

Meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees for the University City Public Library for  
**May 13, 2020**

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

Members absent: LaTrice Johnson

City Council Liaison: Tim Cusick

Library staff: Patrick Wall—Director, Kathleen Gallagher, Cindy Deichmann

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The meeting was held online due to the Covid-19 (novel coronavirus) pandemic. Board members and staff participated via Zoom, and the meeting was livestreamed for the public via the Library's Facebook page.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Joan Greco-Cohen, President, following roll call. Present: Joan Greco-Cohen, Dorothy Davis, Aren Ginsberg, Jerrold Lander, Edmund Acosta, Aleta Porter Klein, Helen Nelling.

Minutes — The minutes from the April 15, 2020 meeting were approved at 5:31 pm. Motion made by Helen Nelling, seconded by Dorothy Davis.

Correspondence — Patrick Wall reported that the Library has received three more long-term grants.

Council Liaison report — Absentee ballots are available for the June 2, 2020 election. The City is waiting for guidance from St. Louis County about when to reopen public meetings, facilities, etc. An amendment for the Novus project had its first reading, increasing the size of Costco from 100,000 square feet to 140,000 square feet; the amendment will be voted on in 2 weeks. Plans for the Delmar-Harvard project are with the Planning & Zoning Commission; Council will consider concerns raised by the Historic Preservation Commission after Planning & Zoning finishes up.

Librarian's Report — The consent agenda was accepted at 5:40 pm.

Plans for reopening the Library: Study results about the safety of library materials will not be available until July at the earliest, so the Library will quarantine items for 72 hours. Masks are finally becoming available; acrylic screens are ordered but not yet received; an interior bookdrop has been ordered. Curbside pickup is planned to begin on June 3. Print jobs can also be picked up curbside for free. Allowing use of Chromebooks outside of the building is being investigated. About half of staff would be in the building on any particular day.

The renovation project is on hold for now. University City estimates that property tax revenue will be unchanged for the next fiscal year, but other sources estimate a 3% to 10% reduction. Patrick will talk to Bond Architects next week, and schedule a Long-Range Planning committee meeting after that.

The Budget & Finance Committee met today to discuss the 2020-2021 draft budget, which they went through line by line. Overall the Committee was pleased.

### Action Items

Election of Officers — terms will begin at the June 10, 2020 meeting. All current officers are eligible to stay for another term. Helen Nelling moved that the current roster of officers be retained; Edmund Acosta seconded.

President: Joan Greco-Cohen

Vice President: Dorothy Davis

Secretary: Aren Ginsberg

Treasurer: Jerrold Lander

Aye votes: Helen Nelling, Edmund Acosta, Dorothy Davis, Jerrold Lander, Aren Ginsberg, Aleta Porter Klein, Joan Greco-Cohen. Nay votes: none. Motion passed at 6:11 pm.

Budget amendments — Increase the amount in line item 6010 and correspondingly decrease the amount in line 8001. Jerrold Lander made the motion to accept, seconded by Aleta Porter Klein. Motion passed at 6:13 pm.

Pay invoices for Baker & Taylor and the Municipal Library Consortium for a total amount of \$13,545.15. Helen Nelling so moved, seconded by Dorothy Davis. Motion passed at 6:14 pm.

The exact amount of this year's MOREnet renewal is not yet known but should be no more than \$15,000. Aren Ginsberg moved to approve payment of up to \$15,000, seconded by Dorothy Davis. Aye votes: Dorothy Davis, Helen Nelling, Edmund Acosta, Aleta Porter Klein, Jerrold Lander, Aren Ginsberg, Joan Greco-Cohen. Nay votes: none. Motion passed at 6:15 pm.

President's Report — A separate meeting will be held before the June board meeting for the director's review; the date will be chosen via Doodle poll.

Committee Reports — Building and Grounds met on April 27, 2020. Policy and Procedures met on April 15, 2020. Committee appointments will be made at the June 10, 2020 meeting.

Old Business — Proposition L did not have any time constraints about when construction needed to begin, and construction contracts have not yet been signed so they will not be affected by a delay.

New Business — Boxes for absentee ballots to be dropped off are planned to be in all area libraries for the fall election.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, June 10, 2020, at 5:15 pm via Zoom.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.