

**TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
JOHN F. GERMANY PUBLIC LIBRARY
FEBRUARY 26, 2009**

Board Members Present: Bob Argus (Vice-Chair), Catherine Cottle, Patrick DeMarco, Jim Johnson, William Scheuerle, Christopher Rosbough, Laura Vickers, Jim Harkins, Kay O'Rourke and Margaret Fisher. Alma Hires and James Martin (Chair) 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; Lisa Wagner, Coordinator, Administrative Services & Grants; Aracelis Putnam, Administrative Specialist; Renelda Sells, Chief Librarian; Sheryl Herold, Accountant III; Anne Ross, Chief Librarian; Andrew Breidenbaugh, Chief Librarian; Margaret Rials, Friends Coordinator; Marianne Tucker, Grants Coordinator.

Guest: Ricardo Cox, Assistant County Attorney.

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

Minutes from the January 22, 2009 Library Board meeting were approved.

The following public comment was received:

Brenda Staton, representing the Ada T. Payne Friends of the Urban Libraries, spoke concerning safety procedures at Robert W. Saunders and College Hill Libraries and inquired about the procedure for contacting Library Board members who represent District 3.

Said Iravani appealed to the Library Board concerning the ranking of the New Tampa Library expansion within the draft unfunded CIP list resulting from the Library Board Planning Committee meeting of February 22, 2009.

Gary Nager, representing the New Tampa Neighborhood News, also asked the Library Board to consider the expansion of New Tampa Library as they rank the unfunded projects.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee

The Budget Committee met on February 10th and February 24, 2009 to work on the library's proposed budget for FY2010-2011. **Dr. Scheuerle informed the Library Board of the Budget Committee's motion to invite someone from the Management & Budget Department to meet with the Library Board to discuss the Library's indirect costs. The Library Board voted unanimously to approve the Committee's motion. The proposed budget efficiencies, a summary of the budget decision units, and the Library's Mission & Key Objectives were presented to the Library Board. The Library Board voted unanimously to approve the FY2010-2011 budget recommendations as presented.**

The next meeting of the Budget Committee is scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2009 at 3:00 p.m., John F. Germany Public Library, Martin Luther King Room.

Planning Committee

The Planning Committee held workshops on October 21, November 18, December 2, January 13 and February 10, 2009 at which they developed objective criteria for ranking future library projects. Mr. Argus, Planning Committee Chair, brought forth the Planning Committee's recommended list of unfunded projects resulting from the proposed ranking criteria for capital projects. The draft capital facilities ranking summary presented was as follows:

1. Wimauma area library
2. Bealsville/Keysville area library
3. Upper Tampa Bay Library expansion
4. Fishhawk area library
5. Bloomingdale Library expansion
6. Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library expansion
7. John F. Germany Library expansion
8. Riverview Library expansion
9. New Tampa Regional Library 5,000 sq. ft. expansion
10. New Tampa Regional Library 10,000 sq. ft. expansion
11. Carrollwood area library
12. Gibsonton storefront library (non-CIP)

This concluded the Planning Committee's report.

The Library Board continued with review of the criteria and discussion of unfunded projects including use of the Turkey Creek Strawberry School as a community meeting room for the area. **Given that the current ranking project being done by the Planning Committee had not been completed or presented to the full Library Board by the February 26, 2009 deadline, Dr. Scheuerle offered a motion that the 2008 ranking of unfunded CIP be accepted with modifications. Dr. Scheuerle**

further proposed that an accompanying cover letter note the Library Board's support for a partnership with Hillsborough County School Board and others to create a community meeting room in the Turkey Creek School. Such a facility could be used by the Library and to bring outreach programs for children and adults to the community as well as computer training classes. Other County agencies could also provide service through their facilities. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Vickers. The Library Board voted eight to two to approve the motion (Harkins and DeMarco opposed).

The following revised list of unfunded projects was approved for submission with the FY10-11 budget:

1. 5,000 sq. ft. patio enclosure for New Tampa Library
2. Expansion of the following existing libraries
 - a. Bloomingdale Regional Library
 - b. Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library
 - c. Upper Tampa Bay Regional Library
 - d. Riverview Library
 - e. New Tampa Regional Library
3. FishHawk Area Library
4. Carrollwood Area Library
5. Wimauma Area Library
6. Bealsville/Keysville Area Library

The Library Board will continue review of the ranking criteria at their next meeting. The ranking criteria will eventually be presented to the full Library Board for approval prior to its use for ranking projects.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee is scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Library.

Policy & Bylaws Committee

The Library Board voted unanimously to approve a request from Town 'N Country Friends of the Library to serve alcoholic beverages as part of their special event, the Annual Art, Wine & Music event on Thursday, May 7, 2009 at Town 'N Country Library.

Mrs. Vickers briefed the Library Board concerning the Policy & Bylaws Committee's discussion of BOCC Policy-Section Number 02.14.00.00, *Abstention from Selected Recognition and Events*. **Mr. DeMarco made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rosbough, on behalf of the Policy & Bylaws Committee suggesting that the Library Board send a letter to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) through the County Administrator indicating its disagreement with the policy and requesting an exemption for the Library. Following much discussion, the Library Board voted on the motion. The motion failed five to four (Argus, Johnson, Scheuerle, Harkins and O'Rourke opposed. Dr. Fisher had left the meeting prior to the vote).**

The next meeting of the Policy & Bylaws Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2008, 3:00 p.m. at Seffner/Mango Library, 410 N. Kingsway Road, Seffner, 33584.

The Library Board voted unanimously to amend their meeting agenda to include a segment for Recognition of Volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.