

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
JOHN F. GERMANY PUBLIC LIBRARY
OCTOBER 27, 2011

Attendance: Bob Argus (Chair), Jim Johnson (Vice-Chair), Michael Keller, Kay O'Rourke, William Scheuerle, Brenda Staton, Jim Harkins, John McWhirter, Mary Lou Tuttle and James Martin were present. Alma Hires and Cori Toler (Secretary) were excused.

Staff Present: Joe Stines, Director; Marcee Challener, Manager, Materials & Circulation Services; Linda Gillon, Manager, Programming; Jacquelyn Zebos, Manager, Administrative & Reference Services; David Wullschleger, Manager, Operations; Aracelis Maldonado, Administrative Specialist; Robin Gibson, Friends Coordinator; Suzanne George, Chief Librarian; Renelda Sells, Chief Librarian; Anne Ross, Chief Librarian.

Guest: Ward Friszolowski and Steve Heiser of Harvard Jolly Architects; Anthony Haynes of Real Estate Department; Israel Grajales and Bill Hand of Facilities Management Services; Armand Ternak, Division Director, Temple Terrace Library.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. with a quorum present.

Minutes from the September 22, 2011 meeting were approved.

Fred Hearn, representing the Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Public Library Foundation, spoke regarding the the Saunders Library expansion and C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Library.

The Library Board recognized volunteers Rita McWilliams from Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library and Kaia Rodriguez from Brandon Regional Library for their many hours of service.

Representatives from Harvard Jolly Architects presented conceptual plans for the Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Library expansion. Israel Grajales of Facilities Management Services provided an update on all library expansion projects currently underway. **The Library Board unanimously moved to send a letter to Center Place regarding the Brandon Regional Library parking lot redesign progress.**

Anthony Haynes, Director, Real Estate Department provided an update concerning on-going negotiations with the Hillsborough County School District for the University area land swap.

Bill Hand of Facilities Management Services discussed the public art commission that is underway for the Harkins Plaza at SouthShore Regional Library. Library Board members expressed strong concerns over the continued time delays on the project.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee

Following discussion, the Library Board voted 9 to 1 to approve a request by the Friends of the SouthShore Library to sponsor a community event, The Festival of Trees, in collaboration with the Ruskin Elementary Parent-Teachers Association.

The next meeting of the Budget Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2011, 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library.

Planning Committee

Staff shared statistics related to Freegal Music, the downloadable music service offered through the Library's Web site.

The Planning Committee Chair brought forth a motion unanimously approved by the Library Board to send a letter in response to a recent *St. Petersburg Times* article dated September 25, 2011 in which a possible site is proposed for the Tampa Bay Rays stadium.

The Library Board unanimously approved a request from the Town 'N Country Friends of the Library to close the library two hours early for a community event sponsored by the Town 'N Country Garden Club.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2011, 4:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Library.

Policy & Bylaws Committee

The Library's 2012 holiday closing schedule was approved (9 to 1) as recommended by the Policy & Bylaws Committee.

The next meeting of the Policy & Bylaws Committee is scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2011, 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Library.

Unfinished Business

A response was received from the Clerk of the Circuit to the Library Board's letter of August 31, 2011 concerning use of library funds. A copy of the Clerk's reply dated October 26, 2011 was distributed to all members present.

New Business—None.

Director's Report

Staff shared a national article that appeared in the *Library Hotline* publication dated October 17, 2011 regarding the impact of budget cuts at Miami-Dade Public Libraries.

Mr. Stines briefed the Library Board on items discussed during the recent State Library Director's Conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.