

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

September 25, 2019

Members present: Joan Greco-Cohen, Edmund Acosta, Aren Ginsberg, Aleta Porter Klein, Jerrold Lander, Helen Nelling

Members absent: Dorothy Davis, LaTrice Johnson, Rubina Stewart-McCadney

City Council Liaison: Tim Cusick

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

Guest: Bill Carmody

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by Joan Greco-Cohen, President, following roll call.

A public hearing on the 2019 Library tax rate was opened at 5:16 pm. No members of the public spoke. The hearing was closed at 5:18 pm.

Minutes – The minutes from the June 12, 2019 meeting were approved at 5:20 pm.

Council Liaison Report – A study on use of the police annex was completed, but no decisions will be made until a space/need study is completed for the city.

Librarian's Report – Patrick Wall introduced the new Youth Services librarian, Erin Hood. The consent agenda was approved at 6:15 pm.

Closed session – Joan Greco-Cohen called for a vote to close the session pursuant to Section 610.020 (1) RSMo, to discuss the ongoing Missouri Ethics Commission complaints brought against the library. Roll call:

Joan Greco-Cohen:	aye
Edmund Acosta:	aye
Aren Ginsberg:	aye
Aleta Porter Klein:	aye
Jerrold Lander:	aye
Helen Nelling:	aye

The session was closed at 5:52 pm. The session was reopened at 6:07 pm.

Discussion Items

- Patrick Wall discussed the current iteration of the library design after renovations. The next public meeting on the design will be on Friday, October 25, 2019. Nine people attended the public meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2019.
- Bill Carmody asked about wifi considerations for the building renovations. Christa van Herreweghe stated that the signal boosters would be installed at ceiling level after renovations so that patrons cannot unplug them.
- The next Board meeting will be held on October 9, 2019, even though that is Yom Kippur.
- In 2020 the Board will meet in July and August rather than adjourning for the summer. Patrick Wall will check the bylaws to see if remote attendance is allowed.

Action Items

- The Board unanimously passed a resolution setting the district's 2019 tax rates at 6:12 pm. The rates are:
 - thirty six and five tenths cents (.3650) for residential real property
 - thirty four and five tenths cents (.3450) for commercial real property
 - forty and eight tenths cents (.4080) for personal property
- Budget amendments for FY 2019-2020, based on current State Auditor calculations based on 9/15/19 assessed valuations, were approved at 6:16 pm.
- Payment of the following invoices was approved at 6:23 pm: Ameren for \$6,283.66; Baker and Taylor for \$6,252.06; Bond Architects for \$16,503.82; EBSCO for \$12,732.21; MALA for \$5,433.00; MLC for \$9,607.19; MOREnet for \$14,640.36; NewsBank for \$3,761.00.
- Following the recommendation of the Personnel and Policies committee, amendments to the Library's travel policy, work rules, and appropriate use of the Library policy were approved at 6:27 pm.

President's Report – No report.

Committee Reports –

- Building & Grounds: Met on 8/14/19 with Bond Architects.

- Budget and Finance: No report.
- Long-Range Planning: No report, no meeting scheduled.
- Personnel and Policy: Met on 9/11/19, reviewed policy amendments that were recommended to Board today.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.