

Meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees for the University City Public Library for  
**February 12, 2020**

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

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

City Council Liaison: Tim Cusick

Library staff: Patrick Wall—Director, Cindy Deichmann

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The meeting was called to order at 5:20 pm by Joan Greco-Cohen, President, following roll call.

Minutes – The minutes from the January 8, 2020 meeting were approved at 5:21 pm—motion made by Helen Nelling, seconded by Aren Ginsberg.

Correspondence – The Library received a thank you from a patron on our home services program and a card from the author of a book in our collection.

Council Liaison Report – The future of the Loop Trolley is uncertain; the City’s fiscal study has been approved—the advisory board has begun meeting and will contact stakeholders; the 1-170 project is on schedule with land acquisition. Tri-Star hotel on the Delmar-Harvard school site—the Historical Preservation Commission did not approve demolition of the Delmar building; Tri-Star is meeting with the Planning Commission to get approval.

Librarian’s Report – The Board discussed Kathleen Gallagher’s promotion to Assistant Director of the Library. The consent agenda was approved at 5:40 pm—motion made by Edmund Acosta, seconded by Aren Ginsberg.

Discussion Items –Helen Nelling, Joan Greco-Cohen, and Dorothy Davis will attend Library Advocacy Day in Jefferson City on March 11, 2020.

Patrick will ask Stifel for our bond rating and the definition of “true interest rate” per their latest information.

Placing the HVAC on the roof will cost the same as locating it elsewhere but will free up storage space on the second floor; the Historical Society will attend the Historic Preservation Commission meeting with Library representatives. The elevator’s controller will need to be replaced in the future, costing around \$150,000, but it currently meets code. Alternate locations under consideration for use during construction include 630 Trinity and McNair; Patrick will speak to Libbey Tucker about other possibilities.

The next public meeting about renovation is Friday, March 6 at 5 pm. Friends of the Library will send a mailer with information about the Library’s closure, how programs will be affected, etc.

All libraries in the Municipal Library Consortium will have a pin for giveaway during the Summer Reading Program; Friends of the Library will pay for the pins.

Information about book bikes was shared.

Action Items – The Board had no objections to attempting to place the HVAC on the roof.

Payment of the following invoices for a total of \$47,688.94 was approved at 6:09 pm; motion made by Helen Nelling, seconded by Aren Ginsberg.

Baker & Taylor \$7086.36	Kone \$3402.12	U City in Bloom \$4000.00
Bond Architects \$6652.35	Municipal Library Consortium \$26,528.11	

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

Personnel & Policy – last met on February 12, 2020

New Business – The Board discussed attendance requirements for Board members. Rubina Stewart-McCadney has indicated to Patrick Wall that she will be resigning due to moving away.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at 5:15 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.