

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
JOHN F. GERMANY PUBLIC LIBRARY
JANUARY 22, 2015

Attendance: John McWhirter (Chair), Brenda Staton (Vice Chair), Felicia Pecora (Secretary), Phyllis Alpert, Shelley Blood, Christine Kazor, Davis Gandeas, Candi Martin, Peter Vaka, Shelia Spicola and Evan St. Ives were present. Jim Johnson was excused.

Staff present: Joe Stines, Linda Gillon, David Wullschleger, Andrew Breidenbaugh, Aracelis Chapman, Renelda Sells, Jennifer Iley, Laura Doyle and Sheryl Herold.

Guest(s): Charlie Miranda, Tampa City Council; Tom Fass, Assistant County Administrator; Charlotte Diggs, County Attorney's office.

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

The Library Board recognized Virginia Blair and Philip Gazi for their many hours of service to the Austin Davis Library.

Minutes from the December 4, 2014 meeting were approved.

Public Comments:

Mary James, on behalf of the Ada T. Payne Friends of the Urban Libraries, presented a tribute to retiring Library Director, Joe Stines.

Bob Argus addressed the Library Board concerning the Upper Tampa Regional Library parking lot expansion and congratulated Mr. Stines in his retirement.

Committee Reports

Finance

The Monthly Budget Report for FY14 dated December 31, 2014 was reviewed and approved along with the Library Activity Summary for November and December of 2014. Staff addressed questions regarding meeting room use and virtual usage and how these statistics are captured.

An update was provided on the progress of the Bloomingdale parking lot project for which the County is currently obtaining cost estimates.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for February 24, 2015, 3 pm at John F. Germany Public Library.

Planning

An update was provided on the progress of Library projects underway.

The Library Board unanimously approved the Planning Committee's recommended priority list of unfunded Capital Improvement Projects for FY16 (below). In doing so, the Library Board indicated its agreement with the Planning Committee's motion to prioritize the FY16 unfunded list according to staff input and to review/revise the established ranking criteria at a later date.

1. New Tampa expansion

2. **Carrollwood area library**
3. **Wimauma area library**
4. **Fishhawk area library**

As part of review and discussion of the John F. Germany Library master plan, the Planning Committee is compiling a priority list of needs for a future Germany Library.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee is scheduled for February 24, 2015, 4 pm at John F. Germany Public Library.

Policy & Bylaws

The dedication of the Maureen Gauzza Community Room at Upper Tampa Bay Regional Library took place on January 21, 2015. A dedication event for the Stephen Gluckman Reading Room at Seminole Heights Library is scheduled for February 3, 2015.

Following review and discussion, the Library Board unanimously approved following policies:

1. **LS1101, Library Learning Experiences – Programming Mission**
2. **LS1102, Library Learning Experiences and Audience Categories**

The next Policy & Bylaws Committee meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2015, 3:30 pm at Riverview Library.

Unfinished Business

An update was provided on the recruitment for the new Library Director. The Library Board welcomed Andrew Breidenbaugh, who was selected for the Director position and will begin his duties on February 9, 2015.

New Business

Staff presented a pictorial of highlights and statistics from 2014 library programs and events.

Director's Report

There has been a date change for the Riverview Library public meeting to February 3, 2015 at 6 pm.

Renewed Thursday service hours will begin January 22 at regional libraries. The regional libraries will be open from 10am to 9pm on Thursdays.

Mr. Stines expressed his appreciation for the Library Board's support over the years and bid farewell to all as he retires in early February 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.