



*City of Arts & Innovation*

## BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024, 5 P.M.  
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE  
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

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PRESENT: Gill, Corales, Steinbrick, Ivy, Falsetti, Smith, and Acuna

STAFF PRESENT: Jessica Herdina, Angela Henson

The Board of Library Trustees meeting convened at 5:01 p.m.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments received.

### **Consent Calendar**

- Item 2 Minutes**
- Item 3 Approval of Trust Fund Expenditures**
- Item 4 Approval of Gift Fund Donations**
- Item 5 Incident Reports**
- Item 6 Record excused Trustee Steinbrick absence from the February 12, 2024, regular meeting**
- Item 7 Record excused Trustee Falsetti absence from the February 12, 2024, regular meeting**

All matters listed under the consent calendar are considered routing by department staff and may be enacted on the by the Library Board of Trustees by one motion.

Motion: Falsetti

Second: Ivy

Ayes: Unanimous

### **Discussion and Action Calendar**

- Item 8 Receive Recurring Update on the New SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library**  
Jessica Herdina, Assistant Library Director, reported on the awarded funding received from the California State Library Grant in the amount of \$10 million and the State Targeted Grant in the amount of \$4.5 million. The \$20 million project is fully funded.

On February 4, 2024, the New SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library project was presented to the Development Review Committee to receive their feedback on design prior to submittal for approval.  
There was no action taken.

**Item 9 Receive an informational report on the Library Explore the Outdoors Parks Pass Program**

Jessica Herdina, Assistant Library Director, provided information on the Explore the Outdoors Parks Pass Program, a three-year program that began at the Library in April 2022. The California State Library awarded the library \$5,000 in 2022 and \$75,000 in March 2023 and on January 9, 2024, the library will receive 130 backpacks and kits for the program.

Additionally, the library received Riverside County Park passes as an additional amenity the Park pass program that allows library customers to check out 24 passes for admission to any of the 19 Riverside County parks.

There was no action taken.

**Item 10 Receive and File the Boards and Commission Attendance Policy – Resolution No. 23976**

Jessica Herdina, Assistant Library Director, provided a brief overview of the Boards and Commission Attendance Policy. Members are to provide 24-hour advance notice of absence prior to the meeting. If a member of the Board is absent from three consecutive regular meetings, unless by permission expressed in official minutes, or is convicted of a crime of moral turpitude, or cease to be a qualified elector of the City, the office shall become vacant.

There was no action taken.

**Item 11 Riverside Reads Program**

Jessica Herdina, Assistant Library Director, gave an update on the Riverside Annual Reads program events. The book selected is *There There* by Tommy Orange, an award-winning novel that follows twelve characters from Native communities as they travel to the Big Oakland Powwow. Free copies of the book are available at all library locations while supplies last and can also be checked out in print or digitally.

Events begin March 19, 2024, with a kickoff panel discussion at the Main Library. In April, there will be a teen open mic night and three opportunities to participate in book discussions. The program is funded by donations from the Riverside Public Library Foundation.

There was no action taken.

**Item 12 Social Work Internship Program – Love Your Neighbor Collaborative**

Jessica Herdina, Assistant Library Director, provided an overview of the Social Work Internship Program Love Your Neighbor Collaborative launched at the Main Library in June 2023. The program is administered by the Path of Life Ministries and is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act with \$200,000 authorized to Path of Life Ministries to place social work interns at eight library locations. The interns engage and make assessments for displaced individuals and refer them to agency partners to receive assistance for their mental health, physical, behavioral, and spiritual needs.

There was no action taken.

**Board and Directors Communication****Item 13 Brief reports on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by Board Members.**

Trustee Corales attended the 4-day conference for California Association of Bilingual Education. Trustee Falsetti will be attending the International Association of Privacy Professionals in DC.

**Item 14 Brief reports on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by Library Director.**

Updates included:

1. Arts and Advocacies
2. Library Reading month and gave out 100 free books
3. Riverside Medical Clinic Free CPR training at SSGT Salvador J. Lara Casa Blanca Library
4. Zip books program launching on March 12, 2024
5. The unfortunate passing of longtime staff member of over 20 years Ricardo Gutierrez, a Library Technician, who worked at the La Sierra Library, will be greatly missed by staff.

**Item 15 Items for future Board of Library Trustees consideration as requested by the Board Members.**

There were no items requested.

President Gill adjourned the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jaye Steinbrick  
Board Secretary