

Meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees for the University City Public Library for
February 20, 2023 special meeting

Members present: Helen Nelling, Cindy Zirwes, Aren Ginsberg, Kim Deitzler, LaTrice Johnson, Kathleen Simpson.

Members absent: Mark Barnes, Joan Greco-Cohen, Jerrold Lander

City Council Liaison: Stacy Clay (not present)

Library staff: Patrick Wall—Director, Kerry Bruce, Cindy Deichmann

The meeting was held online. 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 3:05 pm by Helen Nelling, President, following roll call. LaTrice Johnson joined the meeting at 3:38 pm.

Correspondence – The Library has received lots of sympathetic comments regarding the flood, in person as well as via email and on Facebook.

Discussion Items

State legislation. The revised Secretary of State rule has changed terminology to more legally defined terms. House Bill 1159 allows State Aid for Libraries and A&E money to be used for maintenance and repair of library facilities, but contains language about individual library staff members being liable for fines if a parent complains about a book their child borrows.

Flood at 6701 Delmar building. Patrick Wall discussed the extent of the damage to the library's basement and its contents from the flood that happened on February 10, 2023. Woodard is working on direct flood mitigation, removing undamaged stored items to another location. The library will have to replace the pipe that burst. Installing some kind of alarm to give warning in case of a future event will be researched.

Sidewalk issues. Still under discussion to ensure that no trees are lost if possible.

Action Items

Request for payment from Raineri. Aren Ginsberg made a motion to approve the request for payment in the amount of \$519,590.56 pending prevailing wage verification by Patrick Wall, seconded by Kim Deitzler. Aye votes: Kim Deitzler, Aren Ginsberg, Helen Nelling, Kathleen Simpson, Cindy Zirwes. Nay votes: None. Approved at 3:37 pm.

Agreement with Woodard for flood mitigation. Aren Ginsberg made a motion to approve the agreement with Woodard for \$140,000.00, with a 50% advance payment (\$70,000.00) potentially payable before insurance money is received, seconded by Cindy Zirwes. Aye votes: Kim Deitzler, Aren Ginsberg, LaTrice Johnson, Helen Nelling, Kathleen Simpson, Cindy Zirwes. Nay votes: None. Approved at 3:40 pm.

Revised furniture proposal from MBI. Aren Ginsberg made a motion to approve the proposal from MBI in the amount of \$420,975.41, seconded by Kim Deitzler. Aye votes: Kim Deitzler, Aren Ginsberg, LaTrice Johnson, Helen Nelling, Kathleen Simpson, Cindy Zirwes. Nay votes: None. Approved at 3:43 pm.

Endcap proposal. Tabled until further bid information received, hopefully by the March 8, 2023 meeting.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 5:15 pm.

There being no further business, Cindy Zirwes moved for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 pm.