



## **BOARD MINUTES**

*Regular Board Meeting*

**October 23, 2024**

Art Pick Council Chambers, 3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522

### **Board Members Present**

Sharon Tennell, Chair  
Richard Cardullo, Vice Chair  
Peggy Barnhart  
Julie Bjork  
Rich Gardner  
Luz Maria Negrón Bermo  
Lovelyn Razzouk  
Cynthia Zdilor

### **Museum Staff Present**

Robyn G. Peterson, Museum Director  
Ann Lovell, Manager of Operations  
Toni Kinsman, Sr. Office Specialist  
Jennifer Dickerson, Curatorial Svcs. Mgr.  
Chantal Downing, Inst. Adv. Coord.

### **Board Members Absent**

Mary Sue Berkley

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Board Chair Tennell.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**1. This is the portion of the meeting specifically set aside to invite your comments regarding any matter within the Museum of Riverside Board's jurisdiction.** Individual audience participation is limited to 3 minutes. If you are in person, please complete and submit a speaker card to Museum staff. To comment via Telephone, call (951)826-8688. Press \*9 to be placed in the queue to speak. Individuals in the queue will be prompted to unmute by pressing \*6 when you are ready to speak. To comment via Zoom, use the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/92696991265>, select the "raise hand" function to request to speak. An on-screen message will prompt you to "unmute" and speak. You can also comment using the eComments feature at [www.riversideca.gov/meeting](http://www.riversideca.gov/meeting) until 1:00 p.m. on the meeting day. No public eComments or comment cards received in Chambers. No callers or Zoom speaker requests.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **2. Minutes –August 28, 2024**

The minutes were received and filed without corrections.

#### **3. Record Museum of Riverside Board member absence as excused for the August 28, 2024, regular meeting**

The absences of Board Chair Sharon Tennell (illness/ injury) and Board member Rich Gardner (illness) were approved as excused.

Motion to approve for Consent Items 2 and 3:

Motion: Board Member Barnhart  
Second: Board Member Cardullo  
Ayes: Unanimous

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **4. Receive and file a presentation from the Museum of Riverside's Institutional Advancement Coordinator providing an update on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala**

Chantal Downing gave a presentation on the upcoming December 12<sup>th</sup> gala event. The report was received and filed.

**5. To discuss, receive and file a presentation on repatriation legislation, including the federal Native American Graves Protection and repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and related state legislation including Assembly Bill 275** Director Peterson gave a presentation regarding NAGPRA and Cal-NAGPRA and how it relates to the Museum and its collections. The report was received and filed.

## **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

### **6. Collection Activity report for FY2023-2024**

This report was received and filed.

### **7. Museum of Riverside Board Work Plan – 6-month update**

This report was received and filed.

### **8. Alternate meeting date for the November and December 2024 scheduled meetings and approve the alternate meeting date.**

A motion was made to:

1. Approve cancellation of the November 27, 2024, meeting due to the Thanksgiving holiday;
2. Approve cancellation of the December 25, 2024, meeting due to the winter holidays; and
3. Approve a Special Museum Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, in lieu of the November 27, 2024, and December 25, 2024, meetings

Motion: Board Member Negrón  
Second: Board Member Cardullo  
Ayes: Unanimous

### **9. Discuss, receive, and file the Strategic Plan status report for the quarter ending June 30, 2024**

This report was received and filed.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

**10. Board Chair/ Vice-Chair update** – no updates.

**11. Director’s Update regarding the main museum renovation, historic houses, collections, exhibitions and programs, budget, staffing, advisory teams, volunteer and support opportunities, marketing, and communications, and fundraising.**

In addition to the published report, Director Peterson announced that Gala invitations have been mailed. The Museum has completed 85 of 100 events planned for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The new Curator of History will begin this Friday (Taylor Bythewood-Porter). The main Museum renovation project will go to bid in November. The RFPs for the Harada documentary project and Harada House capital projects have been released. The Museum is aiding the City’s Public Works department on its civil rights walk project in the downtown area, providing input on marker content and design. The City’s new General Plan will kick off tomorrow evening with a community meeting; the Museum will be in attendance. The Museum will assemble an advisory team for an upcoming immigration exhibition for our new building; details on the team member selection process to be announced. All Museum staff have now vacated the downtown site, with the building continuing to be cleared of contents prior to renovation.

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

Board Member Negrón recapped community events and meetings she attended and announced the upcoming Chinatown event at the Civil Rights Institute on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**13. Items for future Museum of Riverside Board consideration as requested by members of the Board. Only items that fall within the powers and duties of the Museum of Riverside as set forth in the City Charter and/or the Riverside Municipal Code will be agendaized for future discussion.**

No agenda items requested.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

There will be a special Museum of Riverside Board meeting on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

The regular Museum of Riverside Board meetings for November 27 and December 25, 2024, have been cancelled.

The next regular Museum of Riverside Board meeting will be Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.