

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
OF CINCINNATI AND HAMILTON COUNTY**

Date: April 28, 2015

Meeting: Special

Place: Board Room - Main Library - 800 Vine Street

SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Trustees Present: Mr. Hendon, Mrs. LaMacchia, Mr. Moran
Mr. Sittenfeld (arrived after roll call), Mrs.
Trauth, and Mr. Zaring

Trustees Absent: Mr. Wright

Present: Greg Edwards and Molly DeFosse

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

LIBRARY OPERATIONS – FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Hendon requested that Mr. Edwards provide a summary of the situation. Mr. Edwards reported that:

REQUEST TO WAIVE PUBLIC BIDDING FOR MAIN ELECTRICAL REPAIRS

On April 25 an incident caused loss of power to all of the North Building of the Main Library. The incident was discovered in the evening after several systems failed and alarms were triggered. The Cincinnati Fire Department responded and assisted in identifying the source of the issue. Although the source has been identified there are

questions as to how the situation occurred. The Library will be working with Duke Energy to determine the cause.

The Library is running temporary power from the backup generator to keep the emergency lighting, elevators, badge access, server room, and scattered outlets operating. For the most part, there is no outlet power, no overhead lighting and limited air handling in the North Building. Most of administration has relocated to temporary locations in the South Building and staff that have laptops are operating as they are able. TeenSpot, the Children's Learning Center and the Hueneke Homework Center have no public computers working and limited lighting. The MakerSpace is completely closed. Some restroom facilities are also closed.

In order to get the North Building fully functioning, the damaged bus duct must be replaced. The current estimate to fabricate and install this part is \$113,425. There is the potential for additional costs once this part has been installed. The part is scheduled to be installed and power restored by the afternoon of Thursday April 30, 2015. A full report will be made to the Board at the June 9, 2015 Board meeting.

Since the estimate is in excess of the \$50,000 threshold required for formal bidding, it is requested that the Board waive public bidding based on urgent necessity.

Mr. Hendon reported that he inspected the site and the damage to the bus duct. The Board discussed Duke's role in the situation and requested that Library Staff follow up with Duke officials on the cause of the damage and steps to prevent a similar outcome in the future.

Mr. Moran moved that the Board waive public bidding as requested. Mr. Hendon seconded.

Voting for the motion: Mr. Moran, Mr. Hendon, Mrs. Trauth, Mr. Zaring, Mrs. LaMacchia, and Mr. Sittenfeld...6 ayes. The motion carried. **(11-2015)**.

The Special Meeting was then adjourned.

President

Attest: Secretary