



TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
78TH Street Community Library
April 28, 2022

Members Present: Phyllis Alpert (Chair), Candi Martin (Vice Chair), Maggie Mardirosian (Secretary), Michael Newett, Jim Johnson, Bob Argus, Carmen Alvarez, Jessica Ocasio, Curtis Brown. Members Absent: Abigail St. Clair, Lauren Guerin and Shelly McClellan.

Staff Present: Andrew Breidenbaugh, Aracelis Chapman, Jacquelyn Zebos, Chely Cantrell, Sean McGarvey, Kathleen Langevin, Adam Berkowitz and Allison Wever.

Meeting was called to order at 4 pm.

Welcome and introduction of newly appointed members, Curtis Brown (District 3) and Jessica Ocasio (District 4).

There were no presentations from the public.

Minutes from the February 24, 2022 meeting were approved.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Library's Fiscal 2022 Budget Reports dated February 20, 2022 and March 31, 2022 were reviewed along with monthly activity summaries.

An overview of the Library Tax District Fund Pro Forma FY 22 – FY 27 prepared by the County Management & Budget Department indicates healthy short-term projected revenue. Staff provided clarification regarding the revenue sources, the copier leasing contract marginal cost savings, and projected growth.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The consultant report examining whether impact fees to fund libraries should be assessed indicates that the Library Taxing District, at its current millage, is adequate to fund growth. Following discussion and questions from members, the Library Board unanimously passed a motion to make the following position statement regarding possible impact fees: *The current financial structure of Hillsborough County Library Services at the current millage is adequate to fund its libraries and their growth needs*

based on the Library Capital Facilities Master Plan. The Public Library Board does not recommend establishment of any alternate or additional sources of funding at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

As part of an on-going review of the Library's metrics, staff presented samples of required reporting materials. Future agendas will include more presentations on other statistical measurements.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Introduced Allison Wever, branch supervisor of 78th Street Community Library.

The 42nd Annual Storytelling Festival is happening from early March through mid-May. It is the largest festival of its kind for children in the U.S. and is put together by volunteers in collaboration with the Library Learning Experiences team. The Storytelling Festival has been held virtually the past two years. This year's festival is a combination of online and in-person events with a closing celebration held online May 13, 2022.

An updated, reformatted copy of the *Your Public Library at a Glance* publication was distributed.

Riverview Library will reopen and resume normal business hours as of Monday, May 2, 2022. Extensive cleaning is still underway, and the cause of the fire is still being investigated. Costs of mitigation are being worked out through the County's insurance program.

The request for proposals process for the Brandon Library replacement project has been . stopped due to a possible "cone of silence" (no communication order) violation by a vendor currently under review by County Procurement. Also, the County is reconsidering possible relocation of the project to the eastward site at the corner of Lumsden and Parsons Avenues due to concerns about preservation of green space and native trees in protected status.

Discussed recent book challenges to public school libraries in the news and potential future impacts to public libraries. Staff will bring back training on the Library's challenged materials review and appeals policy and procedures, in which the final decision is made by the Public Library Board. Generally, the Library has received few book challenge appeals. They have been verbal customer concerns mostly handled at the branch staff level.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

The next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2022 at Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library.