

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
JOHN F. GERMANY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
AUGUST 28, 2014

Attendance: John McWhirter (Chair), Brenda Staton (Vice Chair), Felicia Pecora (Secretary), Jim Johnson, Phyllis Alpert, Candi Martin, Shelia Spicola, Bob Argus, Evan St. Ives and Shelley Blood were present.

Staff present: Joe Stines, Jacquelyn Zebos, Linda Gillon, David Wullschleger, Aracelis Chapman, Andrew Breidenbaugh, Robin Gibson, Lauren Levy.

Guest(s): Sheryl Herold, Fiscal & Support Services; Charlotte Diggs, County Attorney's office.

The meeting was called to order at 4 pm with a quorum present.

The following volunteers from Upper Tampa Bay Regional Library were recognized for their many hours of volunteer service to the Library:

Maureen Gauzza  
Ruth Zung  
Jim Brennan  
Marlene Perez

Presentations from the Public:

Fred Hearn, President of the Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Library Foundation, requested the Library Board approve the naming of the community room at the new Saunders Library in honor of Ada T. Payne. The Library Board moved to refer the request to the Policy & Bylaws Committee for deliberation and recommendation.

Mary James and Howard Harris, representing the Ada T. Payne Friends of the Urban Libraries spoke regarding the facility needs of C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Library and urged the Library Board to support the reconstruction of C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Library by moving it up on the priority list of capital improvement projects.

Minutes from the July 24, 2014 meeting were approved.

## **Committee Reports**

### Finance

A report was provided on the monthly library budget ending July 2014.

The monthly Library Activity Summary for July 2014 was reviewed.

The Cooperative Interlocal Agreement with Plant City and Temple Terrace is being renewed for another year.

A status report was provided on the FY13 and FY14 library projects scheduled under the Repair, Replacement, Renovation and Maintenance ("R3M") program.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for September 16, 2014, 3 pm at John F. Germany Public Library.

## Planning

This month's technology update featured programs and events planned for *The Hive, A Community Innovation Center* at the John F. Germany Public Library.

The Planning Committee will begin discussion of the master plan for the John F. Germany Public Library at their next meeting.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee is scheduled for September 16, 2014, 4 pm at John F. Germany Public Library.

## Policy & Bylaws

**The Policy & Bylaws Committee brought forward a request by the Seminole Heights Friends of the Library to name the bookstore, Old Oak Bookstore. The request was unanimously approved.**

The next Policy & Bylaws Committee meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2014, 3:30 pm at John F. Germany Public Library.

## Unfinished Business

**The election of officers was held. With no nominations received from the floor, the Library Board unanimously voted to retain the current officers for a second term as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The 2015 Library Board officers are as follows:**

**Chair, John McWhirter  
Vice Chair, Brenda Staton  
Secretary, Felicia Pecora**

## New Business

**Following review and discussion of usage statistics and facility photographs, the Library Board unanimously voted to write a letter to the BOCC recommending that the C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Library be up to number two on the capital improvements projects priority list.**

## Director's Report

Mr. Robert Argus, Library Board member for District 2, was recognized for his 10 years of service to the Library Board. His term will expire effective upon the appointment of the Library Board vacancies for district 4 and 2, which will go to the Board of County Commissioners on September 17, 2014.

Mr. Stines announced that he will be on annual leave September 4—12, 2014. Jacquelyn Zebos will serve as acting Director in his absence. (*Plans for annual leave were since canceled.*)

An update was provided on efforts to develop a succession plan for the Library Director's position.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.