

Meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees for the University City Public Library for

April 11, 2018

Members present: Dorothy Davis, Joan Greco-Cohen, LaTrice Johnson, Edmund Acosta, Deborah Arbogast, Luise Hoffman, Aleta Porter Klein, Rosalind Turner

Members absent: Rubina Stewart-McCadney

City Council Liaison: Shelley Welsch

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 by Dorothy Davis, President.

Joan Greco-Cohen made a motion for closed session to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Rosalind Turner. Meeting was closed.

The meeting was opened at 5:47 by Dorothy Davis, President.

New library employee Kerry Bruce was introduced to the Board.

Minutes – The minutes from the March 14, 2018 meeting were approved.

Correspondence – Kay Drey donated a painting of the Loop by Billyo O’Donnell to the Library. The Library has received a handful of emails about the policy change regarding Hoopla access. Patrick receive a thank you for attending an ethics program at Logos School.

Friends’ Report – The annual meeting will be held at the April 23 author event featuring Elsa Hart. The Friends are giving \$1000 to the Library to help pay for the services of U City in Bloom and \$2000 for Youth Services. They have \$10,000 in reserve for the public education campaign if the Library requests a tax levy increase. They are paying part of the cost of the summer reading program, including the cost of some of the books.

Council Liaison Report – April 23 will be the city council transition and handover. There will be a trolley meeting the week of April 17. The North & South block party is the first week of June. Fair U City will be the second week of June. The second meeting of the TIF commission will be next week, with a public hearing on May 23; documents are on the city’s website. Dorothy thanked Mayor Welsch for her service as council liaison and as mayor.

Librarian’s Report – The consent agenda was approved.

Discussion Items – Patrick and Dorothy answered questions about the TIF commission meeting that they attended on April 4. CALOP has funded the three movie camps this summer, and Patrick is hopeful that the rest of the proposal will be funded. Some lines in the financial statements changed because funds were moved around. Patrick attended a meeting with the city manager discussing city planning. Christa will attend a meeting with the Every Library group at the end of April. Regarding library building plans: Patrick will contact the surveyor that Ferguson used and were happy with; the Director of Public Works will do a walkthrough of our building; the library will have a safety meeting with architects. The library will do a community survey with the Kiwanis.

Action Items – The board voted to accept the auditors’ contract to assist the library with amortizing its collection. The board approved the purchase of iMacs and software for the summer movie camps.

President’s Report – The President thanked the Personnel and Policy committee. She reported on the poetry event on March 23, where Jason Vasser substituted for Michael Castro due to Mr. Castro’s illness. She discussed the TIF commission meeting, which she attended.

Committee Reports – The Personnel and Policy committee discussed raises for library employees; amount will depend on the insurance increase and pension board information still to come from City Hall. They will meeting before the 5/9 meeting. The Budget and Finance Committee and Buildings and Grounds Committee haven’t met recently.

Old Business – None.

New Business – The Memorial Day Run needs volunteers and sponsors. The high school robotics club is attending national competition; the board would like to host a reception for them. The board would like a robotics demonstration.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 5:15 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:48.