

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
JOHN F. GERMANY PUBLIC LIBRARY
APRIL 23, 2009

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

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

Guest: Ricardo Cox, Assistant County Attorney.

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. A quorum was present.

Minutes from the March 26, 2009 Library Board meeting were approved.

There were no presentations from the public.

Recognition of volunteers took place at SouthShore Regional Library this month. Mr. Stines informed the members that Recognition of volunteers will resume as part of the Library Board agenda for the May 2009 meeting. Because presentation of certificates no longer takes place during Board of County Commissioner meetings, the Library Board was asked how they wish to handle recognition of Library Board members who have completed their term. The Library Board decided that outgoing members be given the option whether to have their certificate presented during a Library Board meeting or have it mailed. Mr. Johnson publicly expressed his thanks to fellow Library Board members for their service to the Library Board.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee

Dr. Scheuerle informed the Library Board that Decision Unit #17 submitted as part of the proposed FY10-11 library budget has been approved and brought forth the Budget Committee's recommendation that the Sunday closures of MOSI, Lutz and North Tampa libraries be put into effect as of June 1, 2009, resulting in a savings of \$90,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harkins and received unanimous approval by the Library Board.

During their recent meeting, the Budget Committee discussed and provided input on the ranking criteria for capital projects. Their questions will be taken back to Planning committee for consideration.

Mr. Martin raised a question during the Budget Committee about a recent Tribune article concerning the County's acquisition of the University Area complex and he indicated he would like more information. The Budget Committee recommended that Mike Kelly, Director, Real Estate

Department, attend the Library Board to discuss this. Staff was directed to issue an invitation to Mr. Kelly for the May 2009 meeting.

The Budget Committee will not convene in May. The next meeting of the Budget Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library.

Planning Committee

Mr. Argus updated the Library Board concerning the Planning Committee's work on the capital project ranking criteria. They plan to consider input received from the Budget Committee as they continue refining the criteria over the next several weeks. The ranking criteria is expected to be brought before the board at a future meeting.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library.

Policy & Bylaws Committee

Dr. Hires reported that the Policy & Bylaws Committee received a citizen request to rename Town 'N Country Regional Library in honor of the late Thomas Hughey. The Committee postponed its review and discussion of this request until the next Policy & Bylaws Committee meeting.

The Policy & Bylaws Committee was also briefed by Mr. Stines concerning the Library's art policies and procedures as they relate to a pending purchase by the Town 'N Country Friends of several pieces of commercial art intended for display inside the Town 'N Country Library. The Policy & Bylaws Committee determined that such a purchase and display would be conflict with the present criteria and policies. The Library Board concurred with the Committee's determination and unanimously approved its recommendation that the Library Director write a letter to the president of the Town 'N Country Friends chapter with copies to the Executive Board and Finance Committee of the Tampa-Hillsborough County Friends of the Library, Inc. Council advising of the Library Board's collective decision that the decorative art pieces, as noted in the purchase documentation, not be installed within the library proper.

The next meeting of the Policy & Bylaws Committee is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at Riverview Library.

Unfinished Business

The Director briefed the Library Board concerning the follow-up audit report by the Clerk of the Circuit Court dated April 9, 2009.

Director's Report

Ms. George provided an update concerning on-going library construction projects.

The Library Board monthly statistics for March 2009 were distributed in their new format.

The Library Board excused Mr. Stines planned absence from the Library Board meeting in May. Jacquelyn Zebos, Manager, Administrative & Reference Services, will attend the Library Board meeting on May 28th as acting Director.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.