

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
JOHN F. GERMANY PUBLIC LIBRARY
APRIL 24, 2014

Attendance: John McWhirter (Chair), Brenda Staton (Vice Chair), Felicia Pecora (Secretary), Jim Johnson, Phyllis Alpert, Jim Harkins, Bob Argus, and Evan St. Ives were present. Jim Duffy, Shelley Blood and Shelia Spicola were excused. Daniel Blair was absent.

Staff present: Joe Stines, Jacquelyn Zebos, Linda Gillon, David Wullschleger, Aracelis Chapman, Anne Ross.

Guests: Margaret Rush, EPC; Sheryl Herold, Fiscal & Support Services.

The meeting was called to order at 4 pm with a quorum present.

The following volunteers from the Riverview Library were recognized for their many hours of service to the library:

Patricia Moore

Presentations from the Public: Gretchen DeSavio and Patricia Moore, on behalf of the Riverview Friends of the Library, spoke about the need for a new Riverview Library. (SET UP MEETING TO LOOK AT THE LIBRARY TO INCLUDE LB MEMBER AND COUNTY LEADERSHIP and RE/Facilities/ R3M.) motion to have the next following meeting held at Riverview unanimously approved.

Margaret Rush, Environmental Protection Commission, presented a report on the status of electric vehicle charging stations at library locations.

Minutes from the April 24, 2014 meeting were approved.

Committee Reports

Finance

Briefing on the status of the FY15 budget was provided. The recommended budget did include the extended hours at the regional libraries.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for June 24, 2014, 3 pm at John F. Germany Public Library.

Planning

This month's technical update consisted of a quarterly report on the online library use statistics.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee is scheduled for June 24, 2014, 4 pm at John F. Germany Public Library.

Policy & Bylaws

The Policy & Bylaws is reviewing changes to the library meeting room policy. No action was required at this time.

The library's petition policy is coming up for review and will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next Policy & Bylaws Committee meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2014, 3:00 pm at John F. Germany Library.

Unfinished Business

Ms. Staton briefed the Library Board on her and Mr. McWhirter's attendance at the Storytelling Festival. A certificate was presented to the THPL.

No new business.

Director's Report

Report given from the Virginia Rivers Storytelling Dedication that took place last Sunday. Positive comments from attendees. Discussed the future of the Storytelling Festival.

Update provided on the process and timeline for recruitment to replace the Library Director, Mr. Stines, following his retirement planned for April 2015.

Staff is in the process of updating the library's Business Plan. The revised plan will be brought back to the Library Board Planning Committee.

The JFG master plan consultant's report is still under review by County and City of Tampa leadership.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.