

Meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees for the University City Public Library for
October 9, 2024

Members present: Cindy Zirwes, Jerrold Lander, Kim Deitzler, Mark Barnes, Joan Greco-Cohen, Dennis Hoppe, Helen Nelling.

Members absent: Aren Ginsberg.

City Council Liaison: Stacy Clay

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

The meeting was held in hybrid format. Some board members and staff participated via Zoom, and the meeting was recorded; it is available for viewing on the Library's Facebook page and YouTube channel.

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 pm by Cindy Zirwes, President, followed by roll call.

Minutes – Helen Nelling made a motion that the minutes from the meeting on September 25, 2024 be approved, seconded by Jerrold Lander. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote at 5:22 pm.

Correspondence – No correspondence received.

Council Liaison Report – Markets at Olive has signed a retail anchor for the south side, which will be announced in December 2024. Traffic around Markets at Olive was discussed. Pete's Shur Save will be closing; Circle K wants to move to Pete's location.

President's Report – The Friends of the Library will hold their Trivia Night fundraiser on November 9, 2024. Employee Kristen Hildebrand was congratulated for 15 years' employment at the Library. Cindy Zirwes is attending a series given by a school librarian on book banning.

Committee Reports

- Budget & Finance – Committee recommends making second of three payments for elevator repairs—third payment will be due after repairs are complete—and that the Library should look for interest-bearing accounts with easy access for Library's funds. Next meeting will be on November 13, 2024.
- Building & Grounds – No action items today. Next meeting will be on November 13, 2024.
- Long-Range Planning – Next meeting will be on November 12, 2024.
- Personnel & Policy – Bylaw revisions will be voted on today. Next meeting will be on November 12, 2024.

Librarian's Report – Friends will hold an author event in February 2025 featuring Dana Delibovi.

Helen Nelling made a motion to accept the consent agenda, seconded by Joan Greco-Cohen. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote at 5:50 pm.

Discussion Items – The light fixture repairs are going ahead; MBI is repairing some furniture pieces; Midwest Pano has taken photos to be used for the virtual library tour; rough shelving has been updated to better manage Evergreen shipping and receiving; the piano has been tuned for the first time in 11 years.

Action Items

Payment of Century Elevator invoice 24688 in the amount of \$32,956.00. Jerrold Lander made a motion to approve payment of invoice 24688 to Century Elevator in the amount of \$32,956.00, seconded by Helen Nelling. Payment will be made from insurance funds already received. Motion passed by roll call vote at 6:00 pm. Aye votes: Mark Barnes, Kim Deitzler, Joan Greco-Cohen, Dennis Hoppe, Jerrold Lander, Helen Nelling, Cindy Zirwes. Nay votes: none.

Approval of revisions to Library Board Bylaws. Helen Nelling made a motion to approve revisions to the Library Board Bylaws as presented, seconded by Joan Greco-Cohen. Motion passed by roll call vote at 6:02 pm. Aye votes: Mark Barnes, Kim Deitzler, Joan Greco-Cohen, Dennis Hoppe, Jerrold Lander, Helen Nelling, Cindy Zirwes. Nay votes: none.

Old Business – The first visit to the Library by a kindergarten class was today—the kids were very excited.

New Business – The library will try to have swag available for sale by December 1 (two kinds of water bottles plus canvas book bags). Construction on the hotel on the former Delmar-Harvard site will be picking up again. A data article about libraries in the Washington Post was discussed. This year's holiday party will primarily be organized by the Board, not the staff, and is tentatively scheduled for December 7.

Public comment – None received.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 5:15 pm.
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.