

**TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
JOHN F. GERMANY PUBLIC LIBRARY
SEPTEMBER 25, 2007**

Board Members Present: Chair, James Martin, Bob Argus, Kay O'Rourke, William Scheuerle, Patrick DeMarco, Alma Hires, Jim Johnson, Ted Wilson, Laura Vickers and Margaret Fisher. James Harkins and Dora Reeder arrived after the meeting was called to order.

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; Braulio Colon, Coordinator, Public Relations & Partnerships; 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 August 23, 2007. Mr. Argus moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Comments from the Public: Ms. Brenda Staton, Ada T. Payne Friends, thanked the Board for the College Hill refurbishment. A third Friends bookstore will be opening soon at the West Tampa Library. Ms. Staton expressed concern over the Friday closing of the Saunders Library.

Mr. Martin introduced Ted Wilson, District 1, Library Board member.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee: Chair, William Scheuerle asked the Board to remember that the fiscal year ends October 1st. The Committee reviewed the August budget and noted that several items have not been posted. Mr. Wullschleger gave the Committee a copy of the Capital Project Summary Schedule. Mr. Stines stated that he has visited all twenty-five library locations and spoken to Pages as well as staff to explain the FY 08 budget and the need to cut the Page positions.

Planning Committee: Chair, Bob Argus stated the Committee discussed the increased use of bookmobiles and staff will provide statistics for a future discussion. **The Planning Committee is recommending that the Library Board send a letter to the County Administrator and the BOCC requesting a ground breaking ceremony for the Town 'n Country Library and the other county agencies in the building.** Mr. Stines suggested that the Board might consider requesting a groundbreaking for the Town 'n Country Commons with attention to the new regional library since this is not a stand alone project.

Ms. Vickers stated that this is the first library building that has not had a ground breaking ceremony. She understands that there are other government agencies involved but that this should not preclude the library from having a ceremony. Ms. Vickers also feels that if a groundbreaking had been held it would have helped the statistics at the temporary library. "It is important to the community." **Ms. Vickers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

The Planning Committee is requesting the Library Board write a letter to Neuland Communities outlining the Committee's criteria for a new library expressing concerns with building a library within a development and inviting a representative to discuss these issues with them. Mr. Harkins seconded. Mr. Harkins stated that signage on Hwy. 301 and Hwy. 41 would help to inform the citizens in new developments of the SouthShore Library. Staff has contacted the Department of Transportation and was denied signage on these roads. Staff will develop and distribute flyers/mailers to area homeowner associations advertising the SouthShore Regional Library. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Policy and Bylaws Committee: Chair, Alma Hires stated the Committee is recommending approval of Policy LS103 Library Card Registration & Renewals. Mr. Harkins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business: Dr. Scheuerle asked whether the letter to the Tampa Tribune editorial of July 29 was sent. Mr. Stines stated that it is still being written.

New Business: Mr. Stines stated that the NetSmartz program has been very successful. The Advertising Council of Tampa Bay has chosen NetSmartz as its community project. Phase 2 working with the Schools will begin soon. Commissioner Hagan requested that an Advisory Board be created to follow the development of the NetSmartz project with representatives from several existing boards. Mr. Stines asked the Library Board for a nominee. **Ms. Vickers moved that Mr. Argus fill this position. Dr. Scheuerle seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Martin reported on the Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative Long Range Plan. Mr. Stines stated that this is the planning document between Temple Terrace and Plant City Libraries and Hillsborough County Library Services. We are required to have this plan in order to receive state aid.

Director's Report: Mr. Stines stated that he had discussed the response to the Tribune editorial with Manus O'Donnell and that since the budget has already been adopted the letter should address the items that were not clear or not understood. Also current concerns could be included i.e. FY09.

Ms. Gillon has followed up with the bookmobile and Cybermobile. One trip has been made to Turkey Creek and a Parks and Recreation site might be a possibility.

There are a number of stops in the University Area; many of them are senior centers. The Cyber mobile goes to a park in the area and staff is looking for an additional location and talks are ongoing with Mort Elementary on Bearss Ave.

The bookmobile stops at the Sulphur Springs recreation center and that seems to be the only location available. Public Relations will be creating a flyer with the bookmobile's schedule which school students may take home.

Imagination Library has over one thousand participants and will celebrate its 1st Anniversary on October 3rd at 3:00 p.m. at the University Community Center. One family from each of the six pilot zip codes has been invited and the Healthy Start staff will be honored.

The County Audit report will be discussed at the October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Dates:

Budget - Tuesday, October 23, 2007 – 1:30 p.m. at the John F. Germany Public Library

Planning – Tuesday, October 23, 2007 – 2:30 p.m. at the John F. Germany Public Library

Policy & Bylaws - Thursday, October 25, 2007 – 2:30 p.m. at the Riverview Public Library

Library Board – Thursday, October 25, 2007 - 4:00 p.m. at the Riverview Public Library