

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
BRUTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY
APRIL 25, 2013

Attendance: Bob Argus (Chair), Jim Johnson (Vice-Chair), Brenda Staton (Secretary), William Scheuerle, Daniel Blair, John McWhirter, Shelley Blood and Jim Duffy were present. Felicia Pecora, Jim Harkins, Mary Lou Tuttle and Alma Hires were excused.

Staff Present: Joe Stines, Director; David Wullschleger, Manager, Operations; Aracelis Chapman, Sr. Administrative Specialist; Andrew Breidenbaugh, Chief Librarian.

Guests: Ricardo Cox, County Attorney's office. Anne Haywood, Director, Bruton Memorial Library; Armand Ternak, Division Director, Temple Terrace Library; Sheryl Herold, Fiscal & Support Services, Public Safety & Community Services.

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. with a quorum present. There were no presentations from the public.

Minutes from the March 28, 2013 meeting were approved.

There were no volunteers for recognition this month.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee

There was no report from the Budget Committee as this month's meeting was canceled.

Planning Committee

There was no report from the Planning Committee as this month's meeting was canceled.

Policy & Bylaws Committee

The video surveillance policy is still under staff and County Attorney review and will be brought back during a future meeting.

Revisions to policy LS109, Requests (Holds), were unanimously approved as recommended by the Policy & Bylaws Committee.

Copies of the Library Board Bylaws were distributed in preparation for review during next month's meeting.

Unfinished Business

An update was provided by Mr. Duffy on behalf of the measurements sub-committee that is working on recommending changes to the Library Board monthly statistical report.

The master planning ad-hoc committee has scheduled its first meeting for Monday, May 13 at 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Library.

Staff reported on member attendance as requested by the Library Board to ensure compliance with the Bylaws.

New Business

Ms. Staton briefed the Library Board concerning the recent Storytelling Festival held on April 20, 2013. A certificate of appreciation was presented to the John F. Germany Friends of the Library for its support of the Library.

Following discussion concerning the proposed plans for a residential tower west of John F. Germany Library that include possible elimination of the elevated walkway from the Poe Garage, the Library unanimously voted to take the following action:

1. Direct that staff contact County Administration to advise of the Library Board's serious concerns about the elimination of the Poe walkway and potential impacts to safety, parking and access to parking at John F. Germany Library;
2. Write a letter expressing the Library Board's concerns directed to the Mayor, City Council and County Administrator. *(A letter was sent to Mayor Buckhorn and City Council on May 9, 2013.)*
3. Contact the developer of the tower project (Phillip Smith, Framework Group LLC) to extend an invitation to meet with the Library Board.
4. Authorize a special meeting of the Library Board at which the developer can present the proposed plans and address concerns. *(A special call meeting was held on Monday, May 6, 2013, at John F. Germany Library.)*

Director's Report

An update was provided on construction projects underway, the FY14 Budget and the implementation of Polaris.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.