

Meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees for the University City Public Library for  
**January 8, 2020**

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

Members absent: LaTrice Johnson, 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 5:18 pm by Joan Greco-Cohen, President, following roll call.

The entire Board thanked Christa Van Herreweghe and offered her congratulations for her upcoming position as Director of the Kirkwood Public Library. This is her last meeting as a member of the University City Public Library staff.

Minutes – The minutes from the December 11, 2019 meeting were approved at 5:23 pm.

Correspondence – The Library received a verbal complaint about the new fine-free policy.

Council Liaison Report

- Trolley news—Council has no information about the trolley continuation. The original feasibility study has been found and is available to the public. The trolley tax can continue even though the trolley isn't running. No information is yet available on possibly needing to refund government money.
- The unveiling of the student painting project in the Loop parking garage is at 11:00 AM on January 18, 2020.
- The upcoming local election is on April 11, 2020.
- The last Historic Preservation Commission meeting did not have a quorum, so it was a “working” session regarding TriStar’s plans for the Delmar-Harvard site. If the next meeting, on January 16, 2020, has a quorum, they will discuss permission for TriStar to delete the Delmar building. Permission to build a new building will be discussed separately; the commission wants a site study.

Librarian’s Report – The Science Fiction Writers of America gave UCPL more grant money than requested to fund the Orcs & Aliens book group; other grants are on hold until Missouri updates their online applications. Legislative Day in Jefferson City is March 11, 2020; Dorothy Davis, Helen Nelling, and possibly Joan Greco-Cohen plan to attend. Circulation has been down since the Mid-County Library reopened this fall; Richmond Heights Memorial Library has also seen their circulation drop since Mid-County reopened. The consent agenda was accepted—motion made by Helen Nelling, seconded by Dorothy Davis; approved at 5:45 pm.

Discussion Items – Bond Architects is still working to get accurate pricing on windows and HVAC. Bradford may be used as the Library’s consultant on shelving, without needing an RFP because they have a contract with the state of Missouri. Lead & asbestos abatement is being assessed. The next meeting with the public to discuss building renovation plans is January 15, 2020, at 5:30 pm.

Action Items –Payment of the following invoices was approved. Motion made by Helen Nelling, seconded by Aren Ginsberg; passed at 6:00 pm.

- Baker & Taylor: \$9,090.40
- Municipal Library Consortium: \$3,736.11

President’s Report – Performance review items for Patrick Wall will be consolidated. For the next fiscal year, Joan and Patrick will work on quantifiable goals. Joan and Patrick will review bylaws with an eye toward allowing remote voting.

Committee Reports

Budget & Finance – Last met on December 11, 2019.

Building & Grounds – Last met on November 13, 2019.

Long-Range Planning – Last met on December 4, 2019; will schedule a meeting after the public meeting January 15, 2020, so that public feedback can be reviewed.

Personnel & Policy – Last met on December 9, 2019; will schedule a meeting for February 2020.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at 5:15 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.