

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
JOHN F. GERMANY PUBLIC LIBRARY
DECEMBER 4, 2008

Board Members Present: Bob Argus, Catherine Cottle, Patrick DeMarco, Margaret Fisher, Alma Hires, Jim Johnson, James Martin (Chair), Kay O'Rourke, William Scheuerle, Christopher Rosbough, Laura Vickers. Jim Harkins was excused.

Staff Present: Joe Stines, Director; Jacquelyn Zebos, Manager, Administrative and Reference Services; David Wullschleger, Manager, Operations; Suzanne George, Manager, Library Facilities Planning & Design; Marcee Challener, Manager, Materials & Circulation Services; Linda Gillon, Manager, Programming & User Services; Lisa Wagner, Coordinator, Administrative Services & Grants; Aracelis Putnam, Administrative Specialist and Marianne Tucker, Senior Librarian.

Guests: Ricardo Cox, Assistant County Attorney.

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

Minutes from the October 23, 2008 Library Board meeting were approved.

The following public comment was received:

Mary Ann Yaney, representing the New Tampa Community Council, voiced her support for renaming the New Tampa Library in honor of Carol Poland.

Said Irvani, representing the New Tampa Friends of the Library, urged the Library Board to retain the name of New Tampa Library.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee—

Dr. Scheuerle brought forward two motions on behalf of the Budget Committee. Upon reviewing the R3M projects at their recent meeting, there was discussion of the Riverview loading dock and the possibility of flooding that may occur there. **The Budget Committee moved that a letter be sent to Mike Kelly, Director, Real Estate Department requesting a schedule of pending work on the loading dock drain as well as the cost projections. The motion was unanimously approved by the Library Board.** The second motion concerns the Thompson Center, which was set up as a temporary location during the Town 'N Country and North Tampa library reconstruction. In light of the fact that it has been closed for a month, the Budget Committee recommended that it remain closed to be used as a storage and sorting center until the North Tampa Library is complete. Based upon statistics provided to the Budget Committee, it seems that the people from North Tampa are frequenting Jimmie B. Keel or possibly Upper Tampa Bay Libraries. **The Library Board voted that**

the Thompson Center location remain closed to the public and be utilized as a storage and sorting center.

The next meeting of the Budget Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2008, 4:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library, Martin Luther King Room.

Planning Committee—

Mr. Stines provided an update on the Turkey Creek building. Recently, Commissioner Higginbotham invited area representatives including the Library and School Board to listen to public comment from the citizens. Following discussion of possible uses, the consensus was that the building would be used as a Community meeting space.

Mr. Argus provided a status on the work of the Planning Committee to develop a points-based ranking system for capital projects. Currently they are working out the categories and coming up with point assignments for each category. Staff is creating a prototype “check off” sheet for review at the next meeting. The Committee hopes to have a draft prepared for Library Board consideration at the January meeting.

A tentative date has been set for the Seffner-Mango Library dedication on Thursday, January 15, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Vickers reported that the grand opening for the Town 'N Country Commons ribbon cutting ceremony was successful and that many from the community came out to enjoy senior center and the library.

Ms. George provided an update on the North Tampa and the Saunders walkway.

The Planning Committee will hold a workshop on Tuesday, January 13, 2008, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library, Martin Luther King Room to complete the ranking system for capital projects. (Depending on what is accomplished during this meeting, the Committee may meet again prior to January 22nd.)

Policy & Bylaws Committee—

Dr. Hires reported on that on November 6th a public hearing was held to hear citizen input concerning the request to rename the New Tampa Library for one of two individuals: Carol Poland or Jeri Zelinski. A number of citizens offered input ranging from support for Carol Poland and support for Jeri Zelinski to opposition against any name change. After reviewing much information and considering public comment, the Policy & Bylaws Committee deliberated the issue. The Committee reasoned that neither of the two names met the criteria as outlined in Library policy LS532, *Naming Public Library Facilities*, and felt that the name New Tampa is an identifier of the greater community. Therefore, the Committee voted to recommend that the library retain its current name. **The Library Board was in unanimous agreement that the New Tampa Regional Library retain its present name. The Library Board was voted to direct that a letter be sent from the Library Board Chair to the Tampa City Council informing them of the Library Board’s decision.**

The next meeting of the Policy & Bylaws Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2008, 3:00 p.m. at Town 'N Country Library.

Unfinished Business—None

New Business—Mr. Stines provided a status on the review of library security.

Director's Report

Mr. Stines provided an update on the reorganization of the Friends of the Library. The Friends Board, consisting of presidents from all Friends chapters, met on December 2, 2008 to review the Friends bylaws.

Ms. Challenger presented a report concerning the FY08 year-end library circulation statistics.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.