

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
ROBERT W. SAUNDERS, SR. LIBRARY
MAY 27, 2010

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

Staff Present: Joe Stines, Director; David Wullschleger, Manager, Operations; Lisa Wagner, Coordinator, Administrative Services & Grants; Aracelis Putnam, Administrative Specialist; Andrew Breidenbaugh, Chief Librarian; Renelda Sells, Chief Librarian; Jason Biggers, General Manager III; Robin Gibson, Friends Coordinator; Jodi Cohen, Principal Librarian.

Guest: Ricardo Cox, Assistant County Attorney

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

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

Recognition of volunteers was deferred to the next meeting.

The following presentations were received from the public:

Jason Pepe, of the Hillsborough County School District, spoke in support of continued development of Saunders Library.

Evangeline Best, of East Tampa Community Revitalization Project, spoke concerning College Hill Library and Saunders Library and their importance in the community.

Norman Jackson spoke in favor of the continued development of Saunders Library.

Anthony Montoto, representing Booker T. Washington Elementary School, spoke concerning the value of Saunders Library to BTW school.

Bianca Conigliaro, a teacher at Booker T. Washington Elementary School, shared how much her students enjoy story time at Saunders Library and how it complements her classroom curriculum.

Andrea Moore, a teacher at Booker T. Washington Elementary School, also commented that her students enjoy story times at Saunders Library.

Fred Hearn, representing the Robert W. Saunders Sr. Foundation, expressed concerns that already approved funding for development of Saunders Library remain intact.

Leroy Moore, representing Tampa Housing Authority, discussed community construction plans for the Encore development.

Beverly Backey, community resident, spoke in support of Saunders Library.

Ann Porter, community activist and AKA member, spoke in favor of continued development of Saunders Library.

Brenda Staton, representing Ada T. Payne Friends of the Urban Libraries discussed the library circulation statistics that indicate a community need for both College Hill and Saunders Libraries.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee

The Acting County Administrator is scheduled to present the FY11 Budget to the Board of County Commissioners on June 10. All proposed Library budget items were accepted in the FY11 Budget including restoring community library hours, replacement of the integrated library computer system (ILS), Jimmie B. Keel parking lot, and the final phase of the RFID system implementation.

It has been confirmed with Management & Budget Department that the indirect cost over charge has been restored to the Library budget. Mr. Martin thanked the Library Board members for being consistent in pursuing this issue for the benefit of the Library.

The next meeting of the Budget Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2010, 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library.

Planning Committee

Following public comment and deliberation, the Library Board voted unanimously to reaffirm its previous recommendation that the all construction funds allocated by the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners be retained for the future construction of the Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Public Library and Community Room.

Library staff was directed to pursue repair and maintenance through the County Real Estate Department/Facilities process in order to correct the structural problems at College Hill Library. It was restated that there are no safety issues, i.e. sinkholes, only settling of the library building due to soil conditions. **The Library Board voted unanimously that College Hill Library be put through the next ranking process to be considered for the unfunded CIP list.**

Leroy Moore, of Tampa Housing Authority, provided a brief status concerning Encore development project. Mr. Moore was invited to the July 22 Library Board meeting to present the details of the project and discuss what impact it may have, if any, on plans for Saunders Library.

Mr. Argus reported that the Planning Committee is currently discussing other library matters such as the Genealogy Room at Bloomingdale Library, Chat on library internet computers, and the library's Long Range Strategic Plan.

The Library Board viewed a photo slide show of the signage at the Town 'N Country Commons building.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2010, 4:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library.

Policy & Bylaws Committee

Staff provided a spreadsheet of all Library policies and their review dates and will make recommendations at a later date for which policies may be posted on the library website.

The next meeting of the Policy & Bylaws Committee is scheduled for Thursday, June 24, 2010, 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library.

Unfinished Business

A Nominating Committee was formed and will convene prior to the June Library Board meeting to put together a slate of officers to be voted on in July.

Staff was asked to provide a status on E-Government at the next meeting.

New Business

Dr. Scheuerle brought forth the issue of meeting attendance and reminded the Library Board members of the Bylaws section concerning meeting attendance. The 2010 Library Board Bylaws, Article II—*Membership*, Section 5—*Absenteeism* states, “*For an absence to be deemed excused, the Board member must give notice prior to the regular and/or special meeting from which the Board member will be absent. The Board member’s notice is to be given to the Director of Library Services (the “Director”) or designee. After the occurrence of three unexcused absences by a Board member from regular and/or special Board meetings during a given operating year of the Board, the Director shall notify that Board member in writing of his or her unexcused absences. Any Board member who has four (4) unexcused absences from a regular or special Board meeting during a given operating year of the Board is subject to removal. The Chair shall provide written notice to the Commission of such absences and recommend removal and shall provide a written copy of any notice to the Board and to the member in question. The determination of whether such member shall be removed shall be made by the Commission.*”

Following discussion, a motion was unanimously approved to send a letter to Patricia McClure making her aware of concerns raised by the Friends of Library and as a reminder of her commitment to serve on the Library Board.

Director’s Report

Invitations have been sent out electronically for the Sulphur Springs Ribbon Cutting ceremony scheduled for Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

On-line services will be available on the Library website, HCPLC.org, during the next furlough day—Friday, June 18. All book drops will remain open.

The Library Board thanked the Ada T. Payne Friends of the Library for their gracious hospitality in providing refreshments for this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.