

Meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees for the University City Public Library for
November 13, 2019

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

Members absent: Rubina Stewart-McCadney

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 Joan Greco-Cohen, President, following roll call.

Minutes – The minutes from the October 9, 2019 meeting were approved at 5:18 pm.

Council Liaison Report

- Olive & 170 development is still a go; most land is under contract, although the developer is still working with Torah Prep; Costco is starting to meet with city department heads.
- Landmark has been hired to work on the city's long-term financial plan.
- Frontenac is asking municipalities to support their fight against the County Library development.

Librarian's Report – The consent agenda was approved at 5:40 pm. Safety issues were discussed, including having staff all leave together at closing time. The financial reports were discussed.

Discussion Items

- Discussion of development of Delmar-Harvard property by Tri-Star Properties is tabled until Tri-Star contacts the Library again.
- Library windows—Bond will drop off tinting samples to be discussed at the next Historic Preservation Committee meeting on November 21, 2019; the revised mullion plan will be presented at that meeting.

Action Items

- Taking the Library fine free is tabled until the December 11, 2019 Board meeting so that the Personnel & Policy Committee can discuss beforehand and make a recommendation to the full Board.
- A motion to approve payment of the following bills was passed at 5:52 pm.:
 - Baker & Taylor, total of \$11,782.54
 - Bond Architects, total of \$57,541.38
 - Lashly & Baer, total of \$6,517.30
 - Midwest Tape, total of \$3,301.25
 - Municipal Library Consortium, total of \$11,732.92

President's Report – Joan Greco-Cohen will start modifying the review form that will be used for Patrick's review this spring—she will take suggestions from the rest of the Board at the December 11, 2019 meeting.

Committee Reports

- Budget & Finance – The next meeting will be held on December 11, 2019 at 4:15 pm.
- Building & Grounds – The committee met today before the full Board meeting. The civil engineer the Library hired says that Tri-Star Development's plan to have their parking lot exit into the Library's parking lot would make the Library's lot less safe for patrons.
- Long-Range Planning – The next meeting will be held on December 4, 2019 at 3:00 pm.
- Personnel & Policy – The next meeting will be held before the next full Board meeting; the committee members will work out scheduling via email.

Old Business – Anyone attending the Library's staff potluck should bring about a crockpot's worth of food.

New Business – Patrick Wall mentioned that the Library had three infrastructure issues this week—flooding in one of the public bathrooms, a boiler pipe bursting, and issues with one of the elevator doors.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, December 11, 2019, at 5:15 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.