

Meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees for the University City Public Library for

**October 14, 2020**

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

Members absent: Michael Hart, 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.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by Joan Greco-Cohen, President, following roll call.

Minutes –Aren Ginsberg moved that the minutes from the September 23, 2020 meeting be accepted, seconded by Helen Nelling; approved by voice vote at 5:16 pm

Correspondence – Warren and Sharon Danziger gave the library a \$16,000 donation.

Council Liaison Report – The October 12 public hearing on the Avenir mixed-use project at Delmar and I-170 has been held open due to the number of comments received. The Olive/I-170 project has moved into arbitration on the condemnation of the several buildings north and south of Olive. The City is hiring a consultant for its economic development plan. Public response to expanded (street) seating in the Loop is quite positive, according to feedback from restaurant owners; the City is working on signing new tenants to City-owned empty storefronts in the Loop.

Librarian's Report – Patrick Wall reported that the correct number for August 2020 computer circulations was 536. Dorothy Davis moved that the consent agenda be accepted, seconded by Edmund Acosta; motion passed by voice vote at 5:28 pm.

Discussion Items – Bill O'Bright, a library science student doing his practicum at UCPL, is evaluating the Library for "placemaking," or using external spaces for public services; he will present his findings at the December board meeting.

Action Items

- High-density shelving—Larsen Engineering provided a report okaying installation without needing a concrete slab. Aren Ginsberg moved to approve the project once contract changes recommended by the Library's attorneys were made; Helen Nelling seconded. Aye votes: Edmund Acosta, Dorothy Davis, Aren Ginsberg, Joan Greco-Cohen, Jerrold Lander, Helen Nelling. Nay votes: none. Motion passed by roll call vote at 5:40 pm.
- DED CARES grant expenses—Helen Nelling moved to approve the project, seconded by Dorothy Davis. Aye votes: Edmund Acosta, Dorothy Davis, Aren Ginsberg, Joan Greco-Cohen, Jerrold Lander, Helen Nelling. Nay votes: none. Motion passed by roll call vote at 5:45 pm.
- Budget adjustment—Budget amendment from \$1,478,884 to \$1,499,957.63 was recommended by the Personnel & Policy and Budget & Finance Committees. Dorothy Davis moved that the amendment be accepted, seconded by Helen Nelling; approved by voice vote at 5:56 pm.

President's Report – No report.

Committee Reports

Budget & Finance – Met on October 14; discussed budget amendment and uncollectible fines.

Building & Grounds – Met on October 7. Decided to wait on bathroom work until full renovations begin; Bond is getting bids to replace automatic doors, which have been turned off because they have dangerous electrical issues; will invest in space heaters for staff to use outside because doors won't be fixed before winter.

Long-Range Planning – Will meet before the November board meeting. Patrick Wall will email strategic plan to all board members.

Personnel & Policy – Met on October 13; discussed compensation issues, which will be reviewed in closed session. Patrick Wall will develop a policy on uncollectible fines.

Closed Session – Dorothy Davis moved that the meeting enter into closed session, seconded by Helen Nelling. Aye votes: Edmund Acosta, Dorothy Davis, Aren Ginsberg, Joan Greco-Cohen, Jerrold Lander, Helen Nelling. Nay votes: none. Motion passed by roll call vote at 5:59 pm.

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

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