

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
THONOTOSASSA LIBRARY
MARCH 24, 2011

Attendance: William Scheuerle (Chair), Bob Argus (Vice-Chair), Jim Johnson, Jim Harkins, Cori Toler, James Martin, Michael Sevi, Alma Hires, Kay O'Rourke and Michael Keller were present. Mary Lou Tuttle was excused.

Staff Present: Joe Stines, Director; Jacquelyn Zebos, Manager, Administrative & Reference Services; Marcee Challener, Manager, Materials & Circulation Services; Linda Gillon, Manager, Programming & User Services; Aracelis Maldonado, Administrative Specialist; Robin Gibson, Friends Coordinator; Andrew Breidenbaugh, Marilyn Shynett, Suzanne George, and Renelda Sells, Chief Librarians.

Guests: Ricardo Cox, Assistant County Attorney.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with a full quorum.

Minutes from the February 24, 2011 were approved.

There were no presentations from the public.

Marlene Musser was recognized for serving 739 hours as a volunteer at Thonotosassa Library since 2005.

Newly appointed Library Board member, Michael Keller, was introduced. Mr. Keller represents District 4 and has elected to serve on the Library Board Planning Committee.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee

The Library Board unanimously approved the following motions brought forth by the Budget Committee:

- 1. Close MOSI Library at the end of the school year 2011, leaving the books and materials for use by the adjacent elementary school for an extended period. Staff will work with MOSI and Hillsborough County Schools to plan a proper transition and notify the public.**
- 2. Accept the FY12-13 proposed Library budget as presented.**
- 3. Reduce the grant to Plant City and Temple Terrace municipal libraries by 5.5%, congruent with reductions sustained by Tampa-Hillsborough Public Library.**
- 4. Review the grant amount to the municipal libraries again in FY13 following a cost analysis to be performed by a consultant, the fees for which are to be divided amongst the three entities.**

The next meeting of the Budget Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2011, 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Library.

Planning Committee

The Planning Committee presented the latest workable option for improving the parking lot at Brandon Library. The proposed layout addresses safety issues and allows for an additional entrance and two additional parking

spaces. Center Place has given their input and approval of the layout and Real Estate/Architectural Services is set to proceed. No vote is required by the Library Board.

Staff provided an update on the CIP and library projects underway. A community meeting is scheduled to be held at Saunders Library on April 7, 2011. All members of the public are invited to attend.

The Planning Committee briefed the Library Board concerning a citizen request for a Carrollwood-area library to be placed in a former Borders bookstore location. Planning Committee Chair, Mr. Argus, responded to the citizen by phone and informed her that a library for Carrollwood is on the long term unfunded CIP list.

Mr. Harkins provided an update on the progress of the Harkins Plaza at SouthShore Regional Library.

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Policy & Bylaws Committee

A copy of the Library Board Bylaws was distributed to all members for review and discussion at the April 28 meeting.

At the recommendation of the Policy & Bylaws Committee, the Library Board approved an application from Town 'N Country Friends of the Library to serve alcoholic beverages during their Art, Wine & Music event on Thursday, May 5, 2011. It was noted that the application's approval is contingent upon receipt of insurance requirements.

The next meeting of the Policy & Bylaws Committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 3:30 p.m. at SouthShore Regional Library, 15816 Beth Shields Way, Ruskin 33573.ruskin 33573

Unfinished Business

Chair Scheuerle provided information regarding proposed legislation to eliminate State Aid funding to libraries and urged everyone to get in touch with representatives on the *Florida Senate Budget Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development Appropriations*.

The Friends Annual meeting will be held on Monday, April 11, 6:30 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library Auditorium. County Administrator, Mike Merrill, will be the guest speaker.

New Business—None.

Director's Report

The Board of County Commissioners approved the County Administrator's contract and top organizational management structure at their March 2 meeting. Library Services Department reports to Sharon Subadan, Deputy County Administrator, Public Safety & Community Services.

Friends of Brandon Regional Library have agreed to become a chapter of the overall Friends of the Library of Hillsborough County, Inc.

Marilyn Shynett, Chief Librarian for the northeast county region (which includes Thonotosassa Library), was introduced to the Library Board.

The Library Board vacancy for District 3 is being re-advertised as the sole application received was withdrawn.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.