

**TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
UPPER TAMPA BAY REGIONAL LIBRARY
JULY 23, 2009**

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

Staff Present: Joe Stines, Director; 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; Maurice Site, Chief Librarian, Ann Bush, Principal Librarian.

Guest: Ricardo Cox, Assistant County Attorney.

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

Minutes from the June 25, 2009 Library Board meeting were approved.

There were no presentations from the public.

The following volunteers were recognized with a certificate for their many hours of service to the Library:

Town 'N Country Library

David Caban
Rosemary Cosenza
Patricia Honsch
Carol Surgeson

Upper Tampa Bay Library

James Brennan
Justin Alexander

The Library Board thanked the Upper Tampa Bay Friends of the Library for providing refreshments for the meeting.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee

An update was provided on the transfer of the Citizen Action Center to the Library. Dr. Scheuerle reported that the Budget Committee is currently working with the Planning Committee on the capital projects ranking criteria.

A list of proposed changes in library hours for FY10 were distributed and reviewed. The Library Board voted unanimously to approve the change in hours as recommended.

The next meeting of the Budget Committee is scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library.

Planning Committee

Mr. Argus reported that, without a quorum at their recent meeting, the Planning Committee continued its review of the draft capital projects ranking sheets. Mr. Breidenbaugh gave an overview of the proposed floor layouts for the third floor west building and first floor east building of John F. Germany Library. Ms. George provided an update concerning the library construction projects taking place.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee is scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library.

New Library Board member, Patricia McClure introduced herself to the Library Board and shared her background. Ms. McClure previously served on the Children's Board of Hillsborough County.

Policy & Bylaws Committee

The Policy & Bylaws Committee did not meet in July. The next meeting of the Policy & Bylaws Committee is scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library.

Unfinished Business

The nominating committee met prior to the Library Board. With Laura Vickers as chair, the Nominating Committee selected the following candidates to serve as officers on the Library Board:

Chair: William Scheuerle
Vice Chair: James Johnson
Secretary: Catherine Cottle

Having received no other nominations from the floor, the Library Board members cast their votes by ballot. The slate of officers was unanimously accepted as presented.

New Business

Ms. Cottle requested that the Library Board consider establishing policies and procedures pertaining to eGovernment services for library staff to follow. Staff will develop a draft for review by the Policy & Bylaws Committee.

Director's Report

Mr. Stines introduced Ann Bush, Principal Librarian/Upper Tampa Bay branch supervisor and Maurice Site, Chief Librarian for the region.

Mr. Stines shared plans for future staffing changes in light of FY10-11 budget.

The Library was recently approached informally by a Commissioner's Aide requesting information about possible consolidation of the Law Library. Previous research has determined that the Library does not have the space and consolidation would diminish the level of service to library patrons.

Recent reports show that library partnership schools, Egypt Lake Elementary and MOSI, have earned increased FCAT scores.

Dr. Hires expressed appreciation, on behalf of the other members, for James Martin's efforts as Library Board Chair during the last two terms.

Dr. Scheuerle informed the Library Board that, as new Library Board Chair, he plans to meet with the Library Director to discuss appointment of committee chairs. Library Board members were asked to contact Aracelis Putnam or Joe Stines if they have an interest in a particular committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.