

Meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees for the University City Public Library for  
**June 10, 2020**

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

Members absent: none

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 5:15 pm by Joan Greco-Cohen, President, following roll call. Present: Joan Greco-Cohen, Dorothy Davis, Aren Ginsberg, Jerrold Lander, Edmund Acosta, LaTrice Johnson, Aleta Porter Klein, Helen Nelling.

Minutes – The minutes from the May 13, 2020 meeting were approved at 5:16 pm; moved by Dorothy Davis, seconded by Aren Ginsberg, approved by voice vote.

Correspondence – The library received a card from a patron thanking us for providing service during the pandemic.

Council Liaison Report – All boards will begin meeting again this month, via Zoom. Council confirmed members to the Stormwater Commission. Art will be painted on boarded-up businesses in the Loop. Aleta Porter Klein has not yet been sworn in as a member of Council—waiting for the County to certify the election. The City still doesn't know whether the pool or recreation center will be open this summer, due to COVID-19.

Librarian's Report – The consent agenda was accepted by voice vote at 5:26 pm.

Discussion Items

- Library re-opening: The Library plans to re-open to the public on Monday, June 22. Computers will be available for one-hour sessions, with staff cleaning them after each session.
- Renovation project: The Long-Range Planning committee will meet after the new committee members are assigned. The building's automatic doors will be replaced.

Action Items

- Purchasing policy: As an addition to the Library's financial policies, allowing the Library to pay normal expenses, approved grant expenses, and other budgeted items up to \$20,000 without having to call a special meeting of the Board. Aren Ginsberg made a motion to approve the policy, seconded by Edmund Acosta. Aye votes: Edmund Acosta, Jerrold Lander, Dorothy Davis, Aleta Porter Klein, Aren Ginsberg, LaTrice Johnson, Helen Nelling, Joan Greco-Cohen. Nay votes: none. Passed by roll call at 5:50 pm.
- 2020-2021 budget: The draft 2020-2021 budget changed from that presented at the May 13, 2020 meeting by increasing line 7090 by \$28,000 and decreasing line 9050 by \$28,000 to meet requirements for the Tech Ladder grant. Aren Ginsberg moved that the Board accept the draft budget, seconded by Dorothy Davis. Aye votes: Dorothy Davis, Helen Nelling, Edmund Acosta, Jerrold Lander, Aleta Porter Klein, Aren Ginsberg, LaTrice Johnson, Joan Greco-Cohen. Nay votes: none. Passed by roll call at 5:54 pm.
- Invoices: Aren Ginsberg made a motion to approve payment of the following invoices, seconded by Aleta Porter Klein. Aye votes: Dorothy Davis, Helen Nelling, Jerrold Lander, Aleta Porter Klein, Aren Ginsberg, LaTrice Johnson, Edmund Acosta, Joan Greco-Cohen. Nay votes: none. Approved at 5:59 pm.
  - Ameren \$4,415.02; Baker & Taylor \$5,732.85; MALA \$5,701.00.

Committee Reports—Committee appointments for 2021 were made as follows:

Budget & Finance – Jerrold Lander, chair; Dorothy Davis, Edmund Acosta, LaTrice Johnson.

Building & Grounds – Aren Ginsberg, chair; Dorothy Davis, Edmund Acosta, Helen Nelling.

Long-Range Planning – Edmund Acosta, chair; Dorothy Davis, Jerrold Lander.

Personnel & Policy – Helen Nelling, chair; Aren Ginsberg, LaTrice Johnson.

New Business – Helen Nelling moved that the Board allow the Library Director to make rules as need for safety during the pandemic. Approved by voice vote at 5:37 pm.

Helen Nelling moved that the Board pass a resolution thanking Patrick Wall and the Library staff for their hard work during the COVID-19 emergency. Seconded by Edmund Acosta, approved by voice vote at 5:42 pm.

Aleta Porter Klein thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, September 25, 2020, at 5:15 pm.

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