

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
THE HIVE @ JOHN F. GERMANY LIBRARY  
FEBRUARY 23, 2017

**Attendance:** Brenda Staton (Chair), Phyllis Alpert (Secretary), Jim Johnson, Davis Gandeas, Candi Martin, Joan Zacharias, Bob Argus, and Shelley Blood. Felicia Pecora (Vice Chair) and Christine Kazor were excused. Howard Harris was absent.

**Staff Present:** Andrew Breidenbaugh, Aracelis Chapman, Renelda Sells, David Wullschleger, Sheryl Herold, Janet Marnatti, Wendy Grimes, Lorie Tonti, Stacey Jurewicz, Lisa Wagner, Candy Granda, Bridgett Lattimore and Charlotte Diggs.

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm with a quorum present.

Minutes from the January 26, 2017 meeting were approved as amended.

There were no presentations from the public.

## **Committee Reports**

### Policy & Bylaws Committee

**Updates to policy LS109, Requests (Holds) were approved.**

The next meeting of the Policy & Bylaws Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2017, 2:30 pm at C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Library.

### Combined Finance & Planning Committees

The FY17 budget reports for the month of January 2017 were reviewed along with the Monthly Library Activity summary.

Staff presented a list of recommendations as a starting point for discussion regarding the ranking of unfunded capital improvement priorities. Recommendations are based on areas identified by the capital facilities master plan as well as citizen requests for consideration. **Following extensive discussion of potential ranking possibilities and concern over the availability of current evaluative data, the Library Board voted 7—1 (Mr. Johnson opposed) in support of the list of Unfunded Capital Improvement Priorities as presented:**

#### **1. John F. Germany Public Library Renovations**

2. **Apollo Beach Area Library**
3. **Brandon Regional Library Replacement**
4. **Wimauma Area Library**
5. **Fish Hawk Area Library**
6. **New Tampa Regional Library Expansion**
7. **Carrollwood Area Library**
8. **Jan K. Platt Regional Library Expansion**

A copy was provided of proposed budget decision units and business opportunities to be submitted for the FY18 Budget.

The next meeting of the combined Finance & Planning Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2017, 3 pm at C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Library.

**Unfinished Business**—None.

### **New Business**

A letter was presented on behalf of the Friends of the Bloomingdale Library outlining concerns regarding use of the parking lot by customers from the retail development next door. The Bloomingdale Friends are seeking: 1. Signage that will address the situation. 2. Fencing to separate the library property and deter crossing. 3. A prominent entry sign is needed to define the property. 4. Referral of the road access issue to the Board of County Commissioners.

Staff is working with the County's Real Estate Architectural Services on entry signage and will consult with them on fencing, directional signage and other parking lot concerns. They will follow up and respond directly to the Bloomingdale Friends. Related policy, LS516, Abandoned and Unauthorized will be referred to the Policy & Bylaws Committee for review.

Concerns were raised about the shortage of parking at Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Library. The Library has had increased attendance at large conferences during the day, and current agreements accommodate overflow parking only during the evening. Staff reported that Real Estate and Facilities Service is in the process of trying to lease additional parking. There are plans to install additional lighting, replace fencing and reseal/repave the additional lot. They will look into other potential properties that might be available.

## Director's Report

The Library is taking part in a "Book Rich Environments" initiative. Tampa is one of 35 cities participating in the initiative, overseen by the Urban Libraries Council and funded by Random House, to offer library programs focused on children from local housing authorities. The first programs will be piloted at Seminole Heights and North Tampa Libraries.

A first draft of the Burgert Bros. photo appraisal report has been received valuing the collection at approximately \$5 million. Professional digitization and preservation of the collection will be performed over the next few years.

An Innovation Communities program has been initiated asking staff to submit and vote on the top two innovation and improvement suggestions. Volunteer-based staff groups will formulate solutions that will then be considered for implementation. The Library Board may be called upon for input as part of this ongoing process.

Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library was recognized as an Innovator by the Urban Libraries Council in its weekly national newsletter for its "Work in the Flow" program. "Work in the Flow" frames libraries as free "co-working" places, and facilitates interpersonal connections for entrepreneurs.

C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Library is set to close temporarily starting April 15 to conduct ground mitigation work and a year of construction for a replacement library.

The new University Community Library project is underway with an expected opening in late 2017.

The Riverview Library replacement has another nine months of design work followed by a year of construction. It is expected to open in early 2020.

Staff presented a demonstration of EBSCO discovery services that is being added to make our databases and research sites more accessible to customers.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.