

THE FERGUSON LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 15, 2019

Present:

Board Members: D. Williams, Chair; E. Bromley; T. Cassone; R. Granata;
M. Hyman; S. Kim; A. Livingston; S. O'Shea

Citizen Advisers: S. Duarte; C. Ernst; E. Larson; T. Lucero; R. Mercede;
P. O'Brien Morrow; R. Sherman; M. Sommer; S. Vidan

Staff: A. Knapp; L. Avellar; N. Bochicchio; C. Hubbard; E. Joseph; S. LaPerla;
J. Wilkins

Mr. Williams called the meeting to order.

Minutes

The minutes from the September 17, 2019 Annual Board Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. O'Shea presented the report on financial operations through September 30, 2019, noting variances in several revenue and expense categories.

President's Report

Ms. Knapp reviewed operating statistics for the first quarter of the fiscal year and also commented on the Linked Libraries program underway with the public schools. She then introduced Elizabeth Joseph and Jason Wilkins of the Information and Adult Services Department to comment on two recent programs: Startup Weekend and Make Fest.

Executive Committee

Mr. Williams said that the Executive Committee met on October 15, 2019 and reviewed the matters on the Board of Trustees agenda. Draft minutes of this meeting were distributed.

Friends of Ferguson

Ms. Ernst discussed the Friends current membership drive, book shop sales, the upcoming Pub Crawl, and plans for the Second Annual Mini Golf Fundraiser at the Bennett Branch this winter.

Building

Ms. Knapp provided an update on the Waterproofing Project for the Main Library.

Development

Ms. Knapp reported on plans to form a President's Council of high level donors and observations following the Partner Summit in September.

Capital Projects

Ms. Knapp reported on the proposed capital projects for 2020-2021 funding by the city:

Main Library Renovation	\$390,000
Bennett Branch Modernization	\$275,000
Materials Controls	\$50,000
Short Term: Security Technology	\$150,000

A motion was made by Mr. Cassone, seconded by Ms. Bromley, and unanimously approved to submit these projects to the city for the 2021 Capital Budget.

2019 – 2020 Citizen Advisers and Committee Appointments

Mr. Williams distributed a list of Citizen Advisers to serve for the 2019-2020 year, and a list of appointments to Board Committees.

Ms. Knapp reported that the past Novel Affair honorees met and recommended that Thomas Cassone be honored at the April 23, 2020 event.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Robert J. Granata
Secretary