

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

December 12, 2018

Members present: Dorothy Davis, Joan Greco-Cohen, Edmund Acosta, Aren Ginsberg, Jerrold Lander, Rosalind Turner

Members absent: LaTrice Johnson, Rubina Stewart-McCadney, Aleta Porter Klein

City Council Liaison: Tim Cusick

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

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

Minutes – The minutes from the November 14, 2018 meeting were approved at 5:22 pm.

Correspondence – A Sunshine Law request for information about Library contracts with Jones & Palazzolo was received. The Red Cross thanked the Library for use of its facilities for blood drives. The family of Susie Zafft thanked the Library for donations made in her memory.

Council Liaison Report – The developer of the proposed development at Olive & 170 will present to Council in January. The historic Tea House at Midland and Olive has been torn down. The City Manager and Council are reviewing zoning codes & enforcement; they would like to hear from the Library re: parking, especially as relating to the Trolley's effect on it.

Librarian's Report

- The consent agenda was accepted at 6:02 pm.
- Patrick showed the Board a slideshow about Library funding and challenges facing the Library; it will be tweaked and shown to future focus groups.

Discussion Items

- Focus groups will be held at middle schools in January 2019; dates are still being finalized.
- Lines 6001 and 6320 of the budget will need to be adjusted.
- The donors thank-you event will be at 3:00 pm on Sunday, February 10, 2019. Stacey Lewis is helping us coordinate. We have a food donation lined up from a Bosnia food truck, and the Classical Guitar Society has volunteered to play. Bookmarks/stickers/mugs for attendees will be explored.

Action Items

- Invoice by MLC was approved for payment at 6:17 pm.
- Vote on choice of architectural firm was tabled until December 19.
- Resolution regarding Gilmore & Bell was tabled until December 19.
- Resolution calling an election was tabled until December 19.

President's Report –

- Dorothy was part of the group that interviewed potential architects on Tuesday December 11; she thanked staff and board members who attended. She discussed process and timelines with Board members.
- A special Board meeting was called for Wednesday, December 19, 2018—Bond and KAI architects will give a second presentation before the Board votes on its choice of firm.

A special Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2018, at 4:00 pm.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at 5:15 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.