

Meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees for the University City Public Library for
March 9, 2022

Members present: Helen Nelling, Cindy Zirwes, Aren Ginsberg, Edmund Acosta, Mark Barnes, Kathleen Simpson.

Members absent: Joan Greco-Cohen, LaTrice Johnson, Jerrold Lander

City Council Liaison: Stacy Clay

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

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.

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 pm by Helen Nelling, President, following roll call.

Minutes – Aren Ginsberg made a motion that the minutes from the February 9, 2022 meeting be approved, seconded by Cindy Zirwes. Motion passed by voice vote at 5:18 pm. Aren Ginsberg made a motion that the minutes from the February 10, 2022 special meeting be approved, seconded by Edmund Acosta. Motion passed by voice vote at 5:19 pm.

Correspondence – Thank yous from a patron for purchasing titles he requested and from the University City School District for participating in their 1619 programming. Also, a Sunshine Law request regarding the Library's renovation financing.

Council Liaison Report – The State of the City address on March 2 was recorded and is available on the City's website. A new development at Olive and Kingsland will officially be announced soon. Mr. Clay will send the Board a link to the Q&A for Prop F; he does not know when the City will return to requiring a tax sticker for yard waste.

Librarian's Report – About 30 people attended the event with Tony Messenger. The art appraisal commissioned before the move is useful for insurance purposes.

Discussion Items – Building project: The tapestry has been removed from 6701 Delmar and will be cleaned. The contractors are still waiting to receive parts for some of the windows; some of the windows that have already been installed may be leaking. Most of the abatement has been completed; the Library will probably receive a change order because more tile that requires abatement was uncovered.

Action Items

Payment request from RG Ross, Raineri, and invoices from Bond Architects. Edmund Acosta made a motion to pay RG Ross \$22,804.20; Bond Architects \$126,946.60 for two invoices of \$68,857.89 and \$58,088.71; and Raineri \$56,172.94, assuming that the contractors are abiding by Missouri's prevailing wage law; seconded by Aren Ginsberg. Aye votes: Edmund Acosta, Mark Barnes, Aren Ginsberg, Helen Nelling, Kathleen Simpson, Cindy Zirwes. Nay votes: none. Motion passed by roll call vote at 5:40 pm.

Policy changes.

- Aren Ginsberg made a motion to accept new policies on material selection, forum areas, and photography inside the Library, seconded by Edmund Acosta. Aye votes: Edmund Acosta, Mark Barnes, Aren Ginsberg, Helen Nelling, Kathleen Simpson, Cindy Zirwes. Nay votes: none. Motion passed by roll call vote at 5:44 pm.
- Edmund Acosta made a motion to approve reciprocity with Jefferson County and Scenic Regional Libraries once the Municipal Library Consortium has entered into formal agreement with those libraries, seconded by Cindy Zirwes. Aye votes: Edmund Acosta, Mark Barnes, Aren Ginsberg, Helen Nelling, Kathleen Simpson, Cindy Zirwes. Nay votes: none. Motion passed by roll call vote at 5:46 pm.

President's Report – No report. Helen Nelling thanked members of the Board for their hard work.

Committee Reports

Budget & Finance – Next meeting will be before the April 13, 2022 Board meeting at 4:00 pm. They will begin monthly reviews of the log of payments made from the bond money.

Building & Grounds – Next meeting will be before the April 13, 2022 Board meeting at 4:30 pm.

Long-Range Planning – Next meeting will be on March 11, 2022 at 4 pm.

Personnel & Policy – Next meeting will be March 23, 2022 at 4:30 pm.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 5:15 pm.

There being no further business, Edmund Acosta made a motion to adjourn at 5:52 pm. The meeting was adjourned.