

Meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees for the University City Public Library for  
**September 23, 2020**

Members present: Joan Greco-Cohen, Dorothy Davis, Aren Ginsberg, Jerrold Lander, Edmund Acosta, Michael Hart, Helen Nelling

Members absent: LaTrice Johnson

City Council Liaison: Stacy Clay

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 and YouTube channel.

A public hearing on the 2020 Library tax rate was opened at 5:16 pm. No members of the public spoke. The hearing was closed at 5:20 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 5:24 pm by Joan Greco-Cohen, President, following roll call.

Minutes – The minutes from the June 10, 2020 meeting were approved at 5:26 pm by voice vote. Motion made by Aren Ginsberg, seconded by Jerrold Lander.

Council Liaison Report – New Council Liaison Stacy Clay introduced himself and made a report. The City has convened a Street Renaming task force. The Olive/I-170 project is progressing on condemnation of various commercial properties. A third round of grants is beginning for U City small businesses affected by Covid-19.

Librarian's Report – The consent agenda was approved at 5:35 pm by voice vote. Motion made by Aren Ginsberg, seconded by Edmund Acosta.

The Historic Preservation Committee Task Force on Civic Plaza Buildings has recommended that the Library plant more trees and repair its stone walls.

Discussion Items – The Library is working with Bond Architects to get information on beginning construction projects piecemeal rather than all at once as previously planned. The first projects will be high-density storage in the basement; the building doors, which are malfunctioning; and possibly the downstairs public restrooms. Patrick Wall should have the information at the October meeting.

The Library would like to reopen for Sunday hours but currently does not have available staff to add hours of operation, due to some staff attrition.

Action Items

- Tax rates: A resolution to accept the proposed 2020 tax rates for the University City Public Library district was passed unanimously by roll call at 6:07 pm. The tax rates on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation are:
  - Residential property: thirty six and five tenth cents (.3650)
  - Commercial property: thirty four and five tenth cents (.3450)
  - Personal property: forty and eight tenths cents (.4080)

Helen Nelling moved that the resolution be accepted, seconded by Michael Hart.

- Edmund Acosta voted Aye.
  - Dorothy Davis voted Aye.
  - Aren Ginsberg voted Aye.
  - Joan Greco-Cohen voted Aye.
  - Michael Hart voted Aye.
  - Jerrold Lander voted Aye.
  - Helen Nelling voted Aye.
- Invoices for RFID project. Total invoices will be \$58,842.00; \$11,328.00 has already been paid. Aren Ginsberg moved that the invoices be approved, seconded by Edmund Acosta. Motion passed unanimously by roll call at 6:10 pm.

President's Report – Joan Greco-Cohen asked all Board members to send their contact information to Patrick Wall so that he can send out the updated Board roster.

Committee Reports — Michael Hart was appointed to the Personnel & Policy and Long-Range Planning committees. Committee chairs will contact members of their committees to schedule new meetings as soon as the roster is updated.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 14, 2020, at 5:15 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.