

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

November 14, 2018

Members present: Dorothy Davis, Edmund Acosta, Aren Ginsberg, Aleta Porter Klein, Jerrold Lander, Rosalind Turner

Members absent: Joan Greco-Cohen, LaTrice Johnson, Rubina Stewart-McCadney

City Council Liaison: Tim Cusick

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

Guests: Martin Ghafoori, Rebecca Esrock, Erick Creach

The meeting was called to order at 5:18 pm by Dorothy Davis, President.

Minutes – The minutes from the October 10, 2018 meeting were approved with changes at 5:20 pm.

Guest presentation – Mr. Ghafoori and Ms. Esrock from Stifel and Mr. Creach from Gilmore & Bell presented information about the process of issuing bonds based on a potential tax levy increase.

Librarian's Report – There were no questions on the financial reports. Patrick Wall will be reviewing grants with City Hall due to new auditors. Dorothy Davis signed application for next summer's reading grant, which will be smaller than in the past; library staff will look for other grants to supplement. The University City Historical Society will support the Library in their publications, and the Library will continue to provide space for them.

Discussion Items – Focus groups are still ongoing. Adding more meetings out in the community was discussed.

Action Items – Responses to RFQ for architects are still being reviewed; once review is finished, Long-Range Planning committee will meet to narrow potential choices to three. Item tabled at 6:28 pm.

Addition of Kanopy to library services offered was approved at 6:34 pm.

President's Report – Dorothy Davis attended the November 12th City Council study session with Patrick Wall to explain tax levy; it went well. There may be more study sessions with City Council. She attended one of the public focus groups, and encouraged board members to attend; ways to publicize the focus groups were discussed.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at 5:15 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.