

**TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD**  
**JOHN F. GERMANY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**OCTOBER 22, 2009**

**Board Members Present:** William Scheuerle (Chair), Jim Johnson (Vice-Chair), Bob Argus, James Martin, Cori Toler, Catherine Cottle, Jim Harkins, Kay O'Rourke, Laura Vickers. Patricia McClure and Alma Hires were absent.

**Staff Present:** Joe Stines, Director; Jacquelyn Zebos, Manager, Administrative & Reference Services; Suzanne George, Manager, Library Facilities Planning & Design; David Wullschleger, Manager, Operations; Linda Gillon, Manager, Programming & User Services; Marcee Challener, Manager, Materials & Circulation Services; Andrew Breidenbaugh, Chief Librarian; Lisa Wagner, Coordinator, Administrative Services & Grants; Aracelis Putnam, Administrative Specialist; Margaret Rials, Friends Coordinator.

**Guest:** Ricardo Cox, Assistant County Attorney.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

Minutes from the September 24, 2009 Library Board meeting were amended and approved.

There were no presentations from the public.

### **Volunteer Recognition**

Library volunteer, Elizabeth Lopez, was presented with a certificate and pin in recognition of over 100 hours of service to the library.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Budget Committee**

Staff provided clarification concerning a line item (repair and maintenance) on the monthly budget report.

The Library Board discussed the library closings due to the scheduled furlough days for County staff. The libraries will be closed to the public on the following dates:

- Friday, October 30, 2009
- Friday, January 15, 2010
- Friday, April 2, 2010
- Friday, June 18, 2010
- Thursday, September 9, 2010

Notices have been prepared and shall be posted at all libraries. The system will be adjusted so that no books are due on the furlough days but on the day following. **In addition, the Library Board voted 7—2 to approach the County Administrator about providing notification about the library closings at schools and Parks & Recreation facilities (Scheuerle and O'Rourke opposed).**

The next meeting of the Budget Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at Jan K. Platt Regional Library.

### **Planning Committee**

The Planning Committee shared photographs and a news article featuring the Saunders Library/Booker T. Washington Elementary walkway. Representatives from Ada T. Payne Friends of the Library attended the Planning Committee meeting on October 20 to provide the photographs and article and express their appreciation for all the efforts to build the walkway.

An update was provided on the vending machine contract which is being reviewed by the County Attorney's office and will go forward for approval by the Friends Council.

An inventory of the library's art holdings is underway and staff will provide an update to the Planning Committee in December.

An update was provided concerning construction projects underway. The Sulphur Springs partnership library is expected to open by January 2010. Real Estate Architectural Services Department is currently preparing drawings for the Seminole Library project. Staff is communicating with the City of Tampa about the possibility of using the former city pool property for the library.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2009, 2:00 p.m. at Jan K. Platt Regional Library.

### **Policy & Bylaws Committee**

**The Library Board reviewed Library policy LS508, *Petitioning*, and unanimously voted in favor of the Policy & Bylaws Committee's recommendation for approval.**

The Library Board monthly meeting agenda materials will be delivered to the Library Board members via U.S. mail as well as electronically for the December meeting. The bylaws shall be updated to indicate this change.

The next meeting of the Policy & Bylaws Committee is scheduled for Thursday, December 17, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library.

The office of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is in the process of filling the Library Board vacancy for District 1.

**A sample layout of a generic-style business card was presented for approval. The Library Board voted 8—1 to approve a one-time order of one box of 500 of business cards—at a cost of under \$26—to be shared by all members of the Library Board (Kay O'Rourke opposed).**

**Following discussion concerning appointment of a Library Board representative to serve on the Friends of the Library council, the Library Board voted 8 to 1 (Mrs. O'Rourke opposed) to approve the following two-part motion): 1) The Library Board shall withhold appointment of a representative at this time; 2) The Director shall convey the Library Board's decision to the Friends Council at their next meeting and provide regular reports concerning the Friends of the Library until such time as a representative is appointed.**

A proposed schedule was reviewed for Library Board Planning Committee meetings to be held at regional locations throughout the county to allow opportunity for citizen input.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.