lauren Sanchez, Deputy City Attorney
Doug Long, Curator of Natural History
Brenda Focht, Museum Curator

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Board Chair Report – Board Chair Hughes announced that City Council approved the name change to Museum of Riverside as well as the Phase I design contract for the Museum renovation with Pfeiffer Partners.

3. Riverside Museum Associates (RMA)

RMA President Robin Whittington announced the RMA annual dinner and meeting is tomorrow. Volunteers are preparing for the Ice Cream Social at Heritage House on May 19th and buttons with the new Museum name will be distributed at the event. Board member Monge gave an update that the RMA's Multicultural Council has partnered with the Riverside Juneteenth Committee for their June 1st event at Bordwell Park from 12-6 p.m.

4. Harada House Foundation (HHF)

Two firms have been selected for historic preservation architectural services: Architectural Resources Group and IS Architecture. The first onsite workday with IS Architecture will be June 5th with a stakeholder meeting at 1:00 p.m.

5. Harada House Project Team (HHPT)

The next meeting of the staff committee HHPT will be in June. The ad hoc Harada House Project Committee was dissolved by the Museum Board.

6. Director's update regarding strategic planning, main museum renovation and expansion, historic houses, staffing, collections, exhibitions and programs, community engagement, and marketing communications.

In addition to the written report, Director Peterson reported the name change was approved; new logo and rebranding to come. June 3rd will be an all-day planning session with Pfeiffer Partners for the Museum renovation project. City Council approved at their May 7th meeting to

deaccession the Amazonian canoe, donate Museum surplus items to the Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center, and enter into an MOU with the Harada House Foundation. Director Peterson conducted a walk-through for historic preservation architects interested in the Robinson House design-bid-build (re-bid RFP) project. The June Museum Board packet will include the Museum five-year strategic plan and collections management policies for review.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR

7. Approval of minutes for the meeting held on April 10, 2019

The minutes were approved as written.

Motion: Board Member Wilson

Second: Board Member Barnhart

Ayes: All

8. Determine whether Museum Board member absences for the April 10, 2019 Museum Board meeting should be recorded as excused or unexcused

The absence of D. Gleason was approved as excused due to work.

Motion: Board Member Wilson

Second: Board Member Barnhart

Ayes: All

9. Accession of two (2) 1929-1938 Water Goblets

A motion to recommend to City Council the accession of two (2) 1929-1938 water goblets into the Museum's permanent collection was approved.

Motion: Board Member Wilson

Second: Board Member Gleason

Ayes: All

COMMITTEE REPORTS *(written reports are requested for each Committee update)*

10. Board Development Committee - no report. Next meeting will be held June 28th.

11. Museum Budget Committee - no report

BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

12. Brief reports on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by Riverside Metropolitan Museum Board members – no report.

13. Items for future Riverside Metropolitan Museum Board consideration as requested by Board members.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

The next regular Metropolitan Museum Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Museum conference room.