

Meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees for the University City Public Library for
January 11, 2023

Members present: Helen Nelling, Jerrold Lander (via Zoom), Cindy Zirwes (via Zoom), Aren Ginsberg (via Zoom), Mark Barnes, Kim Deitzler (via Zoom), Joan Greco-Cohen (via Zoom), LaTrice Johnson (via Zoom), Kathleen Simpson (via Zoom).

Members absent: none

City Council Liaison: Stacy Clay (via Zoom)

Library staff: Patrick Wall—Director, Kerry Bruce, Cindy Deichmann (via Zoom)

The meeting was held in hybrid format. Some 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 5:15 pm by Helen Nelling, President, following roll call. LaTrice Johnson joined the meeting about 5:29 pm.

Minutes – Jerrold Lander made a motion that the minutes from the meeting on December 14, 2022 be approved, seconded by Aren Ginsberg. Motion passed at 5:18 pm.

Correspondence – The Library received a donation from Margie Kessler in memory of Langston Jackson, and a donation from Larry & Jill Nolan.

Council Liaison Report – City Council had a study session on January 9 regarding flooding; Centennial Commons reimbursement is waiting on federal government. A 3% tax on recreational marijuana was approved and must now go on the ballot. It will probably be 2024 for Dierbergs in the Costco development. Mr. Clay will check on the timeline to open the Urgent Care at Delmar & Old Bonhomme.

Librarian's Report – Mark Barnes made a motion to accept the consent agenda, seconded by Aren Ginsberg. Motion passed by roll call vote at 5:40 pm. Aye votes: Mark Barnes, Kim Deitzler, Aren Ginsberg, Joan Greco-Cohen, LaTrice Johnson, Jerrold Lander, Helen Nelling, Kathleen Simpson, Cindy Zirwes. Nay votes: None.

Discussion Items – The audit was submitted and accepted by the state, and has been submitted to BOKF. The new target date for completion of the building project is March 30; formal reopening will probably be the beginning of May. Responses to the Secretary of State's Proposed Rule 15 CSR 30-200.015 were discussed.

Action Items

Payment request from Raineri. Jerrold Lander made a motion to approve the payment request of \$515,346.78 pending prevailing wage verification by Patrick Wall, seconded by Aren Ginsberg. Motion passed by roll call vote at 5:57 pm. Aye votes: Mark Barnes, Kim Deitzler, Aren Ginsberg, Joan Greco-Cohen, LaTrice Johnson, Jerrold Lander, Helen Nelling, Kathleen Simpson, Cindy Zirwes. Nay votes: None.

Furniture. Aren Ginsberg made a motion to approve the executive furniture summary based on the installation cost and itemized list of furniture, seconded by Jerrold Lander. Motion passed by roll call vote at 5:59 pm. Aye votes: Mark Barnes, Kim Deitzler, Aren Ginsberg, Joan Greco-Cohen, LaTrice Johnson, Jerrold Lander, Helen Nelling, Kathleen Simpson, Cindy Zirwes. Nay votes: None.

Demountable walls in Gallery. Aren Ginsberg made a motion to approve the demountable wall expenditure of \$100,845.25, seconded by Kim Deitzler. Motion passed by roll call vote at 6:01 pm. Aye votes: Mark Barnes, Kim Deitzler, Aren Ginsberg, Joan Greco-Cohen, LaTrice Johnson, Jerrold Lander, Helen Nelling, Kathleen Simpson, Cindy Zirwes. Nay votes: None.

Money Market Sweep Selection from BOKF. Aren Ginsberg made a motion to delegate selection of short-term investment vehicle to Patrick Wall, then finalize Board approval via email; seconded by Kim Deitzler. Motion passed by roll call vote at 6:03 pm. Aye votes: Mark Barnes, Kim Deitzler, Aren Ginsberg, Joan Greco-Cohen, LaTrice Johnson, Jerrold Lander, Helen Nelling, Kathleen Simpson, Cindy Zirwes. Nay votes: None.

President's Report – Helen Nelling thanked Jerrold Lander for presiding over the December 2022 meeting in her absence. She thanked the Library staff for their holiday party.

Committee Reports

Budget & Finance – Everything covered in committee was already discussed in the main meeting.

Building & Grounds – Everything covered in committee was already discussed in the main meeting.

Long-Range Planning – Next meeting on January 25 at 3:30 pm. Will be using new Missouri Public Library Standards as a foundation.

Personnel & Policy – Next meeting on January 25 at 2:30 pm.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None.

Public comment – None was received.

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

There being no further business, Joan Greco-Cohen moved for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm.