

Meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees for the University City Public Library for
November 11, 2020

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

Members absent: Aren Ginsberg, LaTrice Johnson, Jerrold Lander

City Council Liaison: absent

Guest: Cindy Zirwes

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

The meeting was held online due 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.

The meeting was called to order at 5:19 pm by Joan Greco-Cohen, President, following roll call.

Minutes – The minutes from the October 14, 2020 meeting were approved at 5:21 pm. Motion made by Helen Nelling, seconded by Dorothy Davis.

Librarian's Report – The consent agenda was approved at 5:23 pm. Motion made by Dorothy Davis, seconded by Edmund Acosta.

Discussion Items – High-density shelving installation should begin at the end of December/beginning of January.

Replacement of doors will be discussed with Bond soon.

MOREnet has upgraded the Library's connection from 100 mbps to 250 mbps, as part of the DED CARES grant; still waiting on the firewall.

The City has given the okay to use the building on Trinity when Library staff move due to renovations. The Library is reaching out to see if the rental space in the same plaza as Schnucks that was viewed in March is still available.

Patrick Wall met today with Kristin Sorth of the St Louis County Library System and other local libraries to discuss responses to an anticipated shutdown order by the County Executive. Services to be provided will depend on the wording of the order.

Action Items – Helen Nelling moved that the budget amendments be approved as presented, a 1.79% increase (\$26,486) over what was budgeted last year, seconded by Dorothy Davis. Aye votes: Edmund Acosta, Dorothy Davis, Joan Greco-Cohen, Michael Hart, Helen Nelling. Motion passed by roll call vote at 5:52 pm.

Committee Reports

Long-Range Planning – Planning to meet in next 2 weeks, to kick off a 1-2 year project. To begin, in the next 4-5 months, come up with a wish list, not constrained by budget, of where the Library should be in 5-6 years. Visionary tracks will include but not be limited to:

Collections	Outreach
Building and grounds	Services
Personnel	Financial
Staff professional development	Patrons
Community engagement	Programs
IT	Sustainment

Personnel & Policy – None; wishing staff good health.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at 5:15 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm. Motion made by Edmund Acosta, seconded by Dorothy Davis.