

**TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD  
THONOTOSASSA PUBLIC LIBRARY  
AUGUST 23, 2007**

**Board Members Present:** Chair, James Martin, Bob Argus, Kay O'Rourke, William Scheuerle, Patrick DeMarco, Alma Hires, Jim Johnson, Laura Vickers and Margaret Fisher. James Harkins was excused and Dora Reeder was absent.

**Staff Present:** Joe Stines, Director of Library Services; Marcee Challener, Manager, Materials and Circulation Services; David Wullschleger, Manager, Operations; Suzy George, Manager, Capital Projects; Andrew Breidenbaugh, Chief Librarian, John F. Germany; Barbara Marquette, Administrative Specialist; and Ricardo Cox, Assistant County Attorney.

Mr. Martin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Approval of the Library Board Minutes of July 26, 2007. Mr. Argus moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Comments from the Public: None**

#### **Committee Reports**

**Budget Committee:** No meeting held in August.

**Planning Committee:** Chair, Mr. Martin gave background on the suggestion that the Law Library be relocated to the John F. Germany Library. The Clerk of the Circuit Court needs to have all of her staff located in the County Courthouse and freeing up the space that the Law Library currently inhabits. **The Committee is recommending to the Library Board that the Law Library not be relocated at the John F. Germany Public Library due to space constraints. Mr. Argus seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Stines was asked to give background on the Board of County Commissioners suggestion to 1) Build currently funded Capital Projects (Saunders, Turkey Creek, University Area, and Sulphur Springs) because it would be less expensive to build now than later and 2) open the facilities one or two days a week with volunteers and a skeleton crew. **The Committee is recommending to the Library Board not to build until after the referendum vote in January and further information is received from Management & Budget. In the interim Library Administration would track bookmobile circulation in these areas to determine whether this would fully serve the needs of the citizens. Dr. Scheuerle seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Policy and Bylaws Committee:** Chair, Laura Vickers stated the Committee enjoyed viewing the NetSmartz presentation. **The Committee is recommending that the Library Board approve LS306 Access to Electronic Resources with the changes discussed. Mr. Argus seconded. The motion passed unanimously.** Highlighted changes include the requirement that all users under age 17 complete an Internet safety program prior to using Library computers to access the Internet. This requirement may only be waived via a signed authorization from parents.

LS103 Library Card Registration and Renewal will be brought to the Library Board for approval at a future meeting. The Director has asked the Committee to postpone the discussion of the naming of the library board room until the next meeting.

**Unfinished Business - None**

**New Business** – Mr. Martin made the following Committee appointments:

**Budget Committee**

Chair, William Scheuerle  
Vice-Chair, Patrick DeMarco  
Bob Argus  
Jim Johnson  
Dora Reeder

**Planning Committee**

Chair, Bob Argus  
Vice-Chair, Jim Johnson  
Patrick DeMarco  
Kay O'Rourke  
Jim Harkins  
Margaret Fisher  
Laura Vickers

**Policy & Bylaws Committee**

Chair, Alma Hires  
Vice-Chair, Laura Vickers  
Patrick DeMarco  
Jim Harkins  
Dora Reeder  
Margaret Fisher

FY08 Proposed Library Hours – Mr. Stines stated that based on the fact that the Library's efficiency giving up the pages was accepted by the County Administrator public service hours need to be updated. Mr. Stines stated that the hours were based on activity level and usage patterns. No hours have been increased and most libraries will open one hour later in order to shelve books. **Dr. Scheuerle made the motion that staff review the hours and provide a report to the Library Board in six months. Mr. Argus seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Stines reported that the Museum of Science & Industry has received approval from the Board of County Commissioners to contract most of the original building space to Hillsborough County Schools for a K-5 school. This significantly changes the library's role. A school partnership will be patterned after Egypt Lake. The school media person will schedule classes from 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. **Ms. Vickers made the motion to accept the proposed hours. Dr. Fisher seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Director's Report**

Mr. Stines requested that the Library Board designate a representative to accompany him if and when a need arises to brief the Board of County Commissioners or the County Administrator. It was the consensus of the Library Board to give the Chairman the authority to appoint this person as necessary.

Ms. Vickers asked that a thank you card be sent to the Thonotosassa staff thanking them for their hospitality.

Ms. Vickers opened discussion regarding the July 29, 2007 Tampa Tribune Editorial. **Dr. Fisher made the motion to write a response to the Tampa Tribune with copies to the Board of County Commissioner and the County Administrator. Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20p.m.

September Meeting Dates:

**Budget -Tuesday, September 25, 2007 – 1:30 p.m. at the John F. Germany Public Library**

**Planning – Tuesday, September 25, 2007 – 2:30 p.m. at the John F. Germany Public Library**

**Policy & Bylaws - Thursday, September 27, 2007 – 3:00 p.m. at the John F. Germany Public Library**

**Library Board – Thursday, September 27, 2007 - 4:00 p.m. at the John F. Germany Public Library**