

**TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
JOHN F. GERMANY PUBLIC LIBRARY
JUNE 24, 2010**

Board Members Present: William Scheuerle (Chair), Jim Johnson (Vice-Chair), Bob Argus, Mary Lou Tuttle, Cori Toler, Kay O'Rourke, Patricia McClure, Catherine Cottle. Laura Vickers, James Martin, Alma Hires and Jim Harkins were excused.

Staff Present: Joe Stines, Director; Lisa Wagner, Coordinator, Administrative Services & Grants; Anne Ross, Chief Librarian; Sheryl Herold, Accountant III; Aracelis Putnam, Administrative Specialist; Robin Gibson, Friends Coordinator; Kimberly Yau-Maltese, Librarian.

Guest(s): Ricardo Cox, Assistant County Attorney; Eric Johnson, Management Services Administrator; Leroy Moore, Tampa Housing Authority.

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

Minutes from the May 27, 2010 Library Board meeting were approved.

The Library Board recognized the following volunteers for their many hours of service to the library:

John F. Germany Library

Pati Frazier
Judge Morison Buck
Richard Gagan
Karen McClure

SouthShore Regional Library

John & Linda Bowker
Patty Brandt

Fred Hearn, representing the Robert W. Saunders Sr. Foundation, thanked the Library Board for its decision regarding Saunders Library and requested they take initial steps to accelerate the rebuilding of the library.

The Library Board moved to add Eric Johnson, Management Services Administrator, to the agenda.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee

Staff gave a brief update on the status of the County Administrator's FY10-11 budget and distributed copies from the budget presentation of June 10. Three public hearings will be held prior to final approval by the Board of County Commissioners. There will be opportunity for public comment on July 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Boardroom at County Center.

The Library Board discussed the Saunders Library reconstruction project and the possibility of starting construction earlier than scheduled.

A comparison of the library taxing district millage rate from 2005 to present was reviewed. The taxing district is projected to bring in \$44 million, but revenue appears down by \$4+ million dollars in FY10.

Information was provided concerning the County Administrator's proposal for restructuring the Communication Department which involves reassignment of a Senior Librarian position.

The next meeting of the Budget Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, July 20, 2010, 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library.

Planning Committee

Leroy Moore, of Tampa Housing Authority, presented details of the Encore development project to renovate the area formerly known as Central Park Village.

Staff reported that funds currently exist in the adopted CIP for a future library in the Fishhawk community and a site proposed which is currently owned by Hillsborough County Parks, Recreation & Conservation Department. **The Library Board unanimously moved to write a letter asking Mike Kelly, Director, Real Estate Department, to move on acquiring this land for a future library in Fishhawk.**

A current draft of the Long Range Strategic Plan was distributed and Library Board members were asked to review and provide input.

Eric Johnson, the County's Management Services Administrator, discussed the library's reserve and contingency funds and reported that a budget adjustment as been made in the amount of \$9.4 million in one-time funds. Mr. Johnson confirmed that this amount may be used to fund library expansion of libraries not including operating costs. The Library Board will discuss and make recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, July 20, 2010, 4:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library.

Policy & Bylaws Committee

The Library Board reviewed and provided input on draft policy LS544, *Video Surveillance*. The policy will be forwarded the Assistant County Attorney for review and brought back at a later date.

Staff is still working on recommendations for making public service policies available on the library website and will provide a report at a future meeting.

The next meeting of the Policy & Bylaws Committee is scheduled for Thursday, July 22, 2010, 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of candidates from their meeting on June 10, 2010:

Chair—William Scheuerle (pending re-appointment)

Vice Chair—Robert Argus

Secretary—Catherine Cottle

Ms. Cottle asked if there were any nominations from the floor and none were submitted. The slate of officers shall be voted on by the Library Board at the July 22 meeting.

Unfinished Business

Discussion continued regarding the proposed transfer of a Senior Librarian position as part of the reorganization of the Communications Department. **The Library Board voted unanimously to send a letter to the Interim County Administrator suggesting that Library staff work closely with Communications staff to find an**

alternative solution and to request that he consider the legal and financial issue based on the rules of the taxing district and current indirect costs plan.

Staff is preparing a report on e-Government customer contacts for the next Library Board meeting.

The Sulphur Springs Ribbon Cutting ceremony is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Following a briefing on the appointments for the Library Board terms that are set to expire on June 30, 2010, the Library Board voted unanimously to direct the Assistant County Attorney to verify whether applicants who reside in Temple Terrace or Plant City are eligible to serve on the Library Board.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

Director's Report

Library closures during furlough day, June 18, went smoothly and no complaints were received from the public. The next scheduled furlough day is Thursday, September 9, 2010. The County is proposing no furlough days for next year.

Mr. Johnson will be filling in as Library Board Chair at the July 22 Library Board meeting during Dr. Scheuerle's absence.

Library Board members were reminded to look over the draft Long Range Strategic plan and submit their ideas.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.