

Meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees for the University City Public Library for  
**June 12, 2019**

Members present: Joan Greco-Cohen, Dorothy Davis, Aren Ginsberg, Aleta Porter Klein, Helen Nelling, Rosalind Turner (outgoing)

Members absent: Edmund Acosta, LaTrice Johnson, Jerrold Lander, Rubina Stewart-McCadney

City Council Liaison: Tim Cusick

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

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The meeting was called to order at 5:21 pm by Joan Greco-Cohen, President, following roll call.

The Board members present unanimously voted to close the meeting for evaluation of the Library Director. The meeting was re-opened at 5:28 pm.

Minutes – The minutes from the May 8, 2019 meeting were approved at 5:30 pm.

Council Liaison Report--The City Council unanimously passed the TIF proposal on 6/10/19; next, city manager Gregory Rose & staff will meet with the developers regarding the project schedule. The anchor business is officially Costco.--No plastic bags **at all** are accepted in recycling, but paper bags are okay.--Better Together's future is unknown; signatures for the Board of Freeholders petition are still being collected.

Correspondence – Patrick Wall shared notes from third grade students at Pershing School thanking him for coming to read to them.

Librarian's Report – Patrick Wall thanked Rosalind Turner for her service. He reported the Memorial Day Run raised \$11,000 for the Library this year.

Discussion Items – The consent agenda was accepted as presented.

Action Items

- Payment of current invoices--for the Municipal Library Consortium (\$9,252.91), Baker & Taylor (\$10,210.74), Ameren (\$5,991.36), and Modern Litho (\$3,269.19)--was approved at 5:37 pm.
- Patrick Wall reported that the new contract with Bond Architects was okayed by the Library's attorney. The Board approved having him sign it at 5:38 pm.
- The 2019-2020 budget was approved as presented at 5:48 pm.
- The biennial ethics resolution was approved at 5:50 pm.
- Changing the library contribution percentage toward employee health insurance to match the City's contribution was approved at 5:53 pm.
- Payment of normal operating expenses during the Board's summer recess—up to a threshold of \$10,000 each invoice for the Municipal Library Consortium, Ameren, and Baker & Taylor—was approved at 5:57 pm.
- Closed session for director evaluation was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

President's Report – Joan Greco-Cohen thanked outgoing member Rosalind Turner for her service and welcomed incoming member Helen Nelling.

Appointment of committee members:

- Budget and Finance—Jerrold Lander, chair; LaTrice Johnson and Rubina Stewart-McCadney
- Building and Grounds—Aren Ginsberg, chair; Edmund Acosta, Dorothy Davis, Helen Nelling
- Long-Range Planning—Edmund Acosta, chair; Dorothy Davis, Jerrold Lander
- Personnel and Policy—Aleta Porter Klein, chair; Aren Ginsberg, Helen Nelling

Committee Reports

- Budget and Finance last met on 5/15/19
- Building and Grounds will meet on August 14, 2019 at 1:00 pm, followed by a meeting with Bond Architects
- Long-range Planning last met on 5/29/19
- Personnel and Policy last met on 5/8/19, will meet on September 11, 2019 at 1:00 pm

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 5:15 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.