

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
JOHN F. GERMANY PUBLIC LIBRARY
JANUARY 23, 2014

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

Staff present: Joe Stines, Jacquelyn Zebos, David Wullschleger, Aracelis Chapman, Lisa Wagner, Jennifer Iley, Suzanne George, Andrew Breidenbaugh, Anne Ross.

Guests: Charlotte Diggs, County Attorney's office; Sheryl Herold and Bridget Lattimore, Fiscal & Support Services, Public Safety & Community Services.

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

The following volunteers were recognized for their many hours of service to the Library:

Austin Davis Library

Arielle Segovia
Virginia Blair
Mary Churchill
Philip Gazi
Luis Llano
Barbara Schardt

Lutz Branch Library

Emily Bartee
Robert Cahill
Clay Colson
Ann Marks
Peter Michel
Jessica Mondragon
Suzanne Sage
Janet Stelzmann

Minutes from the December 5, 2013 meeting were approved with corrections.

Mr. Howard Harris and Ms. Ida Boone discussed the need to expand the C. Blythe Andrews Library and urged the Library Board to prioritize it on the unfunded capital improvements projects list. The request was referred to the Planning Committee for consideration.

Committee Reports

Finance

The Finance Committee Chair provided an overview of the monthly budget report, the quarterly source and use statement, and the monthly library activity summary.

A recent review of the library's wireless service was conducted by Bright House Networks with Hillsborough County ITS and changes are underway to improve the library WIFI user experience.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for February 25, 2014, 3 pm at John F. Germany Public Library.

Planning

This month's technology update consisted of follow up statistical reports on Overdrive checkouts and Virtual Library (ebooks, magazines/newspapers, reference, genealogy online learning and audio/video).

Following deliberation of the FY15 unfunded capital projects list, the Library Board voted 6—5 to accept the list of priorities as presented and asked the Planning Committee to re-evaluate the weighting criteria. The approved FY15 unfunded capital projects list is prioritized as follows:

- 1. Riverview Library expansion**
- 2. New Tampa Library expansion**
- 3. new southeast Hillsborough County area library**
- 4. C. Blythe Andrews Library expansion**
- 5. new Carrollwood area library**
- 6. new Fishhawk area library**

It was further requested that the October 2014 Library Board meeting agenda contain discussion of unfunded CIP planning list in an effort to prepare for January submission of the library's priority list for the County.

Staff provided an update on master planning for the John F. Germany Library and other capital projects underway. A contract has been awarded to begin the Saunders Library expansion and a groundbreaking ceremony is being scheduled.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee is scheduled for February 25, 2014, 4 pm at John F. Germany Public Library.

Policy & Bylaws

The Bylaws were reviewed by the Policy & Bylaws Committee and no changes were made.

Library policy revisions are scheduled for the next Policy & Bylaws Committee meeting on February 27, 2014, 3:30 pm at Seminole Heights Library.

Unfinished Business

The Library Board unanimously passed a motion to communicate their request to the Board of County Commissioners that they initiate a national search upon retirement of the director and that the Library Board participate in that search.

New Business

Information was shared regarding a free course in Library advocacy that is being offered by a massive open online course provider.

A motion was unanimously passed to direct the Finance Committee to explore the possibility of expanding hours at Riverview and C. Blythe Andrews Libraries.

Director's Report

The Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library website, www.thpl.org, has been re-designed.

Library Services Department has been assigned by the Board of County Commissioners to report back on two items: 1) to explore "pop-up libraries" and 2) to consider the possibility of overseeing the law library.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 pm.