

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
BLOOMINGDALE REGIONAL LIBRARY  
AUGUST 24, 2017

**Attendance:** Felicia Pecora (Chair), Phyllis Alpert (Secretary), Davis Gandeas, Bob Argus, Shelley Blood, Howard Harris, Joan Zacharias, and Carmen Alvarez, Jim Johnson, Candi Martin and Maggie Coleman were present. Christine Kazor was excused.

**Staff Present:** Andrew Breidenbaugh, Aracelis Chapman, Jacquelyn Zebos, Megan Danak, Sheryl Herold, Renelda Sells, Janet Marnatti, Candy Granda, Vickie Ricketts, Bridgett Lattimore.

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm with a quorum present.

Minutes from the July 27, 2017 meeting were approved.

Presentations from the Public: Davida Bowen, representing the University Area Community Development Corp., spoke in favor of naming the University Area Community Library in honor of Arthenia L. Joyner.

Based on overwhelming positive feedback from the public, the Library Board unanimously voted to support the proposed naming and recommend the BOCC approve the Arthenia L. Joyner University Area Community Library.

#### Committee Reports

##### Combined Finance & Planning Committees

The FY17 monthly budget reports were reviewed along with the Monthly Library Activity summaries. The numbers of card holders showed an increase. Next month's figures will include HAAL pass.

A revised, updated version of the library's guiding principles for future capital projects was reviewed and board input gathered.

More information was provided regarding an analysis of indirect costs.

An update was provided on major capital projects underway. The University Area Community Library is scheduled for completion in late November 2018. Public art installation is planned for December 2018; Opening is expected sometime in January 2019. Request for bids are out for the C. Blythe Andrews Library construction, which should begin this November and are expected to take one year. Riverview Library funding has been approved to expand the size to 35,000 square feet. Meetings will be scheduled to get public feedback. Construction is expected to begin March of 2019 with expected completion in the spring of 2020.

The next meeting of the combined Finance & Planning Committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 2017, 3 pm at the James J. Lunsford Law Library.

##### Unfinished Business

The Library Board unanimously voted to appoint Phyllis Alpert as Vice Chair and Shelley Blood as Secretary.

## New Business

Staff presented adjustments to branch hours at seven library locations. No concerns were expressed by the board members. The Library Board was in full agreement with the proposed schedule.

## Director's Report

The Library has signed an agreement for additional parking for Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Library.

An exemption to the hiring freeze has been approved so the Library can begin to fill a number of vacant positions. Staff will be meeting with County Administration to discuss proposals for automation and staffing models to become more sustainable in light of the financial crisis.

Suggestions were offered for ways the Library Board can advocate for our libraries.

Over 4,300 people attended eclipse viewing programs that were held at a dozen or more library locations.

Results were shared from a recent Arts and Economic Prosperity study in which the Library participated. There are potential opportunities for programs with the Arts Council.

The Burgert Bros. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration is being held Friday, September 22, 2017.

The Library has been recognized by the Urban Libraries Council for the HAAL Pass (Hillsborough All Access Libraries) program.

Recent graduates of the Sunshine States Leadership Institute, Carmen Negrón and Allie Brazis, shared their experiences and lessons learned from the leadership development and mentoring program.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

The next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 4 pm at the James J. Lunsford Law Library, 701 E. Twiggs Street, Tampa 33602.