

Meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees for the University City Public Library for  
March 14, 2018

Members present: Dorothy Davis, Joan Greco-Cohen, Rubina Stewart-McCadney, LaTrice Johnson, Deborah Arbogast, Rosalind Turner

Members absent: Edmund Acosta, Luise Hoffman, Aleta Porter Klein

City Council Liaison: Shelley Welsch

Library staff: Patrick Wall—Director, Christa Van Herreweghe, Cindy Deichmann

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The meeting was called to order in the Board Room of the University City Public Library, 6701 Delmar Blvd., University City, MO 63130 at 5:20 by Dorothy Davis, President.

Minutes – The minutes of the February 14, 2018 meeting were approved.

Correspondence – A letter from Gregory Rose, City Manager, discussed the library board meeting with other governing boards of taxing districts to choose an individual to serve on the TIF Commission. The deadline to nominate the individual is March 26, 2018. The TIF Commission's first meeting will be April 17, 2018.

Friends' Report – N/A.

Council Liaison Report – Andrea Riganti resigned March 9. Taste of U City is on March 22. The upcoming City election is on April 3. The city's draft budget will be presented on May 1, instead of in February as happened previously; the budget must be approved by June 27. The North & South block party happens the first weekend in June. Fair U City will be in Heman Park on June 8-10.

The MSD's current chosen site for underground tanks is on the Mandarin House lot. The City has hired a firm to review the plans, but has no power to stop the MSD's choice of site.

Librarian's Report – Circulation reports and lost internet topics were removed from the consent agenda for discussion. The consent agenda was approved.

Discussion Items – Circulation increases were discussed, including how circulation was affected by the loss of internet on four days. Causes for the outages were discussed.

Action Items – The evaluation of the director is tabled until the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

President's Report – The library is having two events on March 23, 2018: a reception for artist Jim Conway, whose exhibit is in the Gallery in March, and a reading in the auditorium by Michael Castro from his new book.

Committee Reports – Patrick will send the Long-Range Planning and Building & Grounds committees a poll about times to tour local recently renovated libraries. Personnel committee needs to meet about salaries before the budget discussion; the closed session for evaluation of the director will be during the next meeting. Budget & Finance met before the full board meeting & discussed expenditure estimates;

personal services will be discussed next time. The final draft budget is needed in May, with estimated insurance numbers from City Hall.

New Business: Patrick Wall will be out of town on March 15 and 16, 2018.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 5:15 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10.