

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
JOHN F. GERMANY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
AUGUST 26, 2010

**Board Members Present:** William Scheuerle (Chair), Bob Argus (Vice-Chair), Jim Johnson, Catherine Cottle, Alma Hires, Jim Harkins, James Martin and Michael Sevi. Mary Lou Tuttle, Cori Toler and Kay O'Rourke were excused.

**Staff Present:** Joe Stines, Director; Jacquelyn Zebos, Manager, Administrative & Reference Services; David Wullschleger, Manager, Operations; Suzanne George, Chief Librarian; Lisa Wagner, Coordinator, Administrative Services & Grants; Anne Ross, Chief Librarian; Aracelis Putnam, Administrative Specialist; Robin Gibson, Friends Coordinator; Marianne Tucker, Grants Coordinator; Jason Biggers, General Manager III.

**Guests:** Laura Vickers, former Library Board member; Ricardo Cox, Assistant County Attorney; DeBora Cromartie-Mincey, Senior Assistant County Attorney.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

The Library Board welcomed newly-appointed member, Michael Sevi. Mr. Sevi introduced himself and provided a brief summary of his background and experience.

Laura Vickers was presented with a plaque in recognition of her outstanding service to the Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library Board from August 2001 to June 2010.

Eight volunteers were submitted for recognition representing 6,137 hours of service at Upper Tampa Bay Regional Library. The following three were present to receive their certificate and pin:

Corey Rowland  
Maureen Gauzza  
Justin Alexander

Minutes from the July 22, 2010 Library Board meeting were approved.

There were no presentations from the public.

Senior Assistant County Attorney, DeBora Cromartie-Mincey, presented a general overview of the Sunshine Law and Public Records Laws of Florida.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Budget Committee**

Staff provided an update on the progress of the current CIP FY 11-15.

The next meeting of the Budget Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 2010, 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library.

### **Planning Committee**

**A final draft of the Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative's Long Range Strategic Plan for FY 11-14 was unanimously approved.** The Long Range Plan has also been endorsed by the Cooperative members at their August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**The Library Board unanimously approved a change in the hours of operation at the Science Library at MOSI, a double partnership with both the Museum of Science and Industry and the School District's MOSI Partnership School. The new hours are:**

- **Monday and Friday 12-5**
- **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9-5**
- **Saturday 10-6**

**This change adds one additional hour of public access to the schedule and also allows more time for the school to use the facility. There is no budgetary impact to the Library as a result of the change in hours effective September 13, 2010.**

The next meeting of the Planning Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, August 25, 2010, 4:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library.

### **Policy & Bylaws Committee**

**Continuing discussion about the accessibility of chat on the library internet computers, the Library's Acceptable Use policy was reviewed and it was the Library Board's unanimous decision to allow chat on the internet computers within the set time limits.**

**Following a recent action by the Board of County Commissioners to rename the former College Hill Library in honor of C. Blythe Andrews, Jr., the Library Board moved to send a letter to BOCC Chair, Commissioner Ken Hagan, concurring with the BOCC decision.**

**The Library Board approved a request from the Hillsborough County School Board to rename the Sulphur Springs Partnership Library based on broad community support. A recommendation will go to the BOCC to name the library the *Norma and Joseph Robinson Partnership Library at Sulphur Springs*.**

**A proposal was unanimously approved to name the following meeting rooms at John F. Germany Library in recognition of former library directors as part of the upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library:**

- **4East conference room—The Cecil Beach Conference Room**
- **New room adjacent to MLK Room—The Helen Virginia Stelle Room**
- **Study room, 204E—The Leo Meirose Room**
- **Study room, 104E—The William Scott Frieze Room**

The next meeting of the Policy & Bylaws Committee is scheduled for Thursday, August 26, 2010, 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library.

### **Unfinished Business**

Staff provided an update on oral history projects to be added to the library catalog digital collection by mid-Fall 2010.

It was discussed whether applicants for the Library Board who do not reside within the library taxing district are eligible to serve on the Library Board. It was determined that the laws of the State of Florida as well as the Library Board Bylaws state that any person residing within Hillsborough County may apply for appointment to the Library Board. The Bylaws must be consistent with the State Statute and any modification must be formally requested at the State level.

### **New Business**

A letter was received from Patricia McClure officially resigning her seat on the Library Board due to personal reasons. The Library Board will reply by letter to Ms. McClure acknowledging her resignation effective immediately.

The Library Board discussed the assignment of its members to each of the committees and it was unanimously decided that all members shall continue with their current committee assignments. New member, Mr. Sevi, was invited to serve on the Library Board Budget Committee.

Dr. Scheuerle announced that he has been named to serve as Chair of the Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative for the coming year.

The location of the September 23 Library Board meeting as well as the Policy & Bylaws Committee meeting was changed to John F. Germany Public Library.

### **Director's Report**

The Interim County Administrator has decided to cancel the last remaining furlough day for County Administration departments that was scheduled for September 9, 2010. As a result, all libraries will be open on that day.

Mr. Stines is scheduled to be out on personal leave from September 9 through September 17, 2010. David Wullschleger has been designated as in charge during this time.

Due to the recent retirement of Manus O'Donnell, former Human Services Administrator, Library Services Department currently reports to Mark Thornton, Director, Parks, Recreation & Conservation Department as part of the Interim County Administrator's reorganization of County government.

The Friends of the Library agreement is close to completion. Mr. Stines will be meeting with designated Friends representatives and the Assistant County Attorney to review the draft agreement. The deadline for final Library Board approval is on or before the October 28 meeting.

A copy of the State Library's *Taxpayer Return on Investment in Florida Libraries* (2010) report was distributed. The research study indicates that, in 2008, public libraries provided \$8.32 in value for every tax dollar received.

This year's Early Voting went smoothly as staff worked with the Supervisor of Elections office to make library locations available.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.