

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

May 8, 2019

Members present: Dorothy Davis, Joan Greco-Cohen, LaTrice Johnson, Edmund Acosta, Aren Ginsberg, Aleta Porter Klein, Jerrold Lander

Members absent: Rubina Stewart-McCadney, Rosalind Turner

City Council Liaison: Tim Cusick

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 pm by Dorothy Davis, President, following roll call.

Minutes – The minutes from the April 10, 2019 meeting were approved with one correction at 5:20 pm.

Council Liaison Report – Reported on current status of Better Together & related Board of Freeholders petition drive ; city budget proposal process begins 5/9/19 in open session ; city manager will present information about Fair U City at 5/9/19 open session ; 170 development—council is still waiting on proposal from developer—once received, will have public reading, then discussion, then second reading at council meetings ; police presence in the Loop is being stepped up in response to the hammer attack on 5/3/19, and safety issues are being discussed with business owners.

Librarian's Report – The circulation report was pulled out from the consent agenda for discussion.

Discussion Items

- The next donor thank-you event is tentatively scheduled for either October 13 or October 27, 2019.
- Revised estimates from Bond Architects on construction were reviewed.
- Forms for evaluation of library director were given to Board members, to be completed & returned by May 29, 2019, so that closed session for evaluation can be held on June 12, 2019.

Action Items

- A. Payment of MLC invoice 899 in the amount of \$5941.15 was approved at 5:53 pm.
- B. Payment of multiple Baker & Taylor invoices totaling \$30,178.48 was approved at 5:54 pm.
- C. Payment of Bond Architects invoice 02992 in the amount of \$20,688.86 was approved at 5:57 pm.
- D. The following slate of new officers was unanimously elected at 6:05 pm; they will begin serving at the June 12, 2019 meeting. President, Joan Greco-Cohen; Vice President, Dorothy Davis; Secretary, Aren Ginsberg; Treasurer, Jerrold Lander. Patrick thanked the outgoing officers.
- E. Voting on new contract from Bond Architects was tabled until June 12, 2019 meeting.
- F. Bids from environmental services firms were changed to discussion items.
- G. Closed session for director evaluation was tabled until June 12, 2019 meeting.

President's Report – None.

Committee Reports

- Long-range planning: need to schedule meeting
- Personnel & policy: need to schedule meeting
 - Using data from U City's recent salary study, Patrick recommends an 8-10% overall increase in staff salaries (included in the new budget numbers) to become effective July 1, 2019, with a 5% yearly merit increase + possible cost of living increases in following years.
 - Patrick is working on a proposal to take the library fine-free, to be presented to the committee fairly soon.
- Budget & finance: will meet Wed May 15, 2019 at 4 pm, after new budget is complete.
- Building & grounds: need to schedule meeting

Old Business – The Missouri ethics commission investigation is still ongoing.

New Business – None.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at 5:15 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.